



Board Workshop / Discussion Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

April 23, 2024 - 1:30 p.m.

Courthouse Room 220

WORKSHOP

1. **Children & Family Services Division - Child Protection and Support Services**

[2024-129](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

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Request for Board Action

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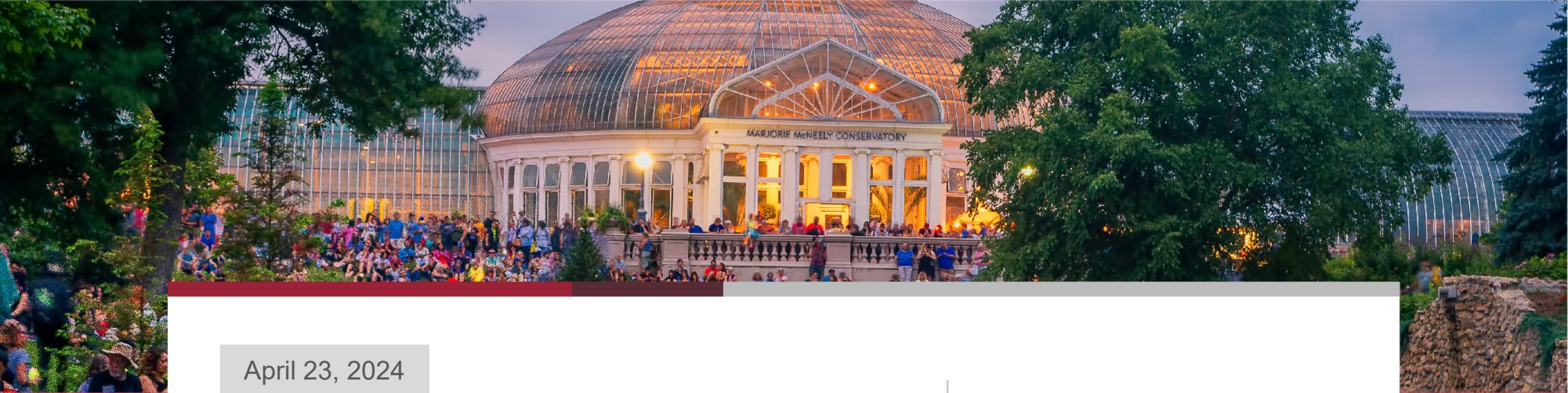
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Attachment

1. Presentation



April 23, 2024

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION-Child Protection and Support Services



Agenda & Presenters

Who We Serve & Partnerships: Bobbi Jo Potter, Interim Deputy Director

Practice/Changes/Child Protection: Kari Kerber, Manager

Screening & Intake: Nikki Newman, Manager

Preventative Services: Alex Cleaveland, Interim Deputy Director

Early Intervention Teams: Maina Ngunyi, Manager

Mental Health Urgent Care: Codie Hillstead, Project Manager

Out of Home Placement: Brian Theine, Manager & Jim Langer, Manager

Challenges & Moving Forward: Bobbi Jo Potter



Children and Family Services Mission

“Our division is honored to partner with community to ensure equitable access to resources families have identified they need to thrive”

Who We Serve: We serve the children and families of Ramsey County, focusing on reducing disparities for communities experiencing disproportionality.

Partnership and Community

Agencies & Community Engagement

- Alia Innovations
- Transforming Systems Together
- American Indian Partnership
- Partnerships For Permanence
- Community Leadership Groups
- Community Surveys
- Training (Mothers First)
- Hiring processes
- Supporting events
- Karen Community Work
- American Indian Community
- Black Commission
- Black Community

