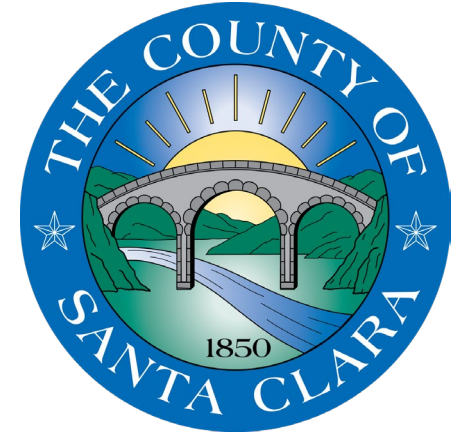# Welcoming Center Update

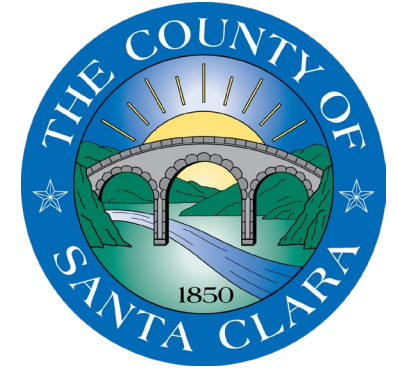Board of Supervisors Meeting

Damion Wright, Director

Kalee Singh, Senior Research & Evaluation Specialist

Department of Family and Children's Services

February 6, 2024

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Location

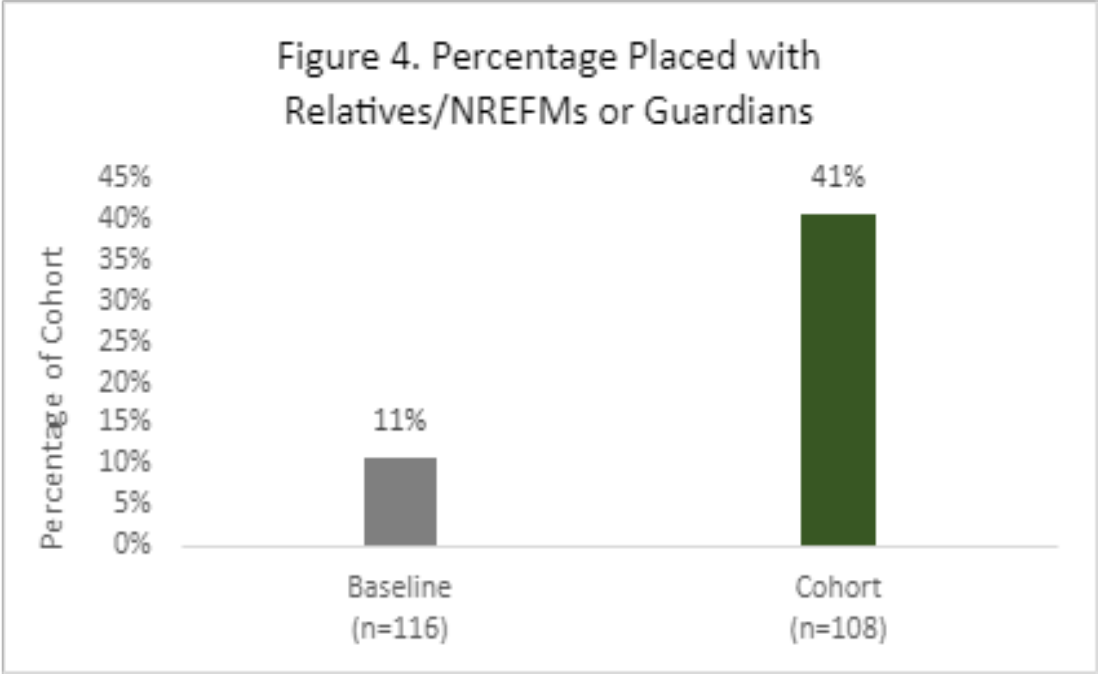Continue to review properties that may be suitable for the DFCS Welcoming Center.

Transition Timeline

Resubmitted Transitional Shelter Care Facility (TSCF) license application with Community Care Licensing (CCL) requesting additional revisions on November 13.

September-December 2023

- Finalize licensure process - request for technical assistance from CCL
- Interviewing SSPM (Group Home Administrator) & Management Analyst (Facility Manager)
- Complete any possible facility updates - fire inspection on 11/28/23
- Staff completed Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) certifications and recertifications in October & November

Evaluation

Figure 4. Percentage Placed with Relatives/NREFMs or Guardians

Of all children recently entering care, a higher rate were placed with relatives and NREFMs in Q3 2023 compared to the Q3 2022

Comparisons between the Welcoming Center Baseline and Cohort Groups		
	Baseline (Welcoming Center)	Cohort (Welcoming Center)
Children/Youth		
Total number of children who stayed in the facility	49 children	48 children
Overstay in the Facility		
Percentage of children who overstayed	18%	29%

For the Baseline group, 18% experienced overstays awaiting placement. In the Cohort group, 29% experienced overstays

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Evaluation & Next Steps

Cross-sectional study comparing children who entered care in 2012 to those who entered in 2017 and those who entered in 2022

- Data analyzed 12 months after entry to care to see if:
  - increased home-based family care
  - decreased congregate care placement
  - expedited permanency

Programmatic Context

- Establish in-county Short-Term Residential Therapeutic program (STRTP) in collaboration with BHSD and CBOs
- Increase and effectively utilize ISFC+ beds
- Identification and delivery of aftercare services
- Build Child Adolescent Needs and Services (CANS) assessment capacity
- License scattered sites as TSCFs