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Permanency Enhancement Project: Southern Region
Sparta Action Team
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Goals of Permanency Enhancement Project

1. Improve permanency
2. Reduce racial disproportionality
3. Reduce racial disparities
4. Reduce overrepresentation of African Americans in the child welfare system

'Sparta Action Team'

Geographic Location

Sparta consists of following counties

- Monroe
- Randolph
- Washington

Southern Region Action Teams

Cairo (Alexander & Pulaski)

Carbondale (Jackson, Franklin, Perry, Williamson)

Carlyle (Bond, Clinton)

Sparta (Monroe, Randolph, Washington)

Effingham (Effingham, Fayette, Jasper)

Madison (Madison)

Metropolis (Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope)

Mt. Vernon (Jefferson, Marion)

Olney (Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash)

St. Clair (St. Clair)

Sparta Action Team

- **Action Team Chair**
- Tina Sampson is the current Action team leader

Sparta Action Team

This Presentation solely focuses on goals, outcomes, and activities of the Sparta Action Team.

- This action team is comprised of the following counties:
  1. Monroe
     - ✓ *Population -34,097*
     - ✓ *Family/Child –7,637 (22.4%)*
     - ✓ *Persons in Poverty 1671 (4.9%)*
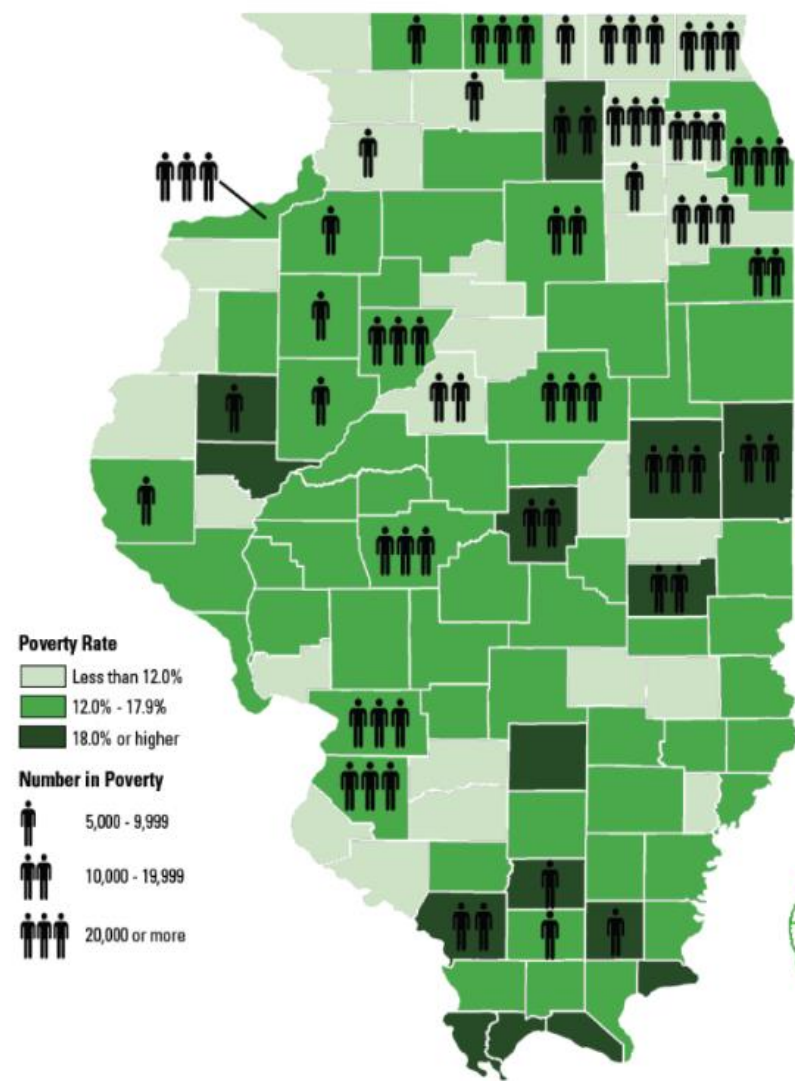 2. Randolph
     - ✓ *Population - 32,423*
     - ✓ *Family/Child- 6,225 (19.2%)*
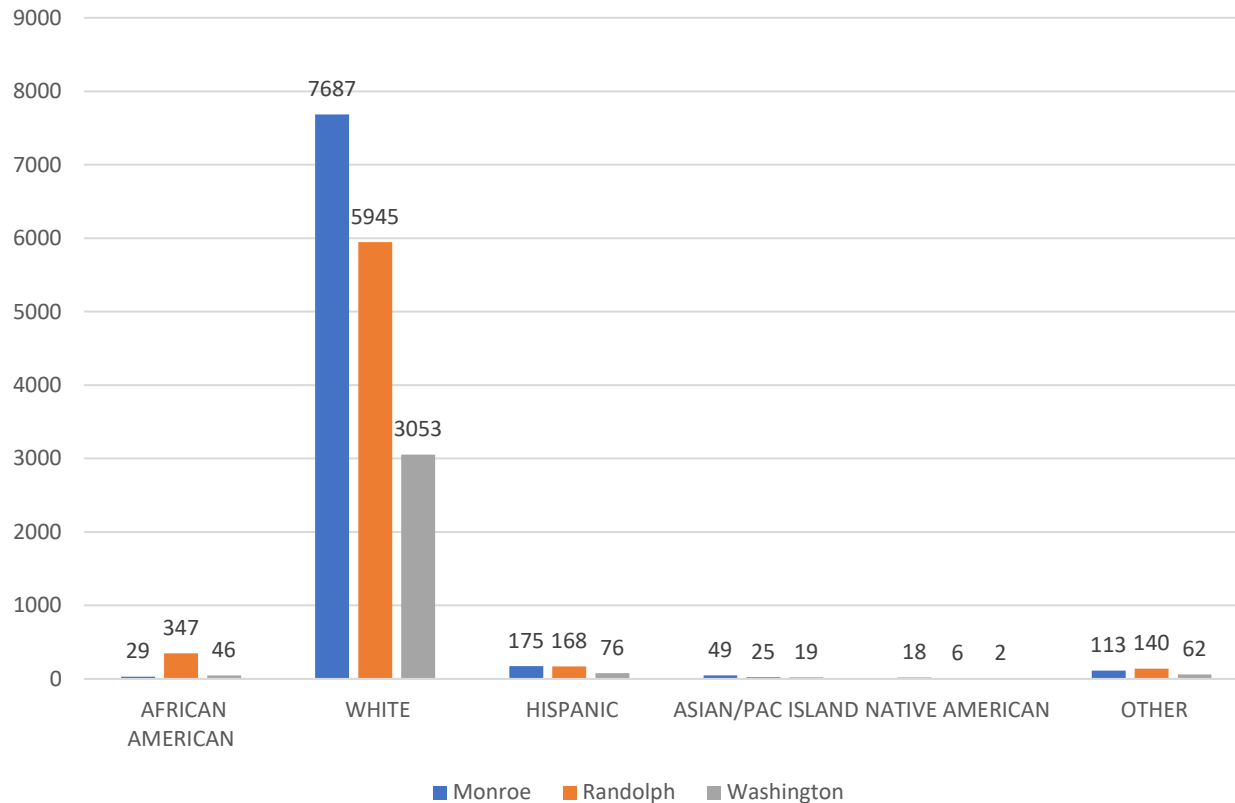   - ✓ *Persons in Poverty 5123(15.8%)*
  3. Washington
     - ✓ *Population -14,030*
     - ✓ *Family/Child- 3016 (21.5%)*
     - ✓ *Persons in Poverty 1136(8.1%)*