Making changes based on feedback*





Practice and Structural Changes

Combined Units

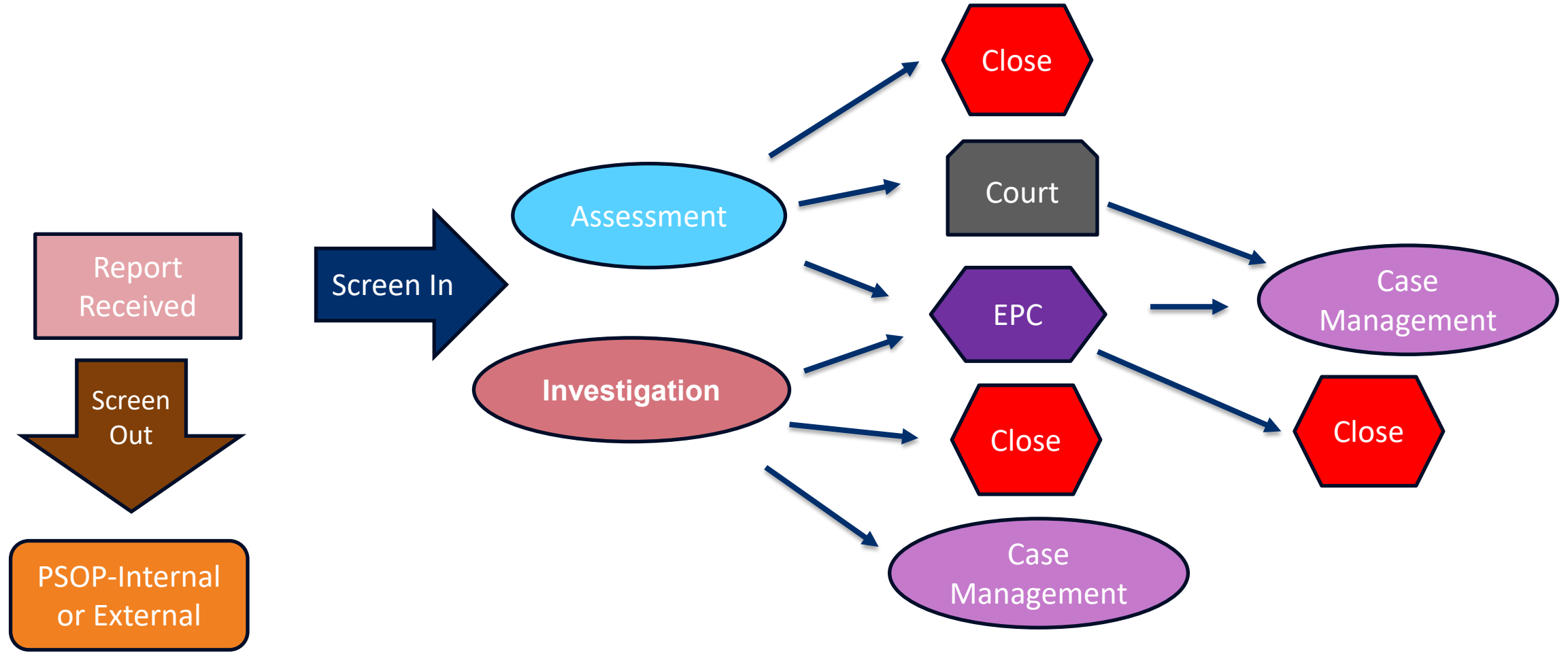
