



Ready Families Collaborative and local home visiting programs

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WHO WE ARE

Any Baby Can is a Central Texas nonprofit that works with families to overcome obstacles and achieve well-being.

With programs that meet clients where they are – at home, work or school – Any Baby Can helps build stability, develop skills and navigate systems so children and families reach their full potential.

Any Baby Can serves as the fiscal and contract holder for the Ready Families Collaborative since 2015.

Vision

A community that empowers parents, prioritizes healthy families, and invests in child development.

Mission

Any Baby Can partners with families to build stability, develop skills, and unlock each child's full potential.

WHAT IS THE READY FAMILIES COLLABORTIVE (RFC)?

- RFC consists of 10 organizations that provide early childhood and support services to families living within Travis County.
- The services provided by the RFC focus on the development of children ages 0 to 5 and family units that support them.
- Families are offered a range of evidence or research-based services that will help their children be successful in their development, education, and life.
- Services include home visitation, Two-Generation models, Play to Learn groups and parenting classes, child development services, and case management.



Home Visitation



Child Development



Two Generation models



Play to Learn and Parent Education classes

HOW WE STARTED

- The RFC was formed through the work of the Family Support Network, School Readiness Action Plan (SRAP) facilitated by United Way of Greater Austin.
- The RFC's purpose and goals were aligned with the Ready Families strategies of the School Readiness Action Plan (now known as the Success by 6 Strategic Plan).
- Any Baby Can was awarded the City of Austin contract for Ready Families in 2015.
- Today, the RFC's goals and work fall primarily within the Healthy Beginnings and Supported Families pillars of the Success by 6 Strategic plan
 - **Healthy Beginnings:** Community ensures the healthy births of all children and continue to provide the physical healthcare, developmental and mental health supports, and community resources they need to thrive throughout their childhood
 - **Supported Families:** Families have access to and use the resources that provide them with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and social support to positively nurture the health, safety, and development of their children, and develop greater financial stability.





OUR PARTNERS

Any Baby Can

Austin PBS

AVANCE of Austin

Camp Fire Balcones

Communities in Schools

Jeremiah Program

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas

SAFE Alliance

YMCA of Austin

United Way of Greater Austin



Play to Learn and Parenting Groups

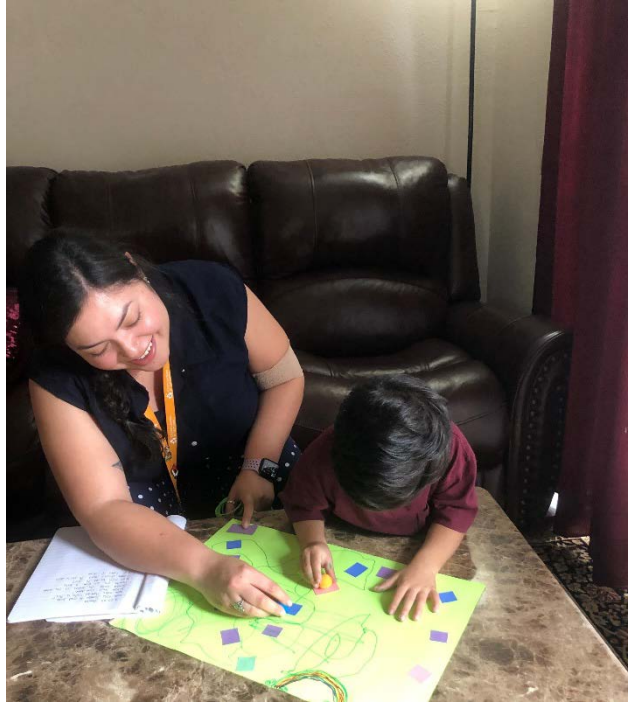
- **Any Baby Can**
 - Nurturing Families and Nurturing Fathers (16-week groups)
 - Serves parents with children 0-18, primarily involved in child welfare system
- **Austin PBS**
 - Play to Learn Model (10-week groups)
 - Serves Parents with children 0-3
 - Digital literacy focus
- **Camp Fire Balcones**
 - Play to Learn Model (10-week groups)
 - Serves parents with children ages 0-3
 - Nature and environment focus
- **Literacy Coalition of Central Texas**
 - Play and Learning (PALS) model (10-week groups)
 - Services parents with children 1-4 years old
- **YMCA of Greater Austin**
 - Early Learning Readiness model (10-week groups)
 - Services parents with children ages 0-4
- **SAFE Alliance**
 - Strong Start, Incredible years, Triple P
 - Parents with children 0-5