Illinois Poverty, by County 2016

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Poverty Rate

- Less than 12.0%
- 12.0% - 17.9%
- 18.0% or higher

Number in Poverty

- 5,000 - 9,999
- 10,000 - 19,999
- 20,000 or more

Sparta Action Team
'Census 2010 – Race Data'

Sparta Census 2010 Summary

- The total Child population of Monroe is 8,071.
- The total Child population of Randolph is 6,631.
- The total Child population of Washington is 3,258.
- In all the Counties the predominant race is White (92.9% of total population).
- The next largest ethnic racial group is African American with 2.34%
- There are negligible numbers of persons of Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander, or Native American background
- Other race is not qualified.

Child Poverty Rates by County

(Southern Region)
Illinois Child Poverty Rate = 17.7%

County & Child Poverty Rate	County & Child Poverty Rate	County & Child Poverty Rate
Hardin – 35%	Washington – 13.3%	Randolph – 19.4%
Pope – 29.3%	White – 23.3%	Effingham – 15.0%
Franklin – 27.2%	Richland – 19.7%	Clinton – 12.2%
Massac – 28.1%	Lawrence – 24.8%	Jefferson – 25.4%
Gallatin – 31%	Union – 24.7%	Marion – 25.1%
Pulaski – 33.5%	Bond – 18.4%	Franklin – 27.2%
Edwards – 15.8%	Wayne – 21.6%	Jackson – 27.5%
Alexander – 48.6%	Crawford – 20.1%	Williamson – 22.3%
Hamilton – 21.9%	Fayette – 22.9%	Madison – 18%
Massac – 28.1%	Perry – 21.9%	St. Clair – 23%
Johnson – 18.1%	Saline – 30.5%	Wabash-18.6%
Clay – 21.1%	Monroe –5.3%	

Service Data & Child Permanency Trends

University Partnership

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)

- University Partner consists of Faculty and research personnel *(e.g. Research assistants/Community Liaisons)* who help supervise and monitor efforts of each Action Team in the Southern Region

- Ongoing consults and engagement to
  - ✓ Review service data trends and assist teams in using data for action team goal development
  - ✓ Provide 'Technical Support' (i.e. assistance) with action team activity and development, as needed
  - ✓ Evaluate progress on action team goals/outcomes.

Service Data & Child Permanency Trends

The following Slides will highlight service data trends for **Sparta Action Team**

- *Indicated-Unfounded Cases –* Slide (13)
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Indicated-Unfounded Cases

Race type	SUBJID: Indicated	SUBJID: Pending	SUBJID: Unfounded	Total	Percentage Indicated
AFRICAN AMERICAN	13	0	51	64	20.3
HISPANIC	0	0	6	6	0
NATIVE AMERICAN	0	0	1	1	16.7
OTHER	3	0	15	18	33
UNKNOWN	2	0	4	6	20.2
WHITE	140	0	553	693	0
Grand Total	**158**	**0**	**630**	**788**	**90.2**

Percentage Indicated
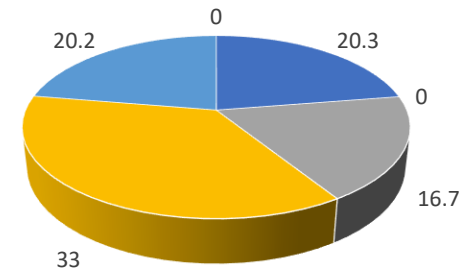
Legend: AFRICAN AMERICAN, HISPANIC, NATIVE AMERICAN, OTHER, UNKNOWN, WHITE