Case aid and Clerk Centralization

Training Infrastructure

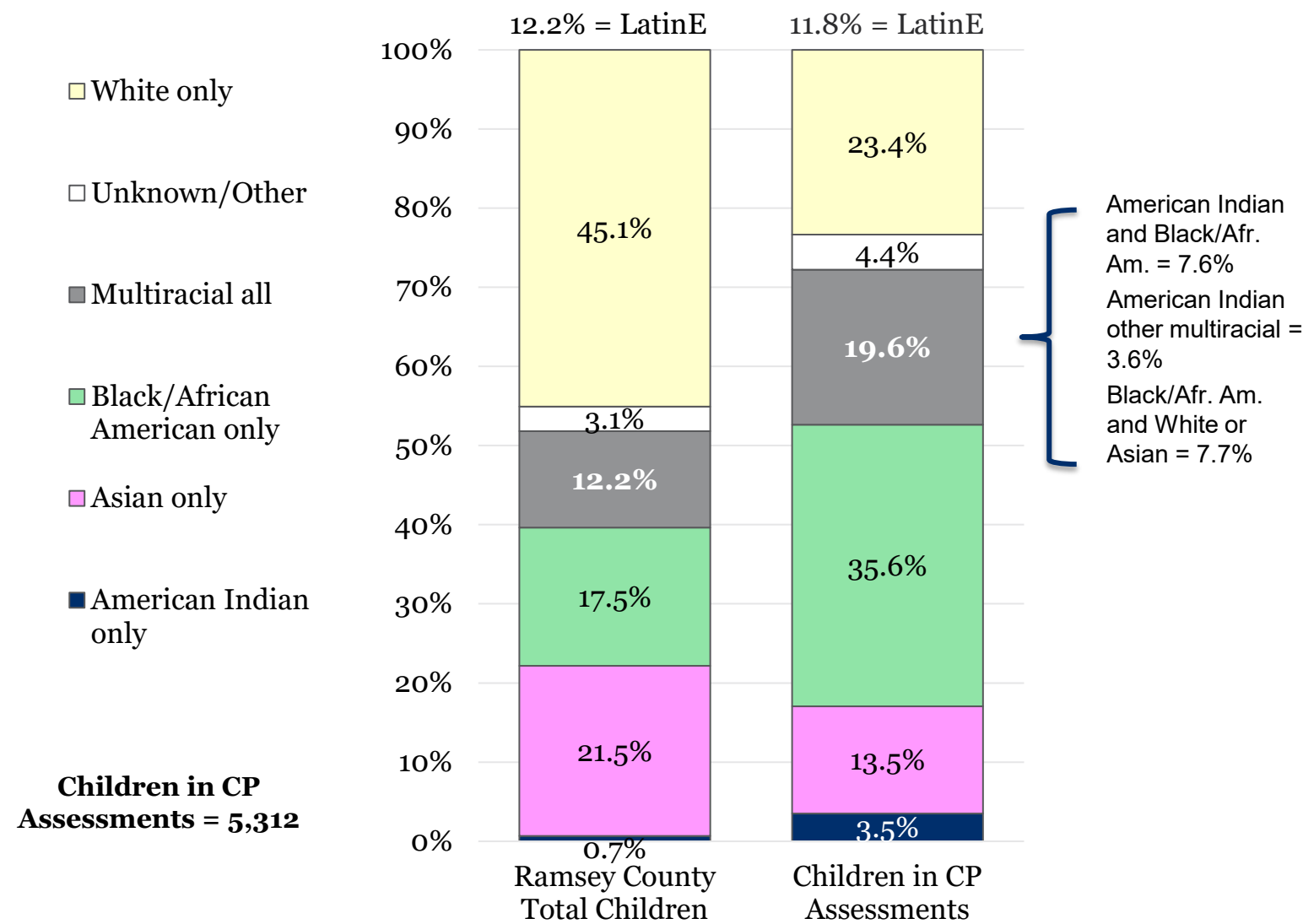
- Onboarding
- ICWA/MIFPA
- Quality Parenting Initiative

