Congregate Care:
Data Driven Recommendations

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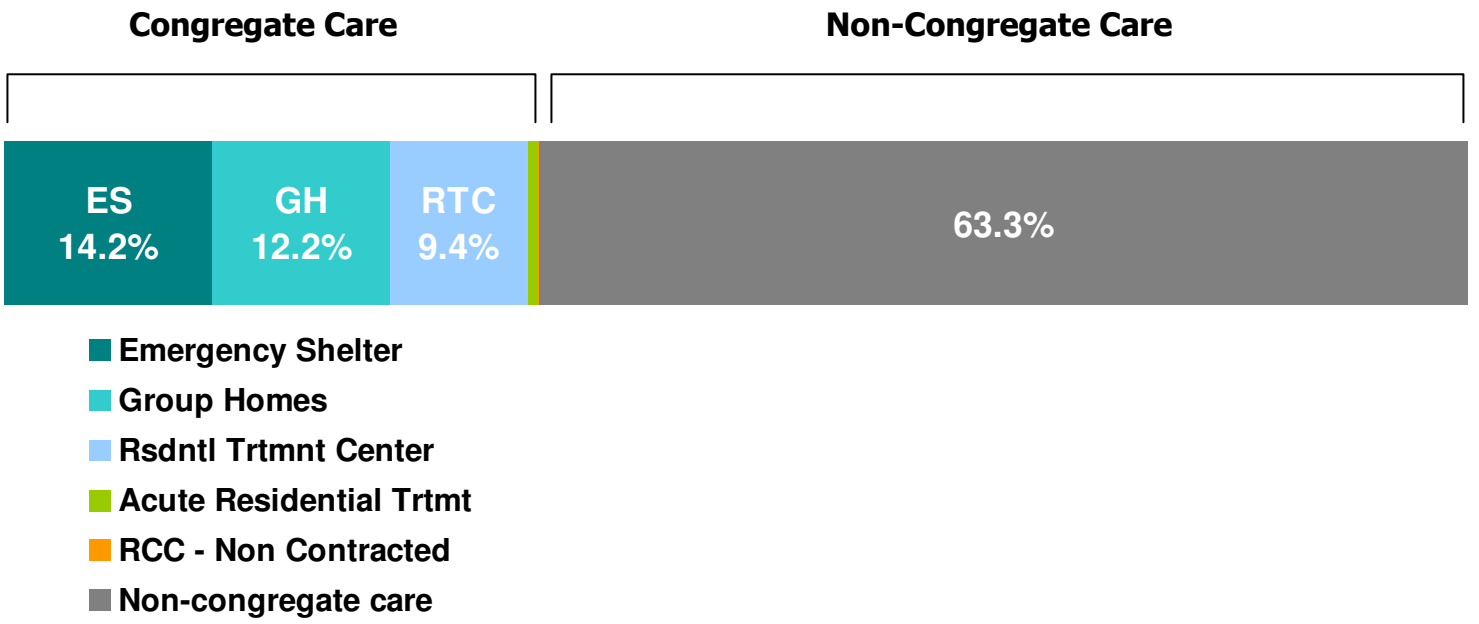
Do you agree? Let's take a look.

36.7% of youth removed were initially placed in congregate care based on data from 7/1/12 – 2/10/14 (=692/1887 unduplicated)

Percent of children entering into out of home placement, by service types of current removal



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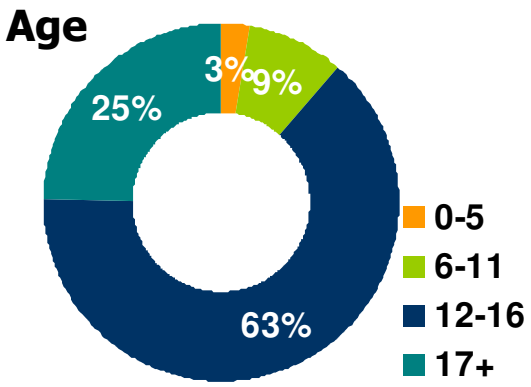
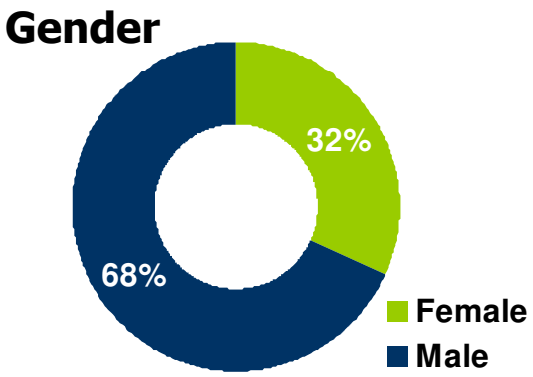
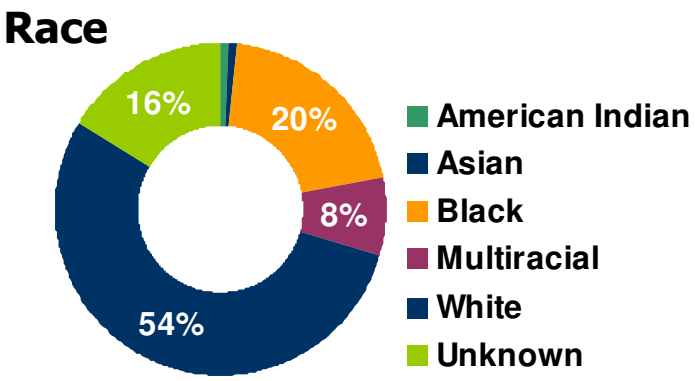
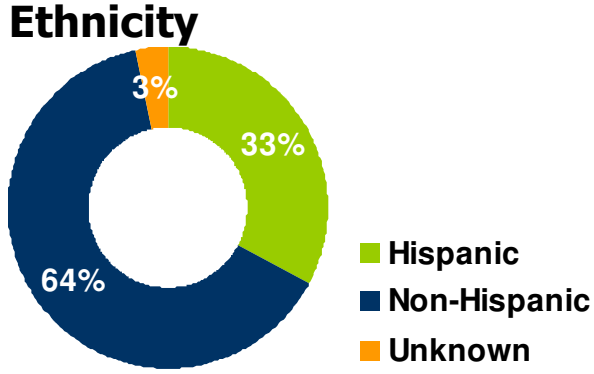
88% of youth removed into congregate care are ages 12-16 and 17+. They represent the largest percentage across all genders, races, and ethnicities.