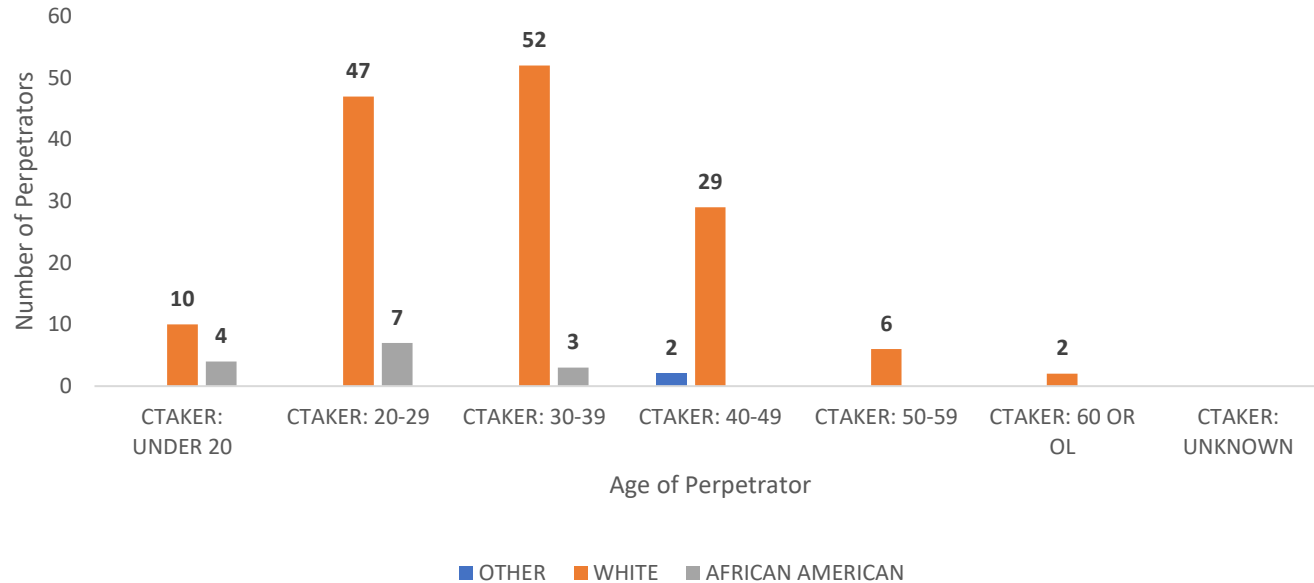Bar chart legend: SUBJID:INDICATED, SUBJID: PENDING, SUBJID:UNFOUNDED
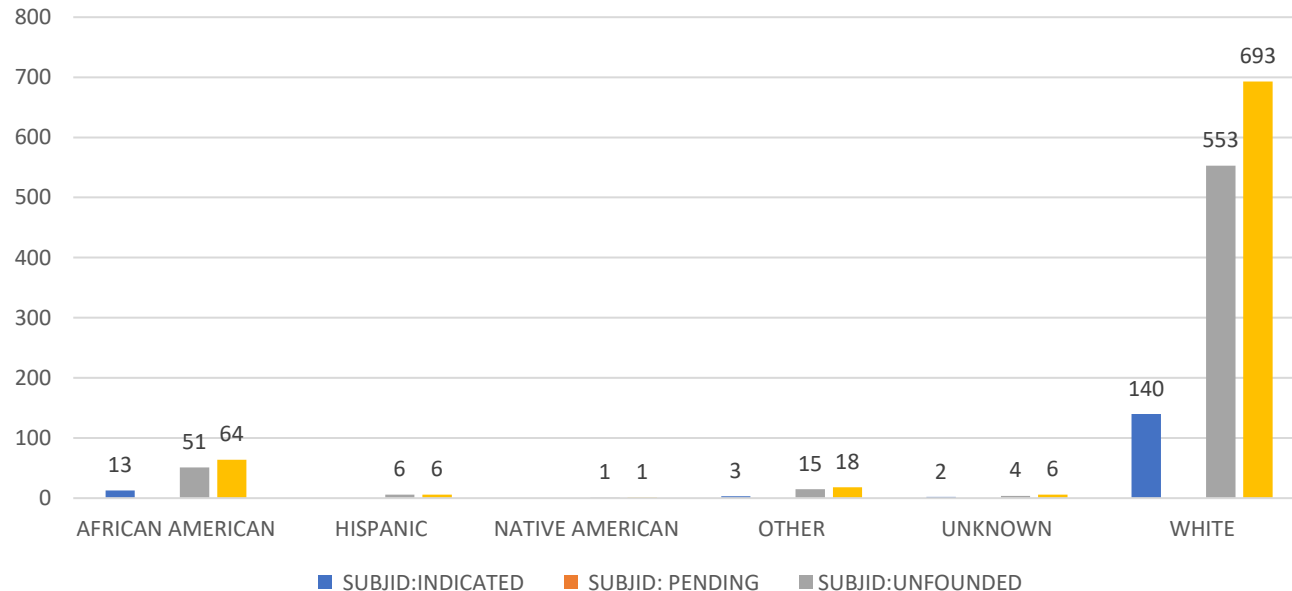
- Unknown race = youth whose race is not identified or assessed
- Other race = identified for youth who do not represent other race categories (e.g. AfAm, AAPI, Hispanic, NA or Unknown)
- There was a total of 158 indicated cases, with most of them being White and African American
- Other racial groups had low numbers of indicated cases, this is fitting to the population rate of other minority groups in the area
- Whites and African Americans had the highest numbers of indicated cases: 140 and 13 respectively
- The highest percentages of Indicated Cases were among African American (20.3%) and Unknown (20.2%) populations

Indicated-Perp

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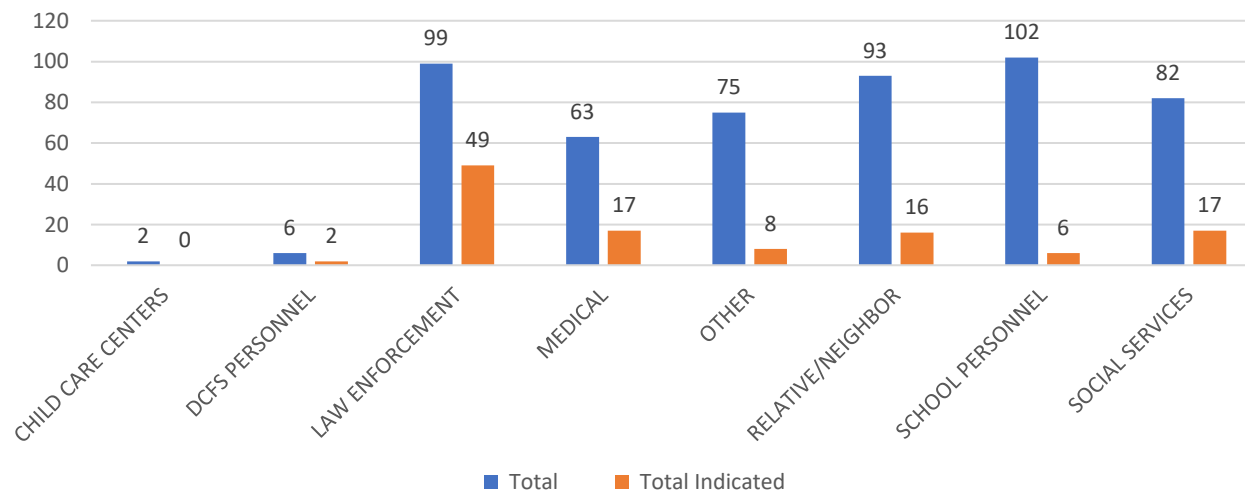| RACE	CTAKER: UNDER 20	CTAKER: 20-29	CTAKER: 30-39	CTAKER: 40-49	CTAKER: 50-59	CTAKER: 60 OR OL	CTAKER: UNKNOWN
OTHER	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
WHITE	10	47	52	29	6	2	0
AFRICAN AMERICAN	4	7	3	0	0	0	0

- Whites dominated the number Ctakers with a significant number between 20-29 and 30-39 followed by African-Americans.
- The rest had a negligible number of Ctakers

Sparta Action Team: Indicated Perpetrator

Reporter Type

Reporter Type	Total	Total Indicated	Percent Indicated
CHILD CARE CENTERS	2	0	26.9
DCFS PERSONNEL	6	2	5.88
LAW ENFORCEMENT	99	49	33.33
MEDICAL	63	17	20.73
OTHER	75	8	49.49
RELATIVE/NEIGHBOR	93	16	0
SCHOOL PERSONNEL	102	6	17.2
SOCIAL SERVICES	82	17	10.67
Grand Total	**522**	**115**	**22.03%**

