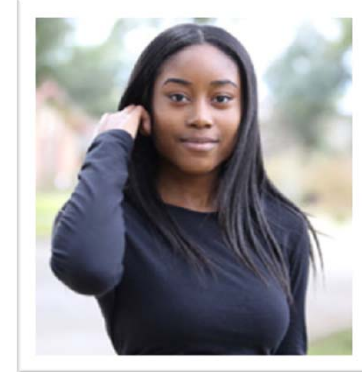




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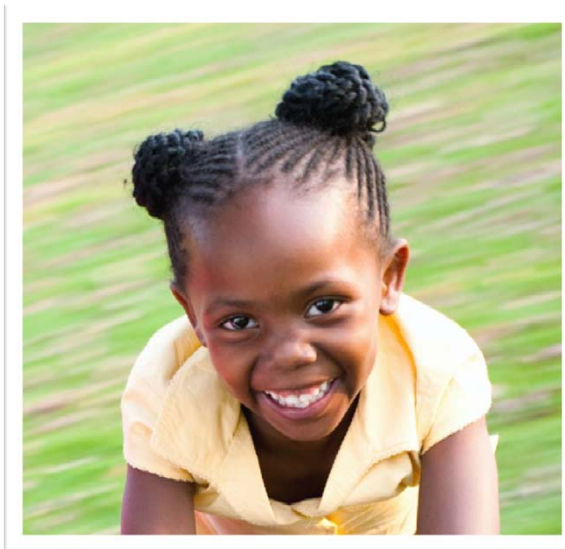


Commission on Black Girls

November 15, 2018

Mission

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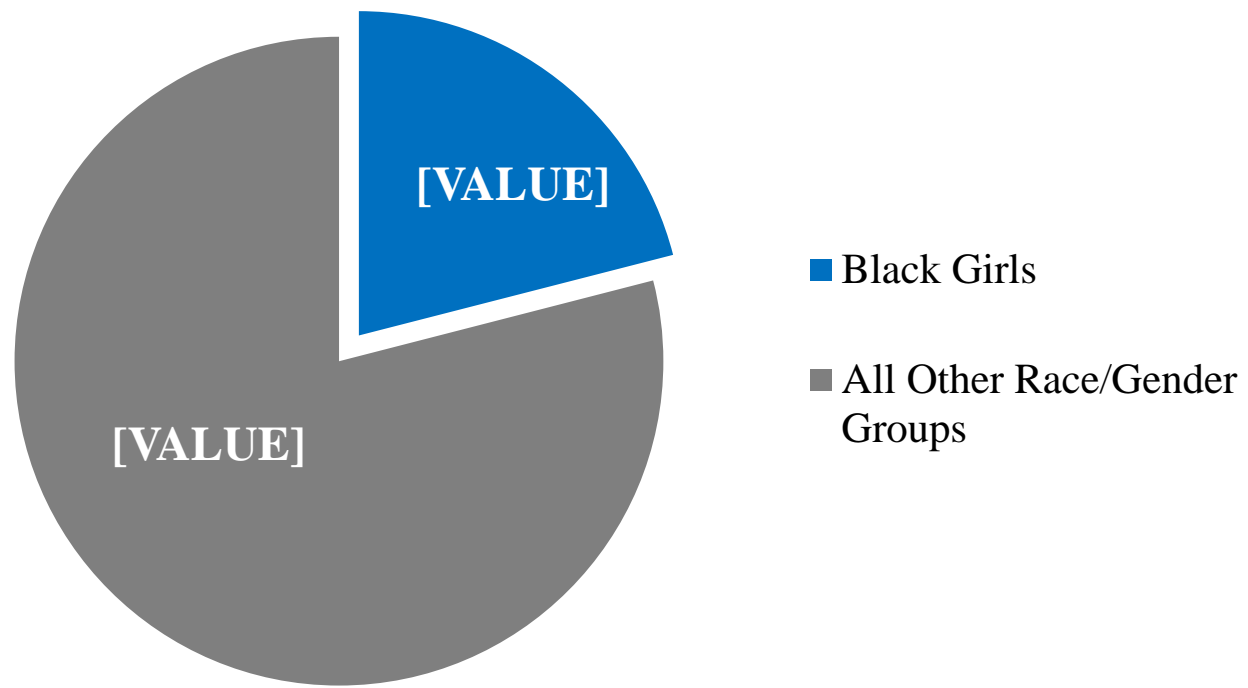
Vision