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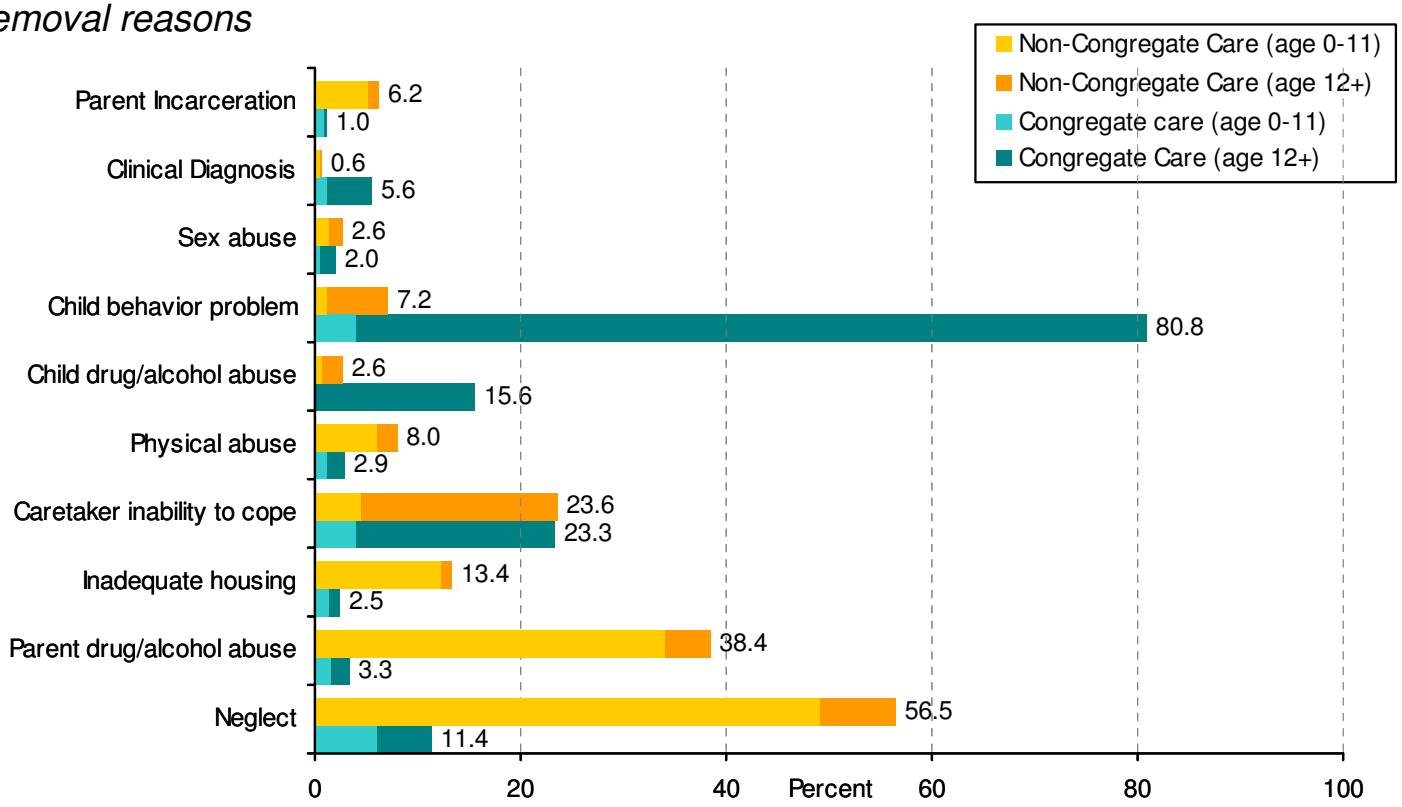
80.8% of youth initially placed in congregate care were removed for child behavior problems. A majority were 12+ years of age.

Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement, by placement setting, age, and most frequent removal reasons



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Child and Adolescent Needs & Strengths (CANS)

WHAT IS THE CANS? : Widely-used standardized assessment tool of youth & caregiver needs & strengths. Domains are:

- *Life Domain Functioning*
- *Child Strengths*
- *School*
- *Caregiver Strengths & Needs*
- *Child Behaviors/ Emotional Needs*
- *Child Risk Behaviors*

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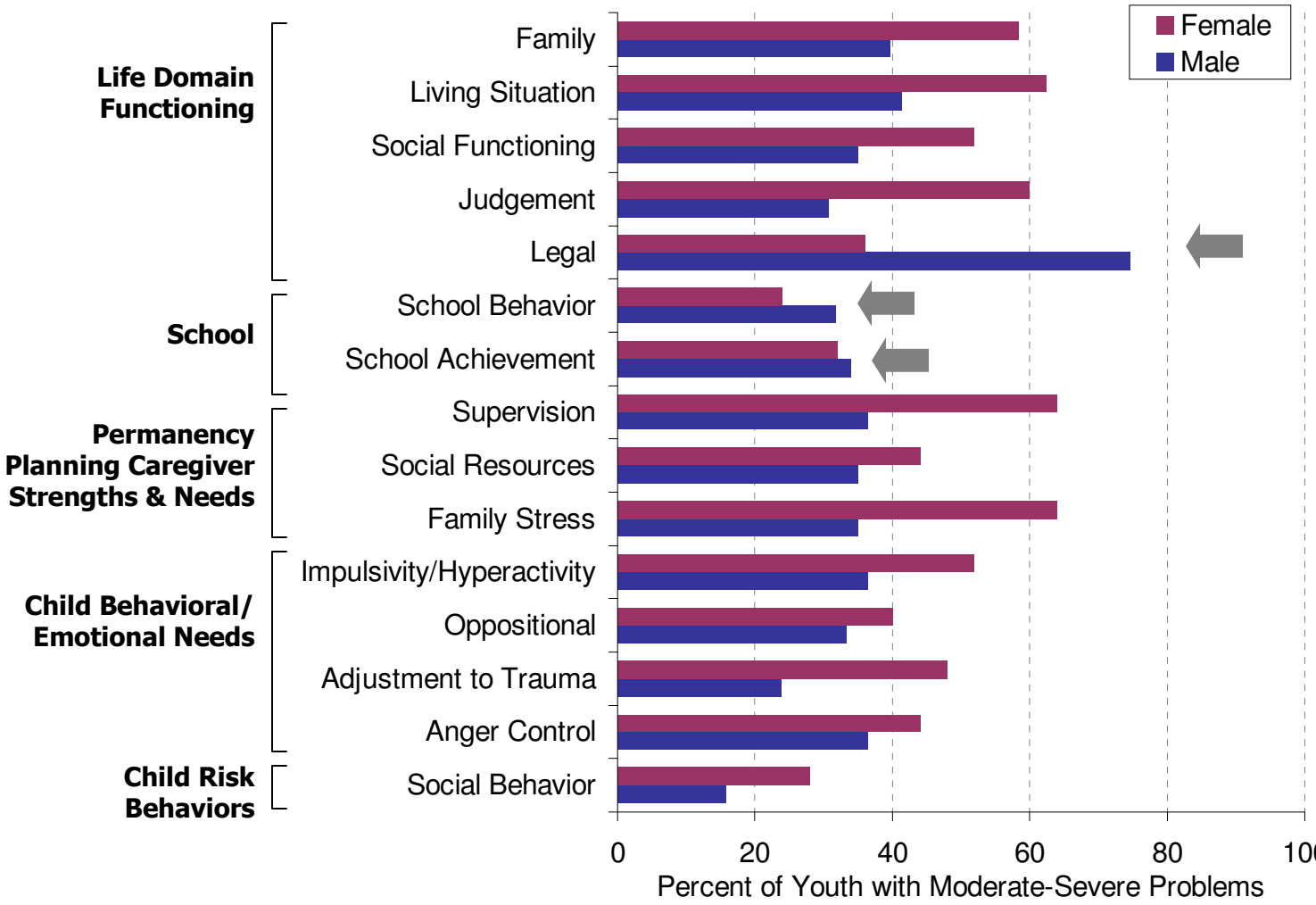
WHO COMPLETES THE CANS? : Completed by a Network Care Coordinator (NCC) or Network provider who has been certified in the CANS

FOR WHOM AND WHEN?: For a child 5-17 years old whose case is open to DCYF and enters or transitions to/from congregate care or specialized foster care. Within 45 days of entry/transition

CANS data were available for 12.7% (88/694) of the youth who were removed into congregate care between 7/1/12 and 2/10/14.

A higher percentage of FEMALES have moderate or severe problems on most CANS needs domains compared to males (48/58 needs and 9/11 strengths according to Initial CANS Ratings).