Percent of Reports

Pie chart legend:
- CHILD CARE CENTERS
- DCFS PERSONNEL
- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- MEDICAL
- OTHER
- RELATIVE/NEIGHBOR
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL
- SOCIAL SERVICES

Percentages shown: 0.38%, 1.15%, 18.97%, 12.07%, 14.37%, 17.82%, 19.54%, 15.71%
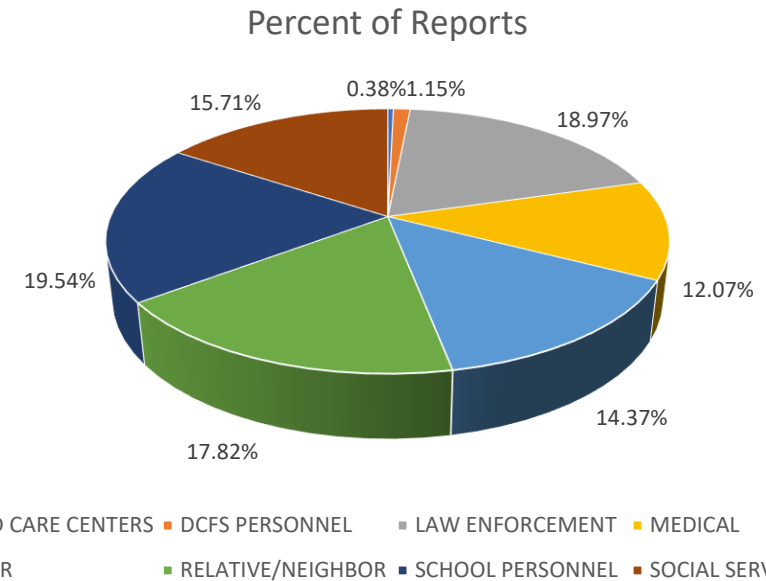
Sparta Action Team Reporter Type

Bar chart values (Total / Total Indicated):
- CHILD CARE CENTERS: 2 / 0
- DCFS PERSONNEL: 6 / 2
- LAW ENFORCEMENT: 99 / 49
- MEDICAL: 63 / 17
- OTHER: 75 / 8
- RELATIVE/NEIGHBOR: 93 / 16
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL: 102 / 6
- SOCIAL SERVICES: 82 / 17

Legend: Total, Total Indicated

- Other reporter type dominated the number reports with 49.49% of their cases being indicated followed by law enforcement with 33.33% of total their cases indicated .

- However, the percentage indicated was derived from the Total number cases reported as against the Total number cases indicated for each reporter type. Thus, the percentage indicated is relative to each reporter type.

Child Data, by Race

| Agency	African American	White	Asian/Pacific Islander	Total
DCFS	5	13	0	18
POS	2	36	1	39
Total	**7**	**49**	**1**	**57**

Sparta Child Data by Race
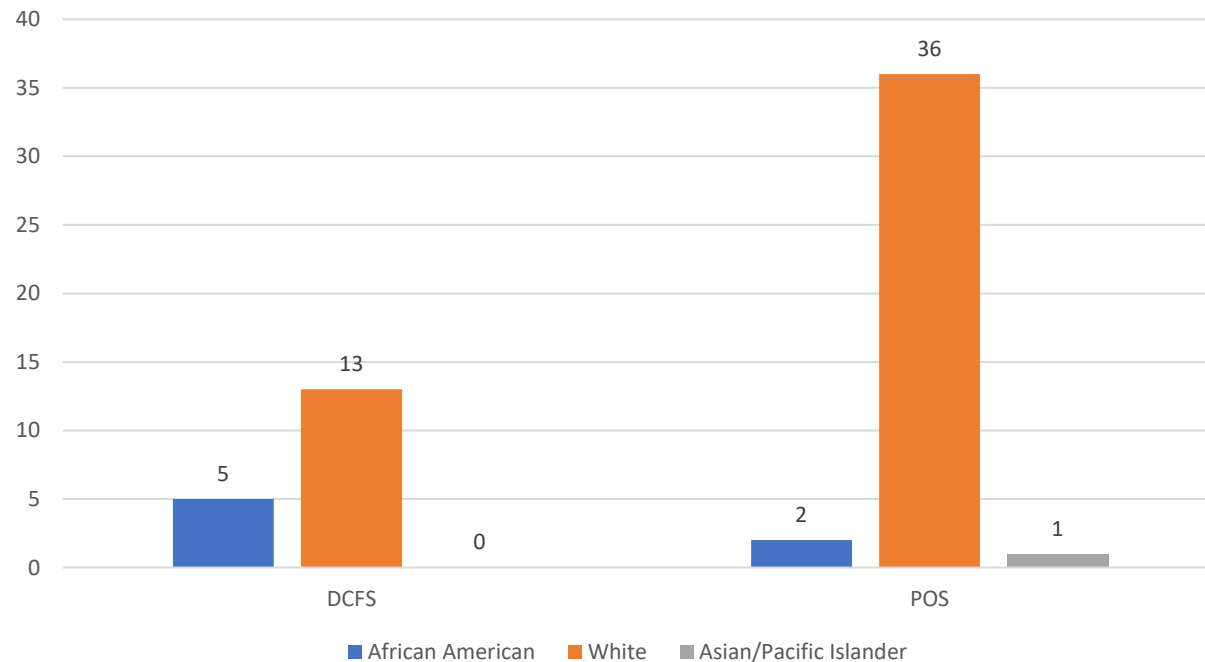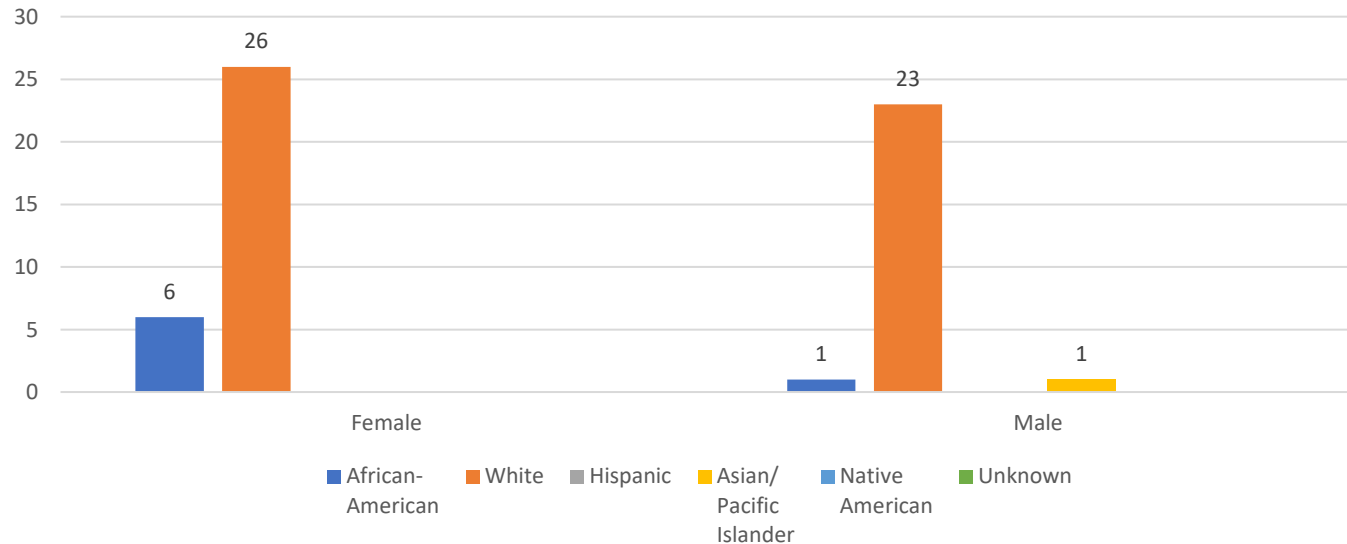
- White male (110). dominated the race followed by Male African American (7)