Two Generation Programs

- **AVANCE of Austin**
 - Parent-Child Education Program (ECE), Triple P, Adult Education ESL
 - Serves parents with children ages 0-4 (9-month program)
- **Communities in Schools –**
 - ASPIRE – Adult ESL classes, Incredible Years, Parents As Teachers
 - Serves Parents with children ages 0-5 (9-month program)
- **Jeremiah Program**
 - High Scope Curriculum, Life Skills, Parent Leadership, Childcare, Parent Education
 - Serves mothers with children under age 5





Home Visiting Programs

- **Any Baby Can**
 - Nurse-Family Partnership (Birth to 2 years old)
 - Parents as Teachers (Birth to age 5)
 - Early Childhood Intervention (Birth to age 3)
 - CARE (Children with Special Healthcare needs – Birth to age 20)
 - Serves parents and children 0-5
- **AVANCE of Austin**
 - Parent-Child Education Program (ECE), Once a month home visit
- **Communities in Schools –**
 - ASPIRE –Parents As Teachers (once a month home visit)



Let's Talk Data!

Fiscal Year (FY)15-22 Data on Eligible Children Served

- Data focus: **Eligible children** (under 6 years old, residents of Austin or Travis County)
- Key data collected by Ready Families Collaborative agencies
 - **Services provided**
 - Number of service units
 - Active/enrollment and dismissal dates
 - **Pre/Post assessment dates**
 - Improvement (Yes/No)
 - **Client demographics**
 - Date of birth/age
 - Race/ethnicity
 - Household Income to Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
 - Residence (City, County, Zip Code)
- On a quarterly basis, partners receive dashboards for quality monitoring
 - We aim to keep missing data rates <5%

Ready Families Collaborative: Agencies included in FY 15-22 Data

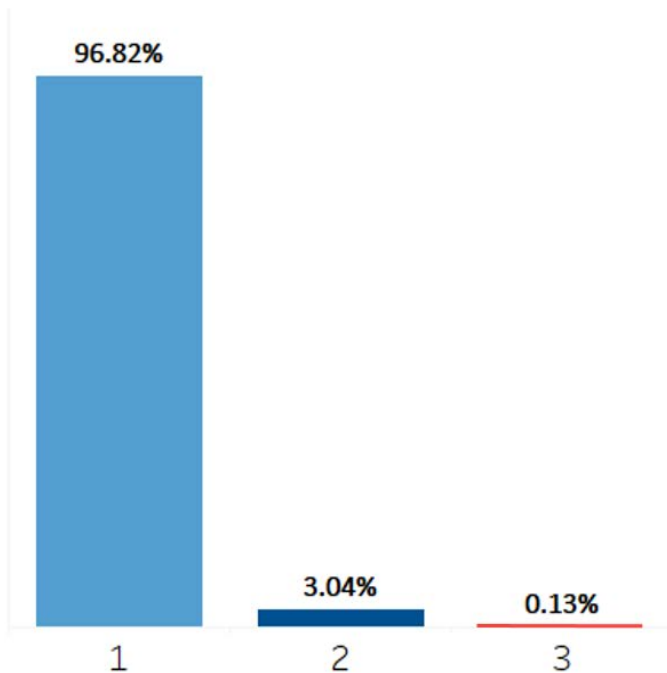
- Enrollment varies widely by agency due to capacity and type of services
 - Ex: Jeremiah Program provides housing and extensive wraparound services
- Note that very few clients served by The SAFE Alliance are included in this data due to client confidentiality