Percent of youth with moderate or severe problems on select CANS needs domains, by gender (N=88)



Data Source: CANS data as of 12/13 for youth who were removed into congregate care between 7/1/12 and 1/28/14

Note: Males have a higher percentage of moderate/severe problems on the following items: Acculturation, Legal, Medical, Physical Health, Educational, Relationship Permanence, School Behavior, School Achievement, Involvement with Care, Residential Stability, Sexual Aggression, Delinquent Behavior

Some Evidence Based or Evidence Promising Practices: Permanency, Reunification

Program	Scientific Rating	Child Welfare Rating
Homebuilders	2 *(provisional)* – Research Evidence	1 *(provisional)* - High
Project Connect*	3 – Promising Research Evidence	1 - High
Incredible Years	1 – Well Supported by Research Evidence	1 - High
Parent-child Interaction Therapy	1 – Well Supported by Research Evidence	2 - Medium

*** Safety, permanency, well-being**

Scientific Rating: (1) Well-Supported by Research Evidence, (2) Supported by Research Evidence, (3) Promising Research Evidence, (4) Evidence Fails to Demonstrate Effect, (5) Concerning Practice, (NR) Not able to be Rated

Child Welfare Scale: (1) High, (2) Medium, (3) Low, (4) NR

Some Evidence Based or Evidence Promising Practices: Permanency (Parent Training)

Program	Scientific Rating	Child Welfare Rating
Incredible Years	1 – Well Supported by Research Evidence	1 - High
Triple P Positive Parenting	1 – Well Supported by Research Evidence	2 - Medium
Parent Management Training	1 – Well Supported by Research Evidence	2 - Medium

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Some Evidence Based or Evidence Promising Practices: Placement Stability

Program	Scientific Rating	Child Welfare Rating
Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care Adolescent	1 – Well Supported by Research Evidence	2 - Medium
Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care for preschoolers	2 – Supported by Evidence	1 - High
Wraparound	3 – Promising Research Evidence	1 - High
Keeping Foster and Kin Parents Supported and Trained	3 – Promising Research Evidence	1 - High

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For youth discharged from congregate care, the median length of time in placement was 190.5 days. It varies from 72 days for discharges from emergency shelters to 264 days for discharges from group homes. This is based on youth discharged 7/1/12–1/29/14.

Service Type	Number of Youth	Median Days InPlcmnt	Median Age
Total (without indep/semi-indep living)	**554**	**190.5**	**16**
Group Homes	243	264	16
Rsdntl Trtmnt (incl Sub Abuse)	152	224.5	16
Emergency Shelter	148	72	16
RCC - Non Contracted	9	333	13
Acute Residential Trtmt	2	84	16.5
Ind/Semi-Indep Living	*86*	*860.5*	*18*

Data Source: RICHIST 460D 7/1/12-1/29/14 (discharges)

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Of youth age 12+ discharged from:

- **Group Homes, males 17+ had a longer placement**
(higher median number of days in placement compared to males age 12-16 and females)
- **Residential Treatment, females had a longer placement**
(higher median number of days in placement compared to males)
- **Emergency Shelters, males had a longer placement**
(higher median number of days in placement compared to females)

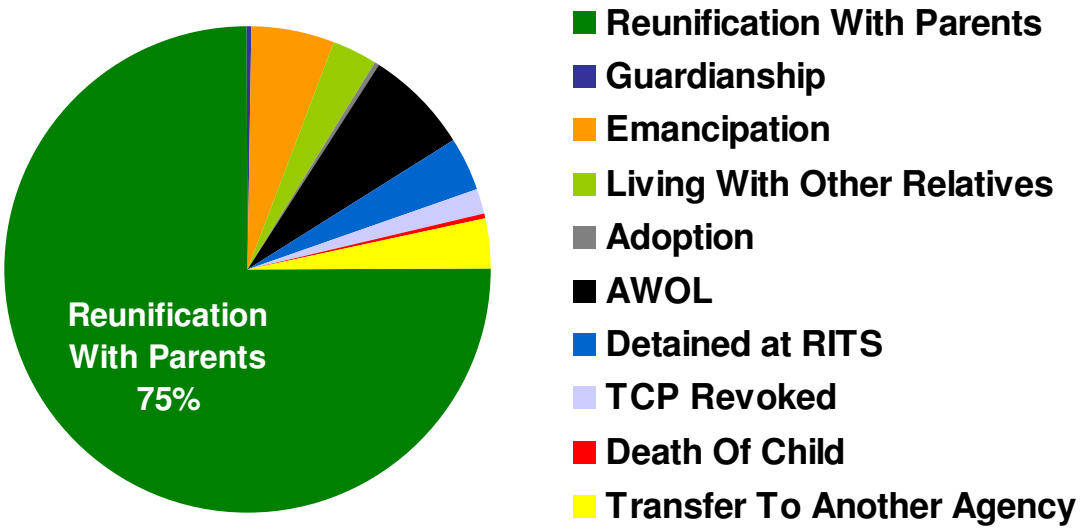
Gender and Age Group	Group Homes		Residential Treatment Ctr		Emergency Shelter	
	N	Median # Days	N	Median # Days	N	Median # Days
Total, age 12+	**226**	**272**	**150**	**221.5**	**140**	**79.5**
Female, age 12-16	46	**230**	7	**280**	46	**60.5**
Female, age 17+	23	**198**	5	**1266**	14	**80**
Male, age 12-16	80	**234**	71	**229**	52	**91.5**
Male, age 17+	77	**325**	67	**202**	28	**90**