- The rest of the race had a low representation.

Child Gender by Race

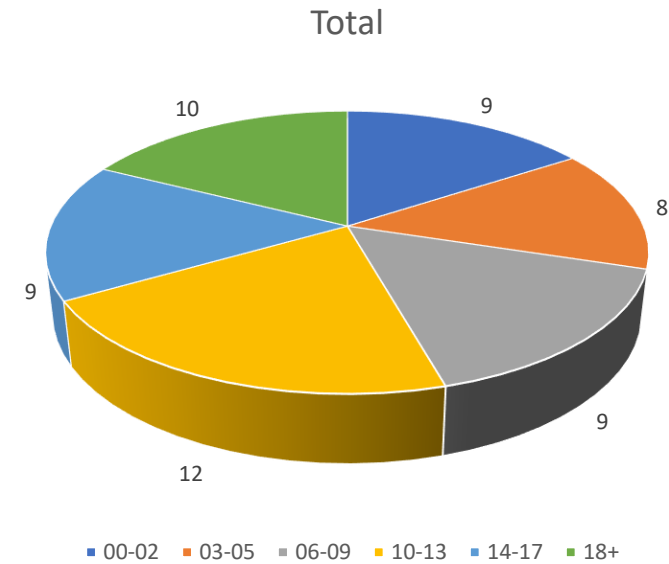| Child Gender by Race	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
Female	6	26	0	0	0	0	32
Male	1	23	0	1	0	0	25
Total	**7**	**49**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**57**

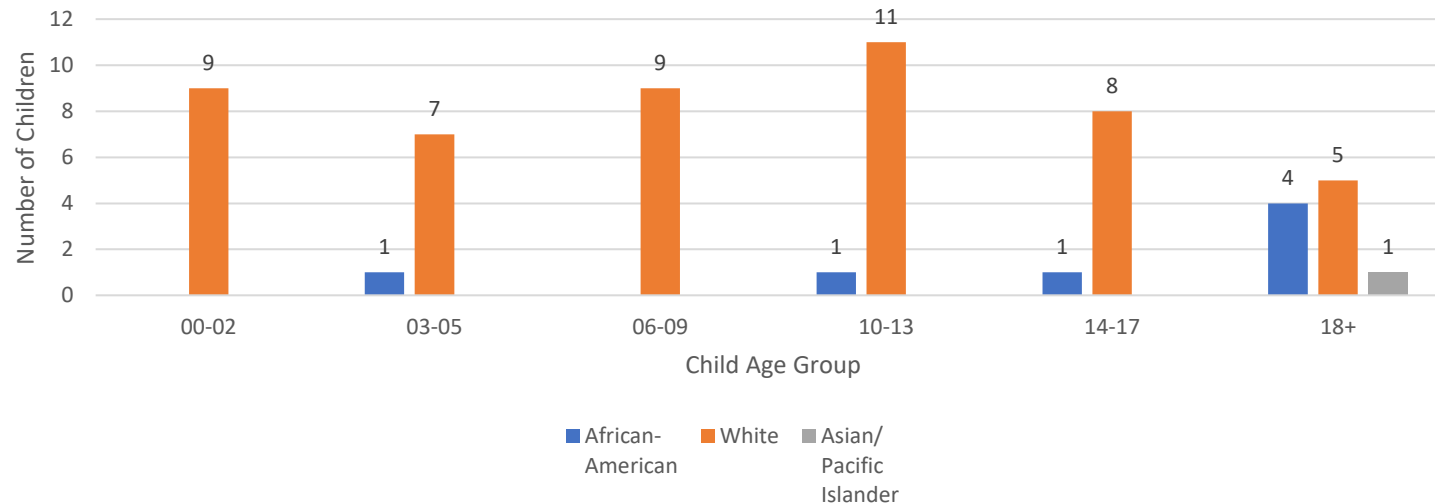**Total**
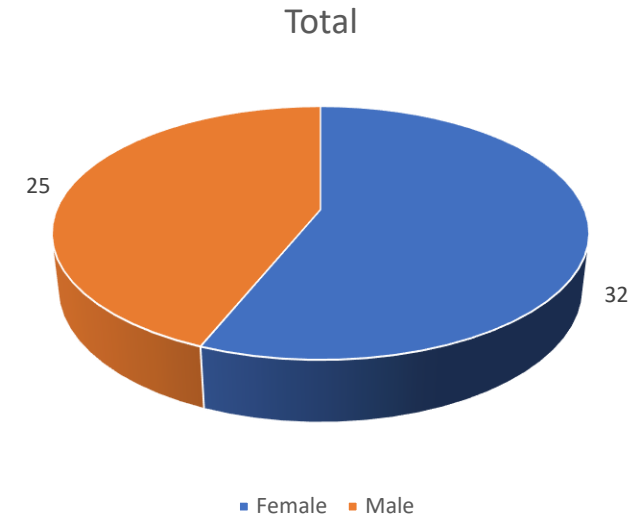
Sparta Child Gender by Race

- The Female and Male numbers are almost equal.

- White female (26) dominated the race followed by female African American (6)

- The rest of the race had a low representation.