Agencies represented and eligible children served by included programs, FY 15-22

Agency	Included Services	N	%
Any Baby Can	ECL, FEP Nurturing Parenting, HFS Parenting Education, Parents as Teachers, Nurse-Family Partnership, Tandem Prenatal Education, Triple P	4,162	48.8%
AVANCE Austin	Parent Child Education Program, Summer Program, HEB READ 3 Program	1,628	19.1%
Campfire USA	Play to Learn, Play to Learn/ELR	165	1.9%
Communities in Schools	ASPIRE	267	3.1%
Jeremiah Program	Jeremiah Program	71	0.8%
KLRU	Play to Learn	509	6.0%
Literacy Coalition	Play and Learning Strategies	1,318	15.4%
The SAFE Alliance	Strong Start	22	0.3%
YMCA	Play to Learn/ELR	576	6.8%

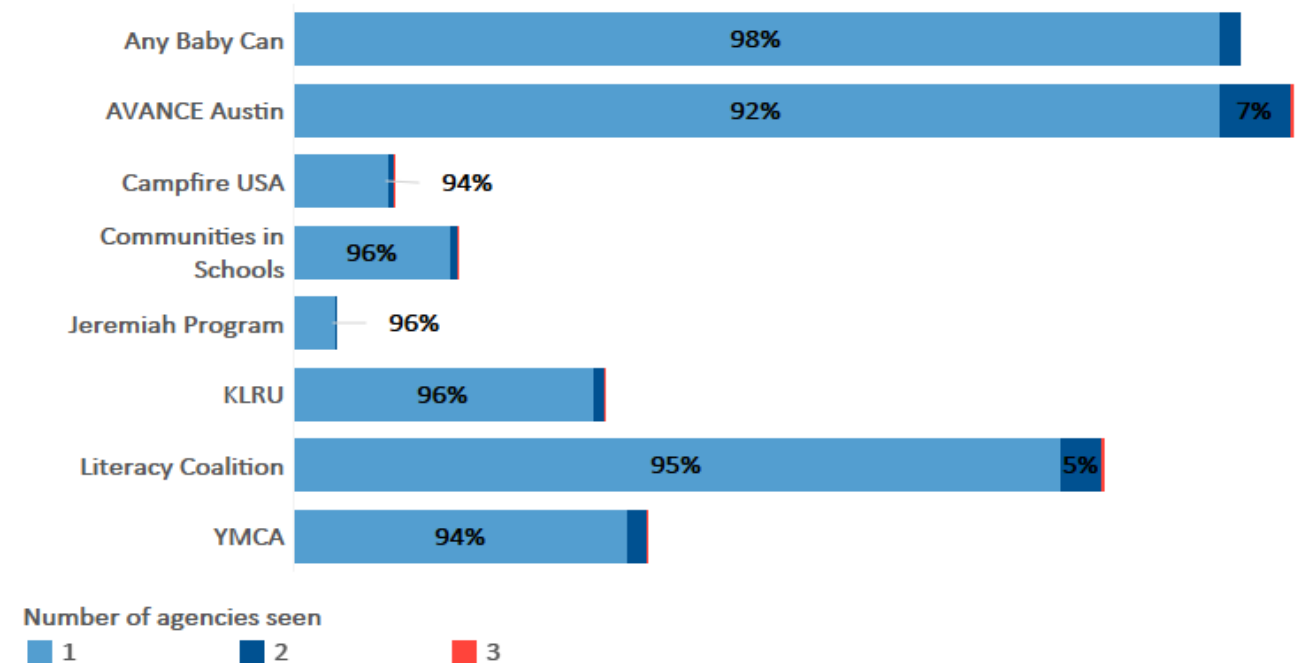
Ready Families Collaborative: Agencies included in FY 15-22 Data

Percent of eligible children served by one, two, or three partners, FY 15-22



- Low rates of client duplication – although some intentional referral between partners
 - Ex: AVANCE Austin identifies children for referral to Early Childhood Intervention at Any Baby Can