Safety, Permanency and Well-being for every child





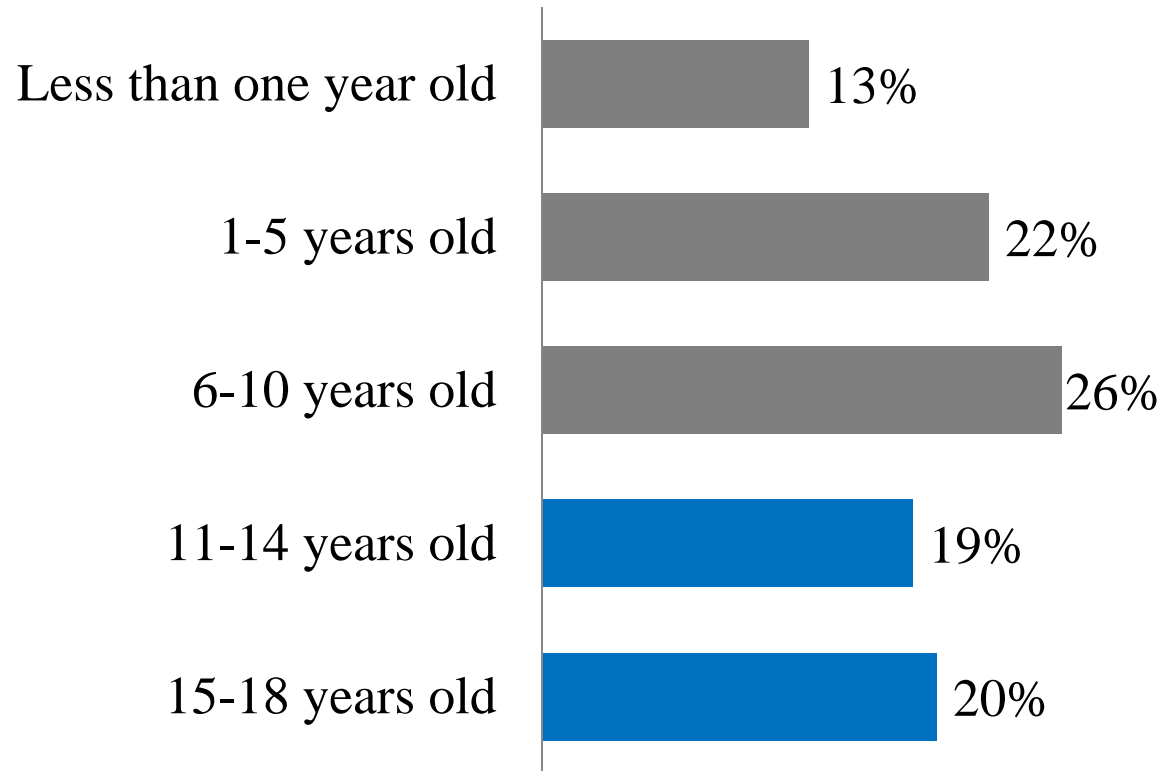
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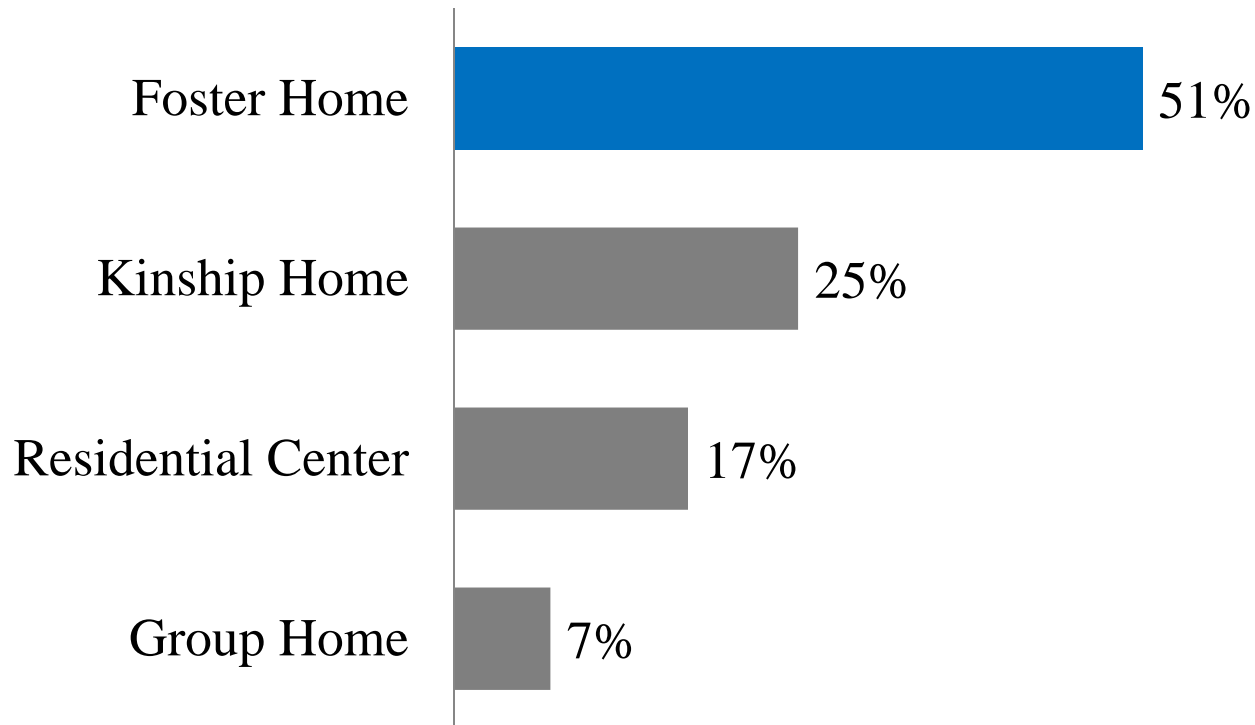
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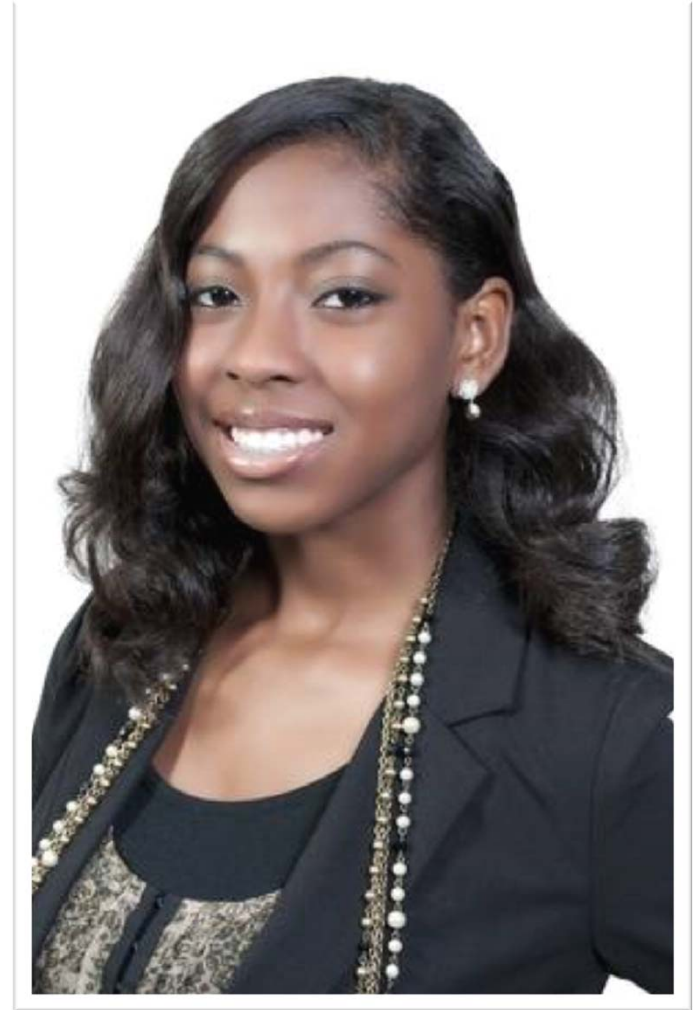