Child Age, by Race

Age Group	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
00-02	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
03-05	1	7	0	0	0	0	8
06-09	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
10-13	1	11	0	0	0	0	12
14-17	1	8	0	0	0	0	9
18+	4	5	0	1	0	0	10
Total	**7**	**49**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**57**

Total

(Pie chart values: 00-02 = 9, 03-05 = 8, 06-09 = 9, 10-13 = 12, 14-17 = 9, 18+ = 10)

Legend: 00-02, 03-05, 06-09, 10-13, 14-17, 18+

Sparta Action Team: Child Age by Race

(Bar chart)
Number of Children vs Child Age Group

- 00-02: White 9
- 03-05: African-American 1, White 7
- 06-09: White 9
- 10-13: African-American 1, White 11
- 14-17: African-American 1, White 8
- 18+: African-American 4, White 5, Asian/Pacific Islander 1

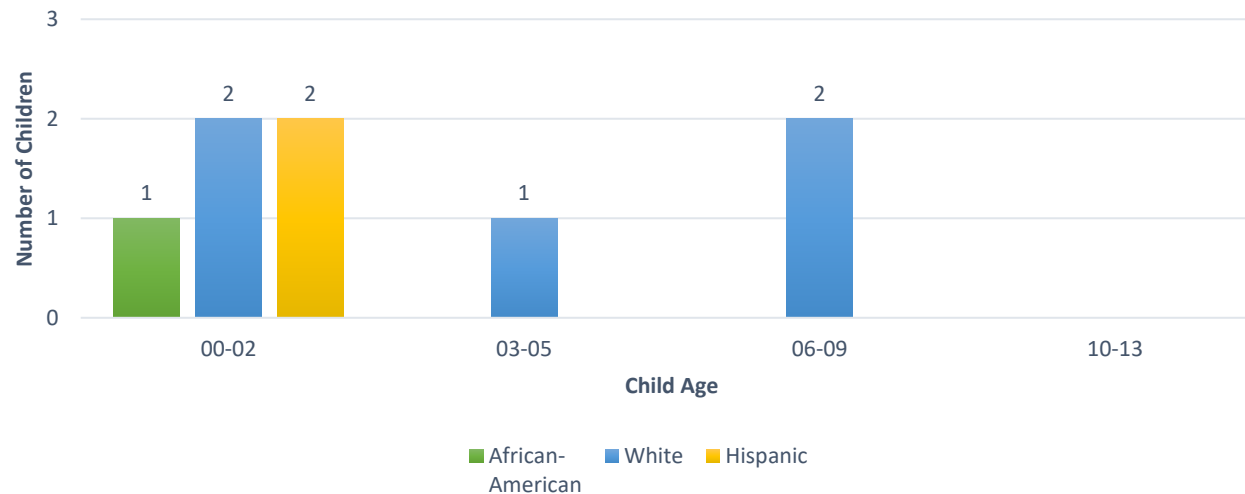Legend: African-American, White, Asian/Pacific Islander

- White children dominated age by race followed by African-American.
- The rest of the race had a low representation.

Openings, by Race

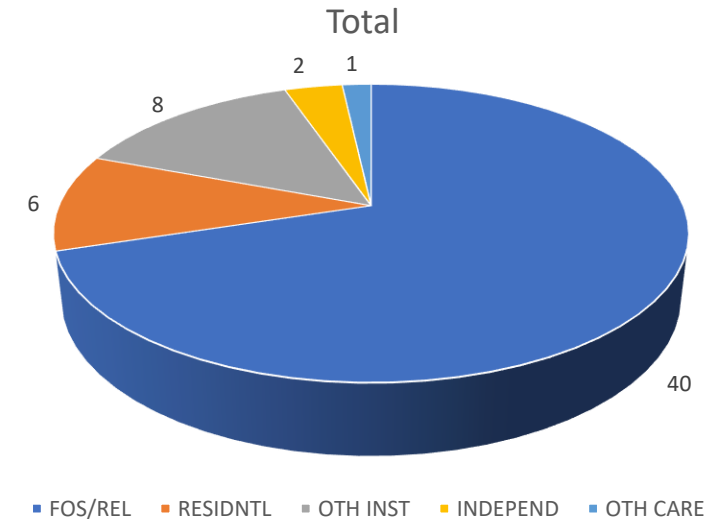| Age Group	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
00-02	1	2	2	0	0	0	15
03-05	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
06-09	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
10-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	**1**	**5**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**35**

- Whites largely dominated opening by race with 5 cases.
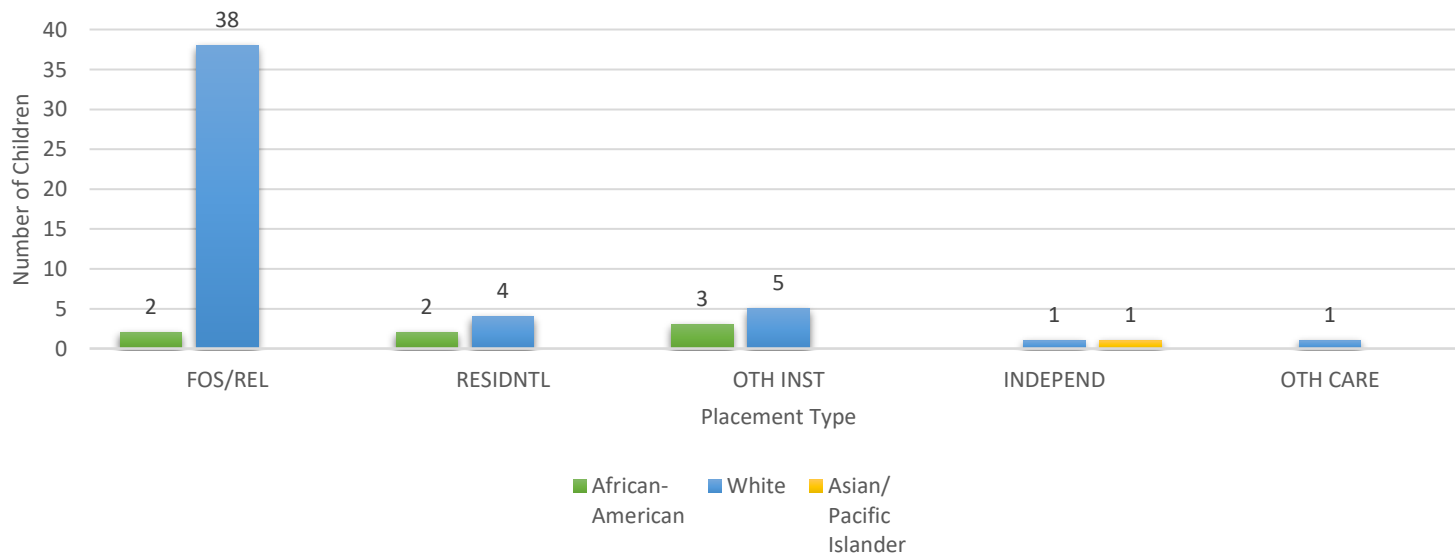- The rest of the race had negligible representation.