Note: Acute Residential Treatment and RCC Non-Contracted are not shown due to small numbers of 2 and 9, respectively.
Data Source: RICHIST 460D 7/1/12-1/29/14 (discharges)

75% of youth discharged from congregate care were reunified with parents

based on youth discharged 7/1/11–12/31/13 (=482/643 unduplicated)

Percent of youth discharged from congregate care, by discharge reason



In more recent data (7/1/12–1/29/14), **81%** of youth (all ages) discharged from congregate care were reunified with parents: 100% of youth age 0-11 (N=29) and 79.6% of youth age 12+ (N=525).

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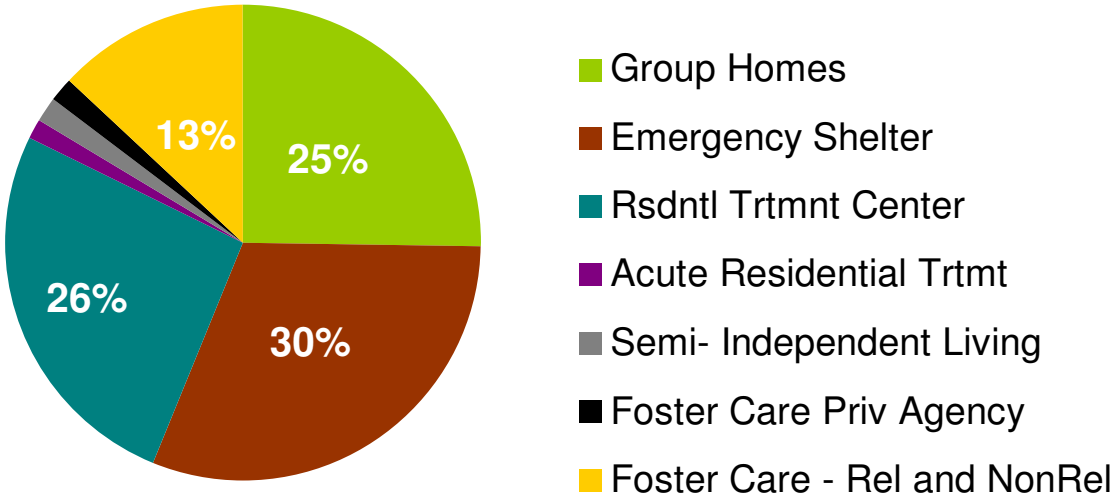
25.5% of youth discharged from congregate care and reunified with parents RE-ENTERED into placement within a year based on youth discharged 7/1/11–12/31/12 and re-entered 7/1/11–12/31/13 (=123/482 unduplicated)

Percent of youth re-entering placement into congregate care who were discharged from congregate care and reunified with parents within the previous year, by service type



22.2% of youth **discharged from congregate care** (all reasons) re-entered placement within a year (=143/643)

15.3% of youth **discharged from all placements** (all reasons) re-entered placement within a year (=230/1505)

Note: The RICHIST report utilized for this analysis calcultes slightly differently than the federal calculation. Congregate care does not include semi-indep and indep living. RTC includes substance abuse