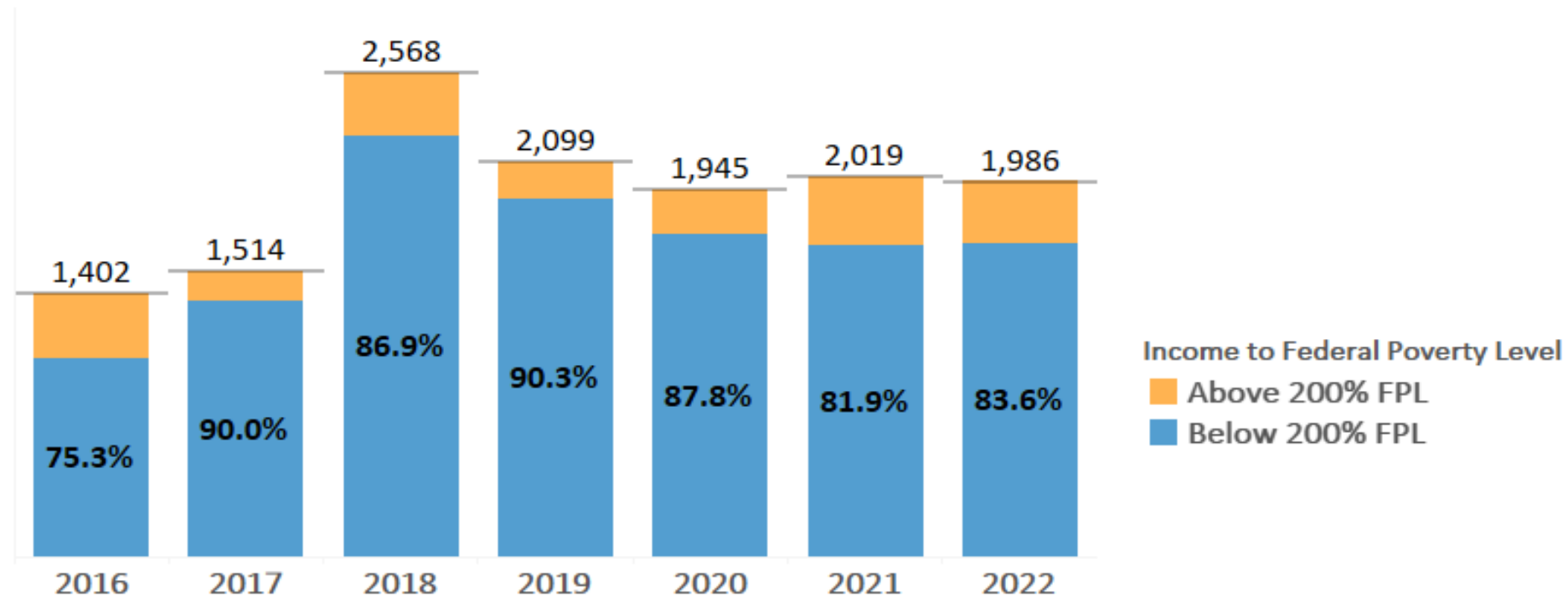
Percent of eligible children served who only saw one agency by RFC partner (excluding The SAFE Alliance), FY 15-22



Eligible children served and percent from low-income households

- In recent years, the RFC served ~2000 children under ages 6 from Austin/Travis County annually
- Most children served by the RFC are from households with low incomes