Openings by Age and Race

Placement Type

Placement	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
FOS/REL	2	38	0	0	0	0	40
RESIDNTL	2	4	0	0	0	0	6
OTH INST	3	5	0	0	0	0	8
INDEPEND	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
OTH CARE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	7	49	0	1	0	0	57

Total

- FOS/REL
- RESIDNTL
- OTH INST
- INDEPEND
- OTH CARE

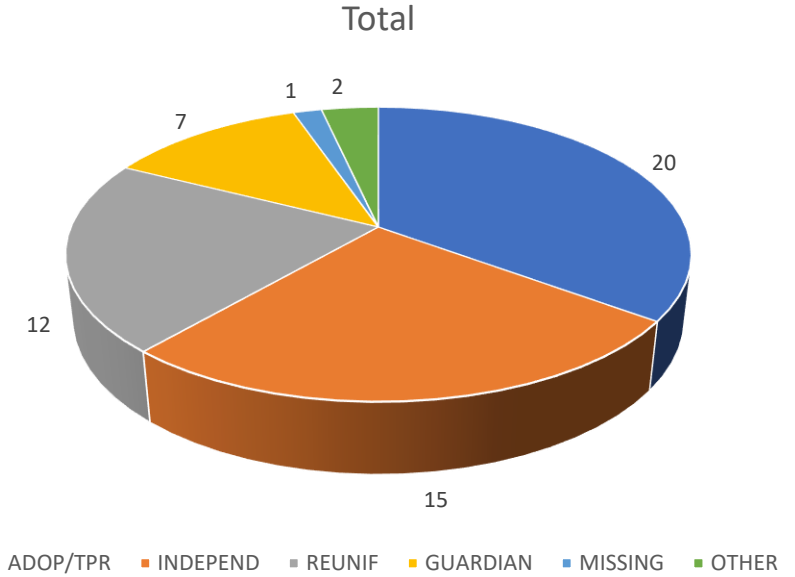**Sparta Action Team: Placement Type by Race**

- African-American
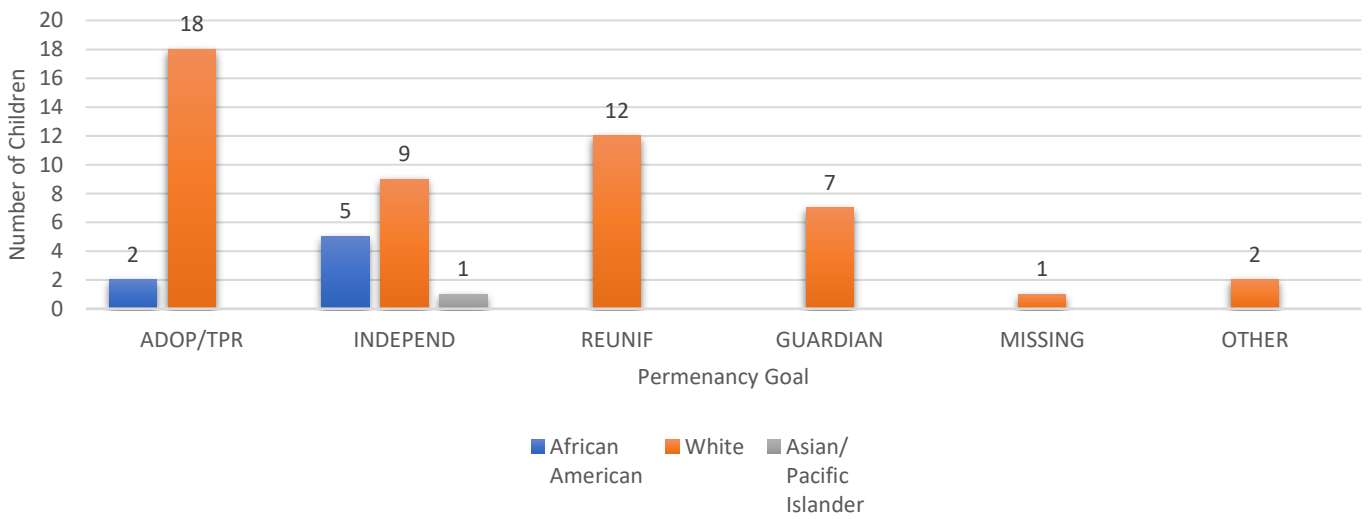- White
- Asian/ Pacific Islander

- Whites had 38 in FOS/REL dominating the rest of the placement types.

- The rest of the race had low representation.

Child Goal

Goal Category	African American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
ADOP/TPR	2	18	0	0	0	0	20
INDEPEND	5	9	0	1	0	0	15
REUNIF	0	12	0	0	0	0	12
GUARDIAN	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
MISSING	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
OTHER	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	**7**	**49**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**57**

Total

ADOP/TPR — INDEPEND — REUNIF — GUARDIAN — MISSING — OTHER

Sparta Action Team: Child Goal by Race

African American — White — Asian/Pacific Islander

- Whites were 18 in ADOP/TPR dominating all other categories.
- The rest of the race had low representation.

Permanency Placement Type

Permanency	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
REUNIF	0	9	0	0	0	0	9
ADOPTION	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Toatl	**0**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14**