Child Welfare Targeted Case Management

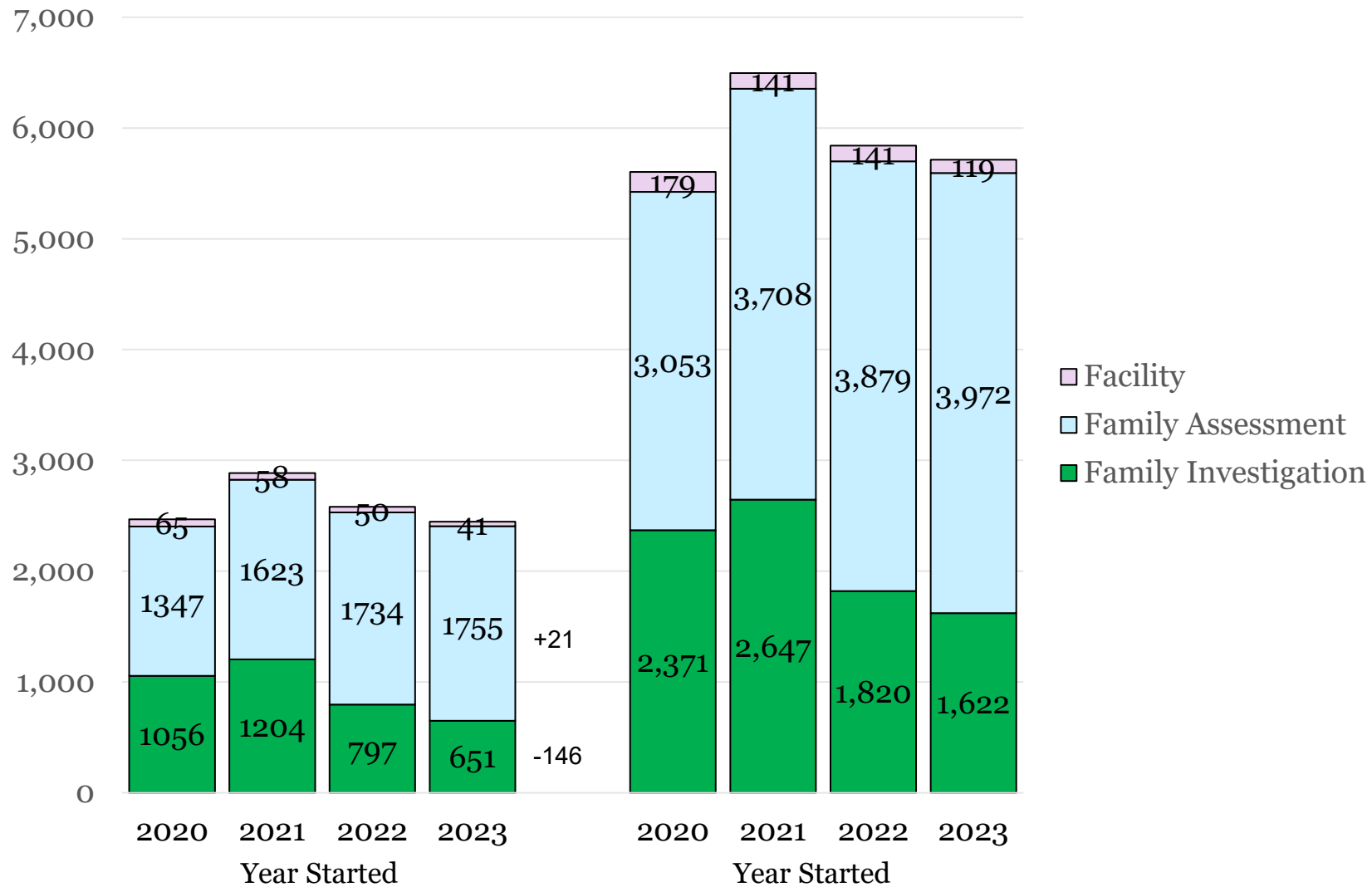
Child Protection Screening and Intake



Percent of Children in CP Assessments Started In 2023 by Race



CP Cases and Children Screened in by Track



- Total screened in cases and children declined slightly in 2023
- Family Assessments increased slightly in 2023 while investigations dropped by 146 cases



Preventative Services

Early Intervention Services

- Parent Support Outreach Program
- Mothers First
- Youth Intervention Team (YIT)
- Youth Engagement Program (YEP)