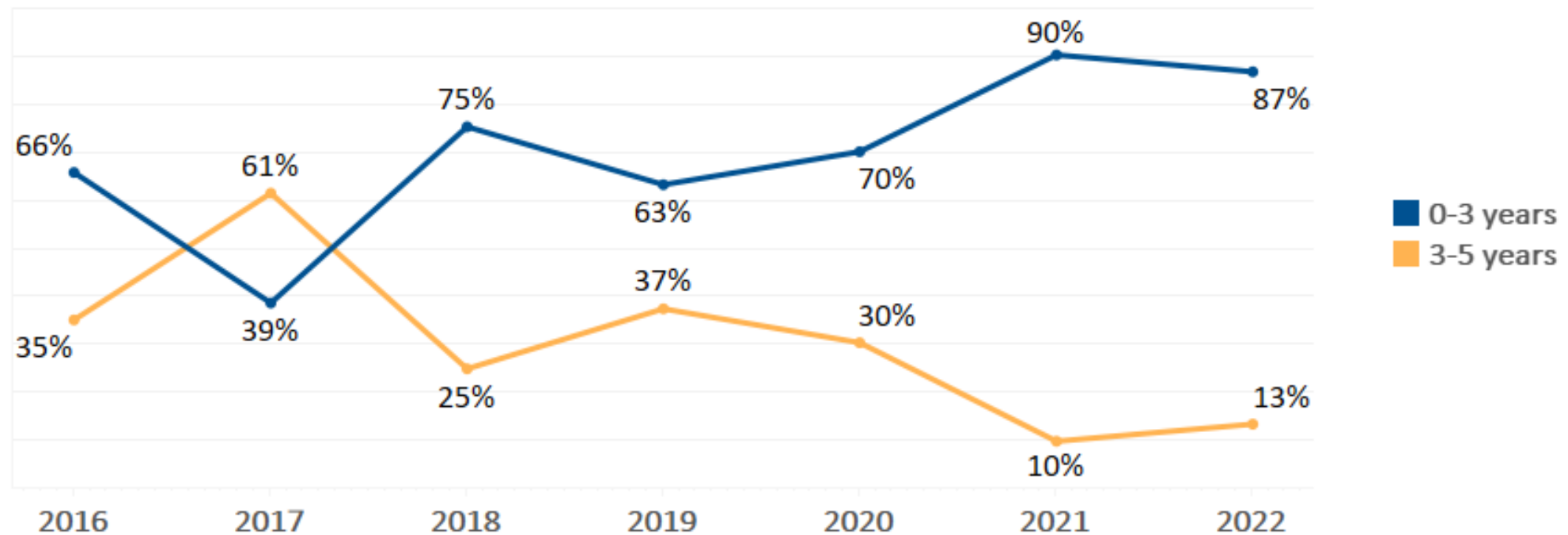
Eligible children served by the RFC and percent from households with low income (<200% FPL), FY15-22



Eligible children under age 6: focusing on the early years

- Agencies have intentionally worked to increase reach to families with younger children
 - Goal of early intervention with ECI and school readiness services
 - Gateway to social services ecosystem, with partner referrals to other supports

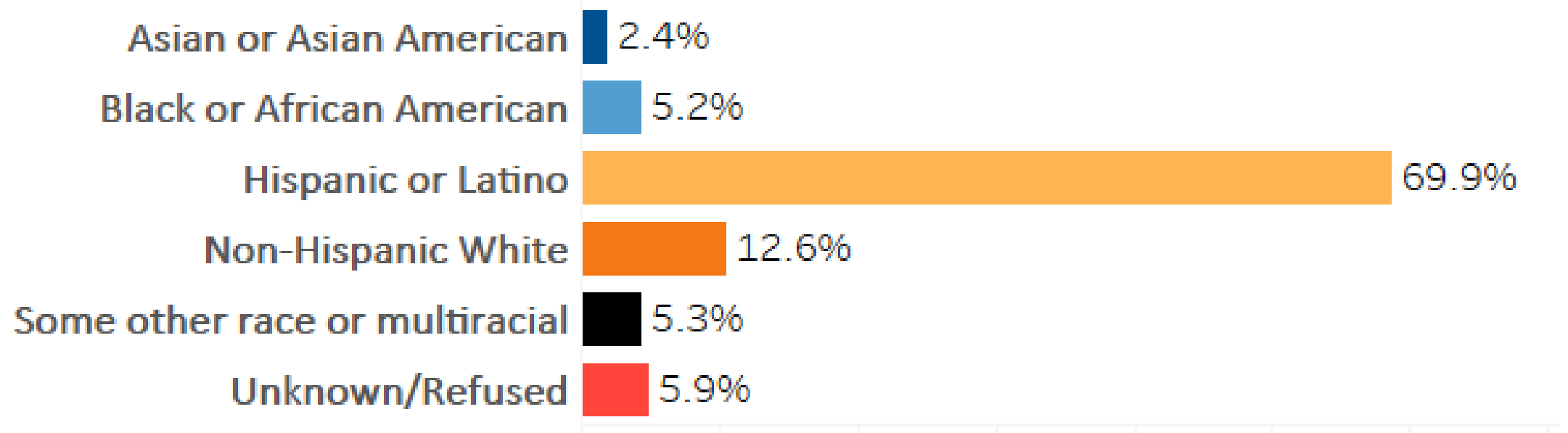
Percent of eligible children served by age group, FY 15-22