Sparta Permenancy Type by Race

Total
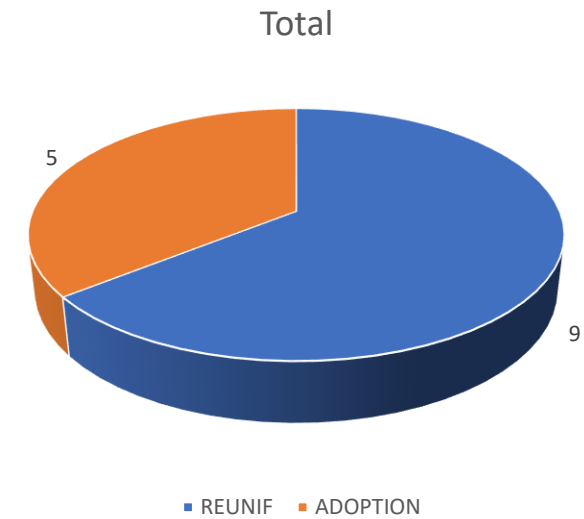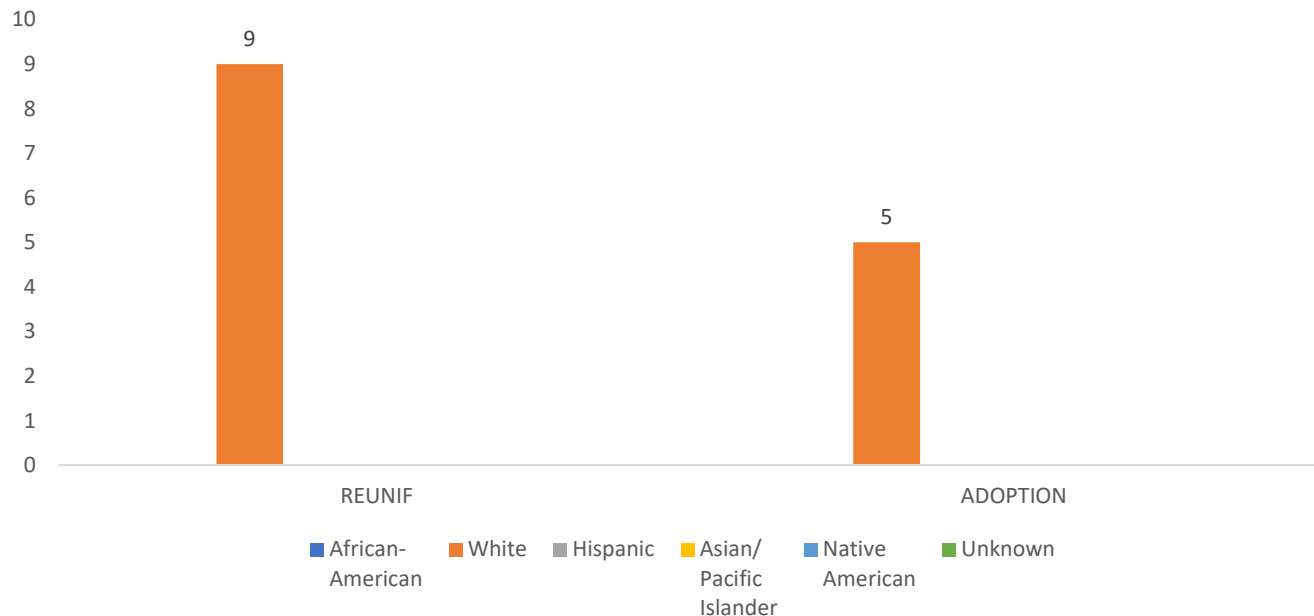
- Whites were 9 in REUNIF dominating other placement types.

- The rest of the race had zero representation in all the permanency type.

Disproportionality & Disparity

Disproportionality –
Occurs when the percentage of a group of children in a population is different from the percentage of the same group in the child welfare system.

For example, if 25% of the children in a county were African American, then 25% of those in foster care should be African American, all things being equal. That would be proportional. If these percentages differ there is disproportionality.

Disparity –
Unequal treatment or outcomes when comparing children of color to non-minority children.

For example, if 30% of Hispanic children who are indicated are then placed into care, but only 15% of White children who are indicated are then placed into care, there is a disparity in the risk of entering placement, with Hispanic children at twice the risk to be placed into care outside their homes after indications.

Disparity & Disproportionality examined at 4 critical points:
- Indicated Cases
- Entries into Care (Child Data, by race)
- Child Goal
- Permanencies

Racial Disparity: Case Indications

Disparity Ratio* for Indications [17-18]						
County	**FY12-13**	**FY13-14**	**FY14-15**	**FY15-16**	**FY-16-17**	**FY17-18**
Monroe				1.00	1.00*	1.00*
Randolph				1.00	1.00*	1.00*
Washington				1.00	1.00*	1.00*

✓ Sparta has **Low Disparity** with regards to Number of Indicated Cases of African American Children.

*The research team did not receive updated data for the period 2016-2018, thus the calculated ratios only reflect trends in the 2016 fiscal year

Racial Disparity: Child Goal

Disparity Ratio* for Indications [17-18]

County	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16	FY-16-17	FY17-18
Adoption				1.25	1.25*	1.25*
Guardian				0	0*	0*
Independent				6.33	6.33*	6.33*
Missing				0	0*	0*
Other				0	0*	0*
Reunification				0	0*	0*

Sparta has:
- ✓ **Low Disparity** with regards to "Adoption" of African American Children
- ✓ **No Disparity** with regards to "Guardian" of African American Children
- ✓ **Significant Disparity** with regards to "Independence" of African American Children
- ✓ **No Disparity** with regards to "Missing" of African American Children
- ✓ **No Disparity** with regards to "Other" of African American Children
- ✓ **No Disparity** with regards to "Reunification" of African American Children

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Racial Disparity: Permanency

Disparity Ratio* for Indications [17-18]						
County	**FY12-13**	**FY13-14**	**FY14-15**	**FY15-16**	**FY-16-17**	**FY17-18**
Monroe				0	0*	0*
Randolph				0	0*	0*
Washington				0	0*	0*

✓ Sparta has **No Disparity** with regards to Permanency of African American Children.

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Disparity ratio on this variable = (number of African American children achieving permanency divided by number of African American children who enter care) over (number of White children achieving permanency by the number of White children who enter care).

Racial Disparity: Indices Category

No disparity - 0 to 0.99

Low disparity - 1.00 to 1.49

Moderate disparity - 1.5 to 2.49

Significant disparity - 2.5 to 3.49

Action Team Development:
Activities, Goals, Outcomes

About Sparta Action Team (FY18)

- Chairs/Co-Chairs *(as of June 30th)*
  - Tina Simpson (current)

Goals (FY18)

- Action Team Goals (As of March 2018)
  - Continue to work towards expanding resources especially for foster parents.
  - Continued need for expanding resources for foster parents

Annual Activities (FY18)

- No full action team meetings, but team communication with community partners and constituents as needed to move forward

    Team met on November 2, 2017 and March 29, 2018.

- Team is working on expanding resources for foster parents.

- Actively involved in collaborative efforts with state's attorneys and court systems

Concerns/Barriers (FY18)

Concerns/Barriers

- No current formal full team meetings are being conducted.
- Overlap between action team membership.
- No current data supplied by Division to assess current service data trends and updates on permanency numbers for region.

RESPONSE to Concerns/Barriers

- Working on specific identified needs with attorneys and court system.
- In lieu of not having updated data, as such has not been made available by Division, have used most recent data to frame decision-making.

Outcomes (FY18)

- Working on expanding the resources for foster parents.
- . Team is working on specific identified needs with attorneys and court systems

- plans or next steps for this action team
  - Consideration of full team meetings as needed.
  - Continue to develop and engage in partnership with court systems and attorneys.
  - Implement survey to assess support needs of 'Action Team' to garner ongoing specified support form University partner which will further specify work with local community.
  - Solicit and await the arrival of updated data to continue to assess area permanency trends.