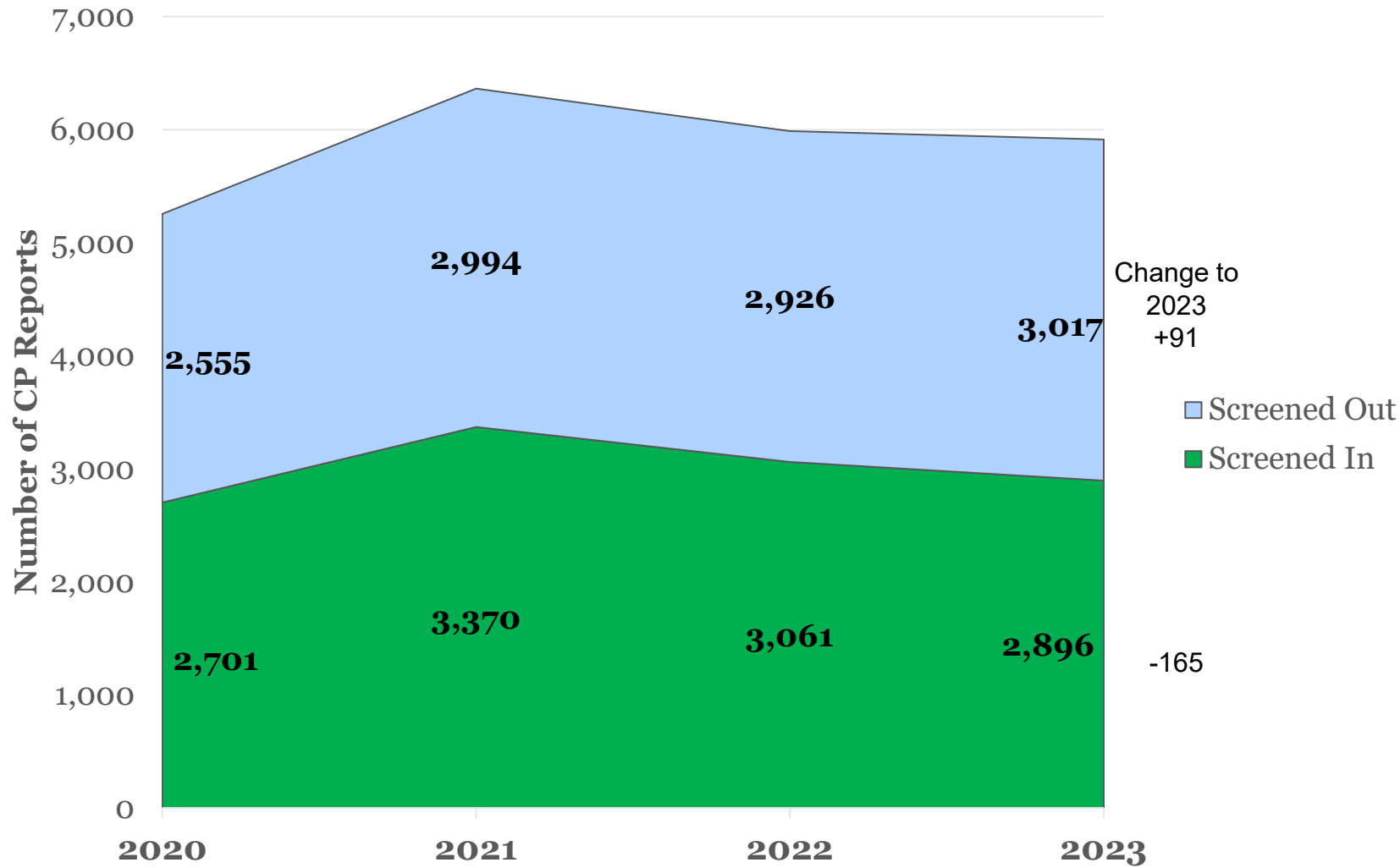
Mental Health

- Mental Health Urgent Care
- Children's Mental Health

Shifting Funds

Contracts that support prevention services

CP Reports Screened In And Out



- Total reports (5,913) and those screened in declined slightly in 2023
- Screened out rose slightly in 2023





Early Intervention Services

Parent Support Outreach Program

Mothers First

Youth Intervention Team (YIT)

Youth Engagement Program (YEP)

Family Group Decision Making



Mental Health

Children's Mental Health

- Intake and Case Management

Urgent Care

- Developing a response to meet a need

Mental Health Urgent Care

- Triage + Care
- Location and schedule
- Staff positions and responsibilities
- Access to services
- Boarding without services
- Partnership for Crisis Respite