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Services Provided to Black Girls with Agency Involvement

- Malika Mentoring Program
- College Bound Mentoring Program
- Therapeutic Arts Program (TAP)
- Independent Living Services
- Youth Advisory Council



Quality of Life of Black Girls with Agency Involvement

- Safe environment
- Basic needs
- Education
- Medical/Health
- Well-being (Impact of trauma)
- Relationships



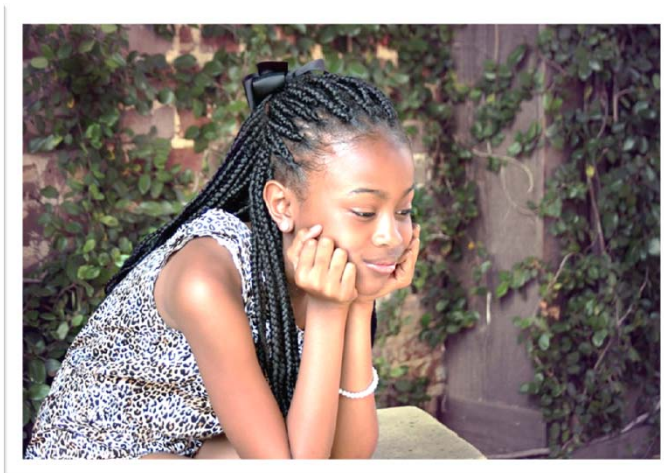
Outcomes of Services

- Ensure Black Girls remain in the community and educational setting
- Positive, ongoing relationships
- Timely permanency with a family
- Improved educational outcomes
- Healthy relationships and lifestyle choices
- Resilience