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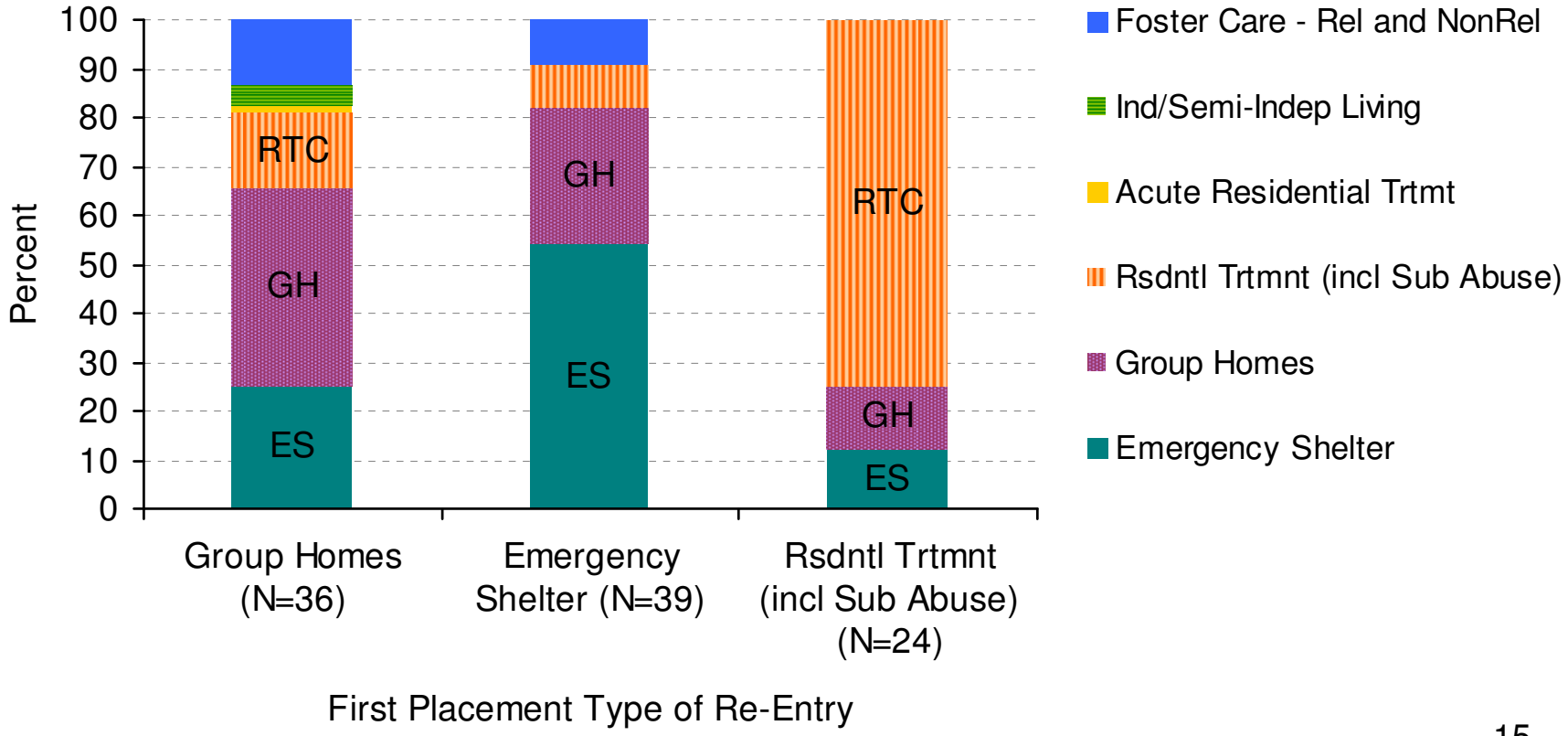
Percent of children re-entering placement into congregate care, by placement service type at previous discharge



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88.5% of youth re-entering placement into congregate care were previously discharged from a congregate care placement within the past year

based on data from 7/1/12 – 2/10/14 (=139/157 unduplicated).

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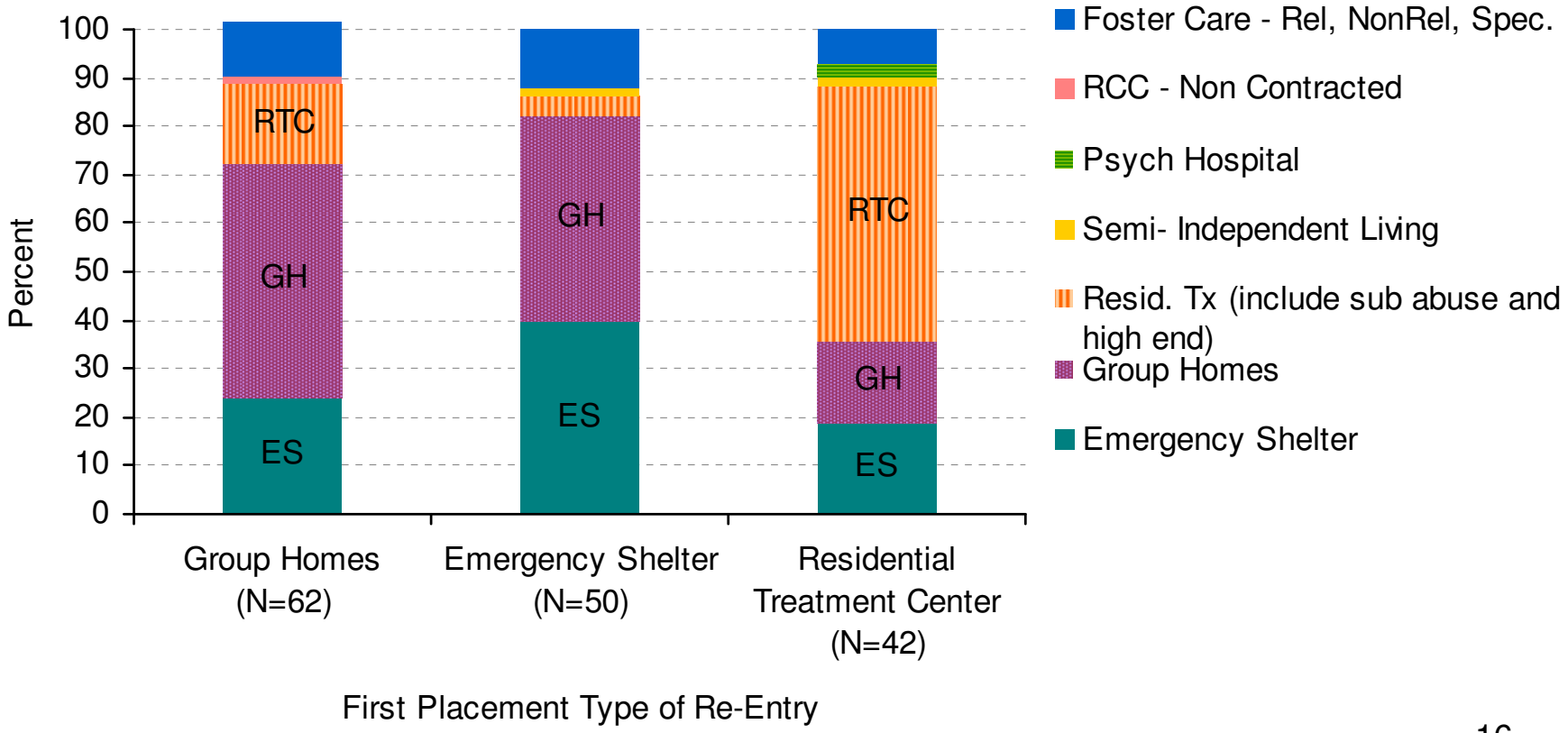