Out of Home Placement

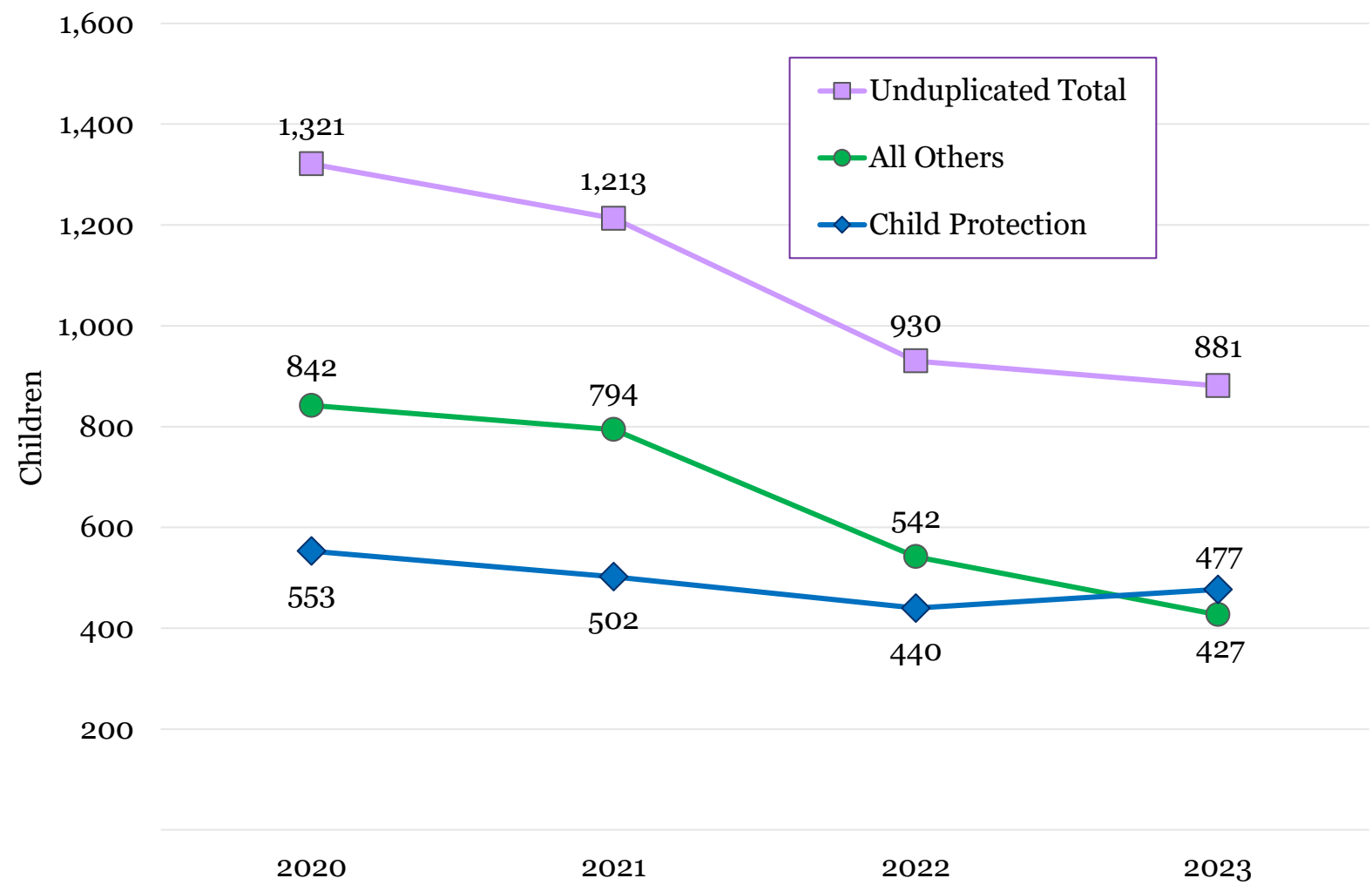
Foster Care & Adoption

Placement Availability

No-Denial Beds



Children By Program in Out-of-Home Placement



- Children as a whole from SSD programs continuously declined the past three years
- Only Child Protection increased last year

Some children can be in both Child Protection and other programs in the same year.

Challenges

- Stabilize Infrastructure
- Staffing
- # of children on caseload
- Resources
- Focus on the data that we are seeing
- Placement – Nuances and needs



Focusing on Moving Forward