Race/ethnicity of eligible children served by the RFC

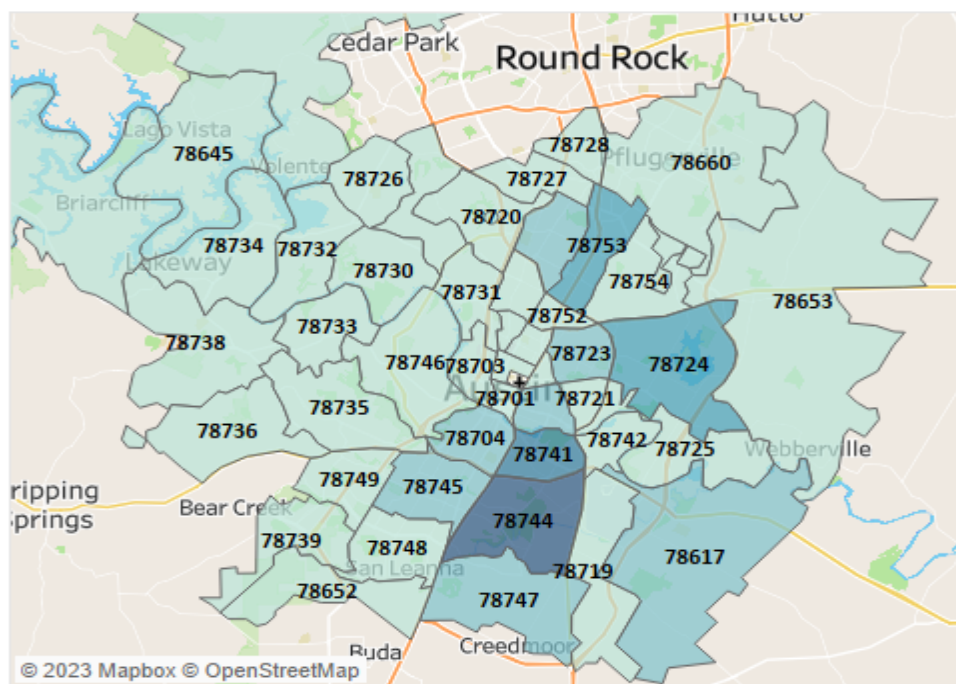
- In all years of the RFC, most children served were Hispanic or Latino
- Most eligible children missing race/ethnicity data were served in FY 16 (4% of all served)
 - Less than 1% of eligible children were missing this information each year in FY 16-22