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Child behavior problem was the most frequent removal reason for youth re-entering placement who were discharged from congregate care and reunified with parents within the past year based on discharges 7/1/11–12/31/13 and re-entries 7/1/11–12/31/13 (N=123 unduplicated)

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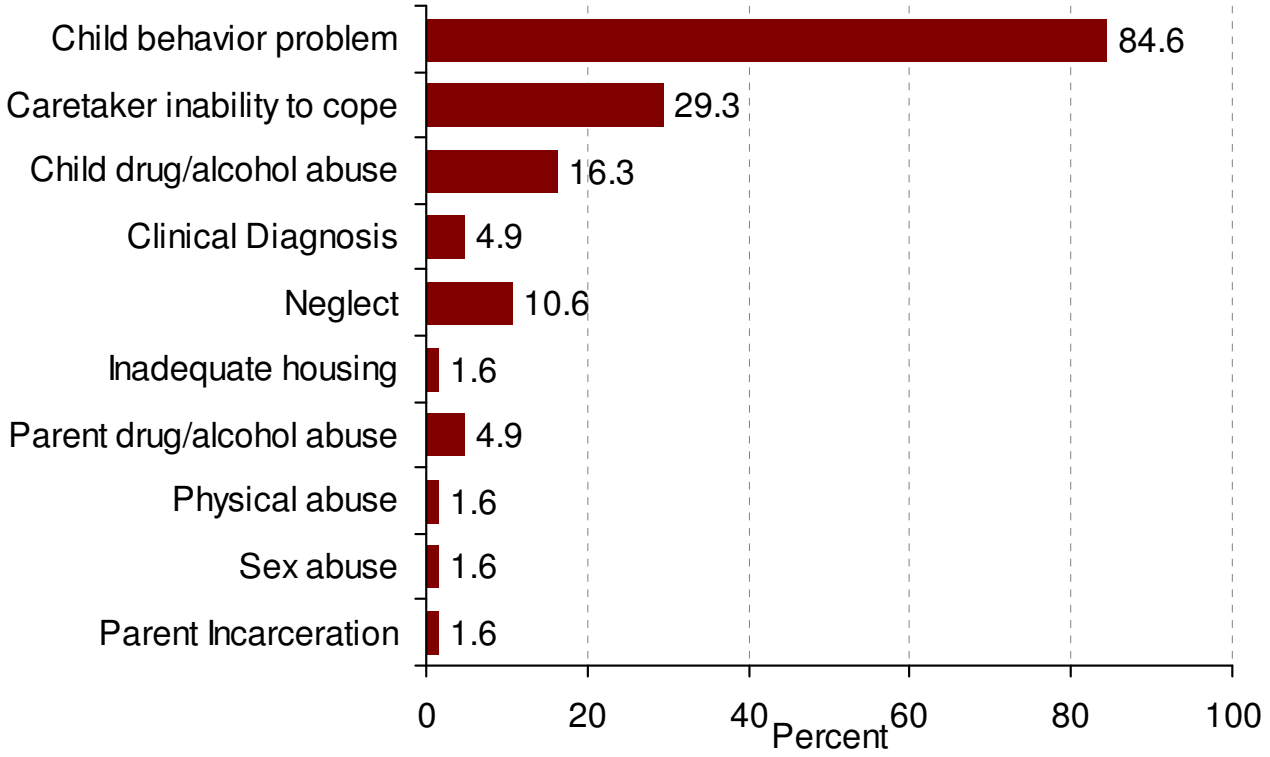

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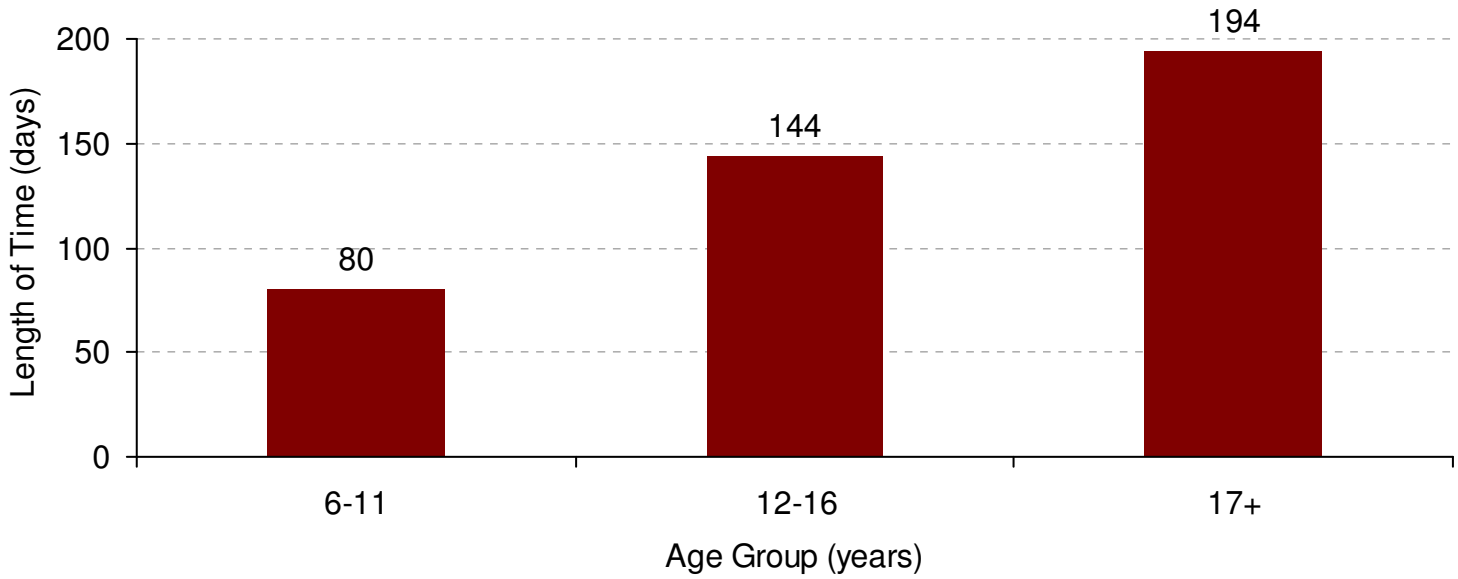

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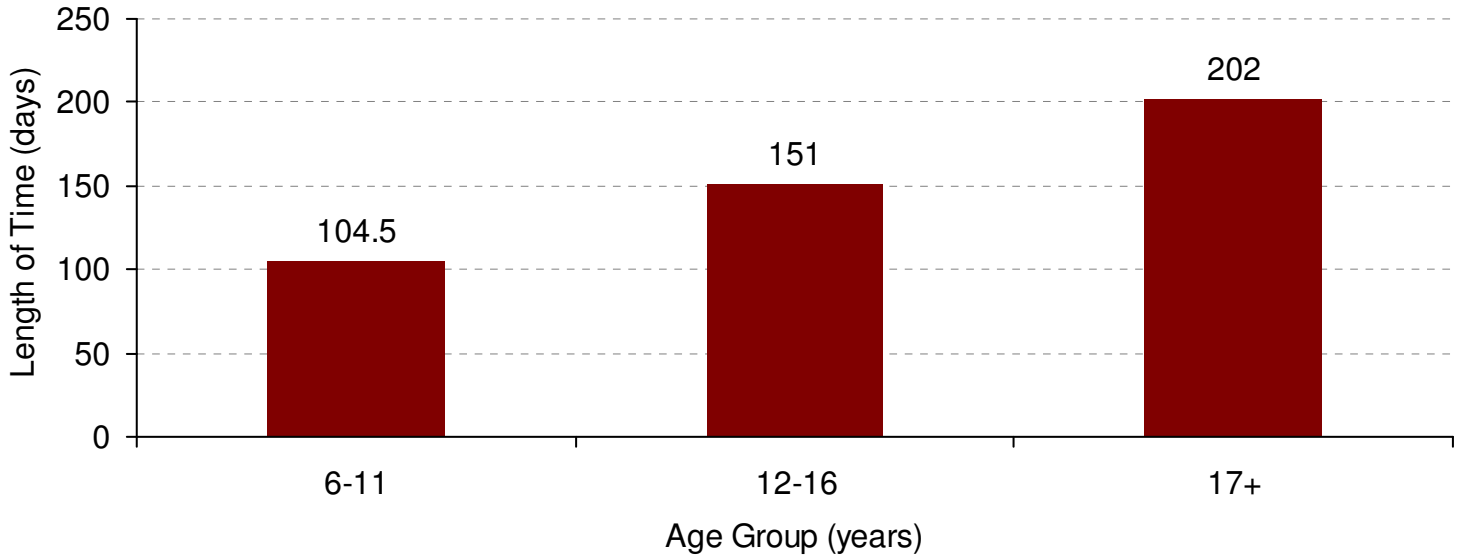

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