Percent of eligible children served by race/ethnicity, FY 15-22



Geographic Reach of RFC services to eligible children in Austin/Travis County

Eligible children served FY 15-22:
Number of clients by zip code

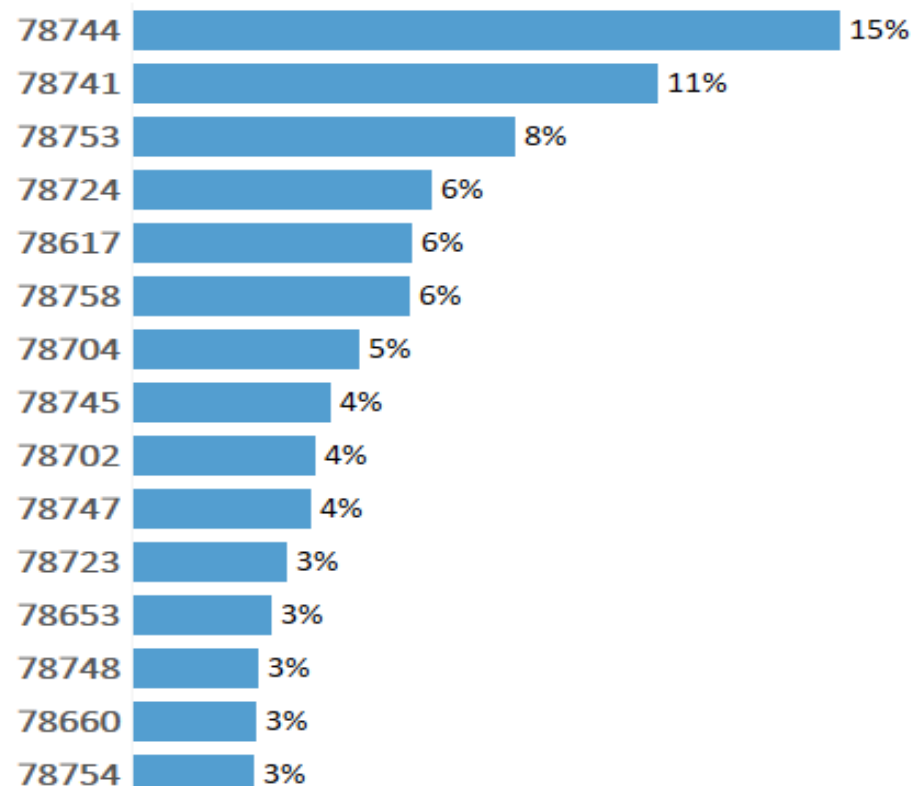


Distinct count of Client Record ID



- Relatively high service reach to clients in North, East, and Southern zip codes

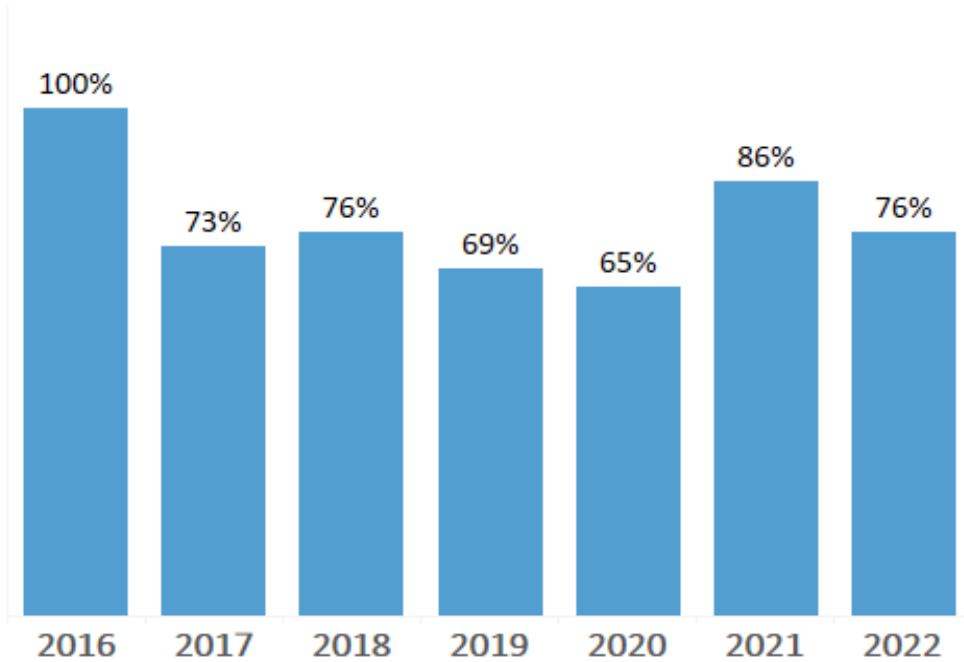
Top fifteen zip codes served by the RFC:
Percent of all eligible children, FY 15-22



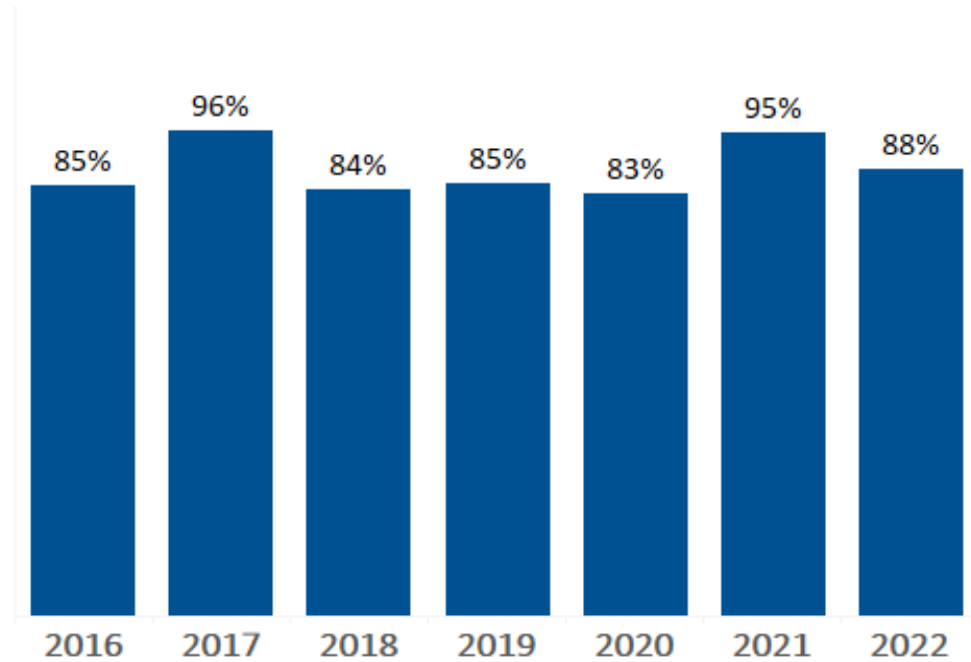
Assessment and improvement rates for eligible children (or their parents)

- Children (or their parents) are pre- and post-assessed for improvement
 - Type of assessment varies depending on services received. Assessment rates are viewed by household
- The majority of eligible children/households assessed improve from pre- to post- test

Percent of eligible children (or their parents) assessed: FY 15-22



Improvement rates for eligible children (or their parents) assessed: FY 15-22





Collaborative Successes over the years

- Developed a continuum of service model - linkage between the different programs offered by collaborative partners.
- Referral/outreach coordination process through the work of United Way of Greater Austin's Referral and Resource tool (Connect ATX)
- Shared data management and process improvement to reduce duplication of services using Any Baby Can's Apricot data system.
- Improved the quality of services through shared professional development and networking.
- Shared resources especially during the time of the Covid-19 pandemic (i.e., diapers, formula, mental health resources, meal distribution, outreach support).



Challenges experienced

➤ Affordability and Cost of Living

- Families in Austin are facing ever-increasing costs of living. Having adaptable, nearby programs that can meet a family's work schedules with onsite and home visit services are crucial.
- Many of our partners have had to incorporate case management as part of their program in order to help address family stressors around basic needs, especially during and post Covid pandemic.
- Programs see more families relocating to more affordable areas outside of Austin and into rural parts of the county. Programs have had to adjust service locations as well as moving services to a hybrid approach to provide flexibility.

➤ Staffing shortages

- Recruiting and hiring have been a challenge, especially for bilingual and licensed positions. Many partners have had to increase salaries, in some cases by 15-20% across the past 2 years, in order to retain and onboard quality staff.



What Our Clients Say

- "I had two children in this program, and it has been an **excellent help to me**... my eldest child had the opportunity to experience school a little thanks to Play to Learn, in some way it **prepared him** for the routine and learning of regular school every day"
- "Once I met Any Baby Can, I felt **supported as a mother, as a woman and as a human being**. They have helped me learn to speak up for myself, to advocate for my children, and to understand the systems in this country as an immigrant. For the first time in my life, I felt like **my voice was important.**"
- "AVANCE was one of **the best decisions I could make**. My son developed many skills in no time, as well as me....AVANCE always supports you and informs you about what's going on in our community, inviting you to develop your talents, and above to be prepared to solve difficult situations."
- "My nurse encouraged me to get mental health support through Any Baby Can, **which changed my entire perspective** and showed me that **YES I can do this.**"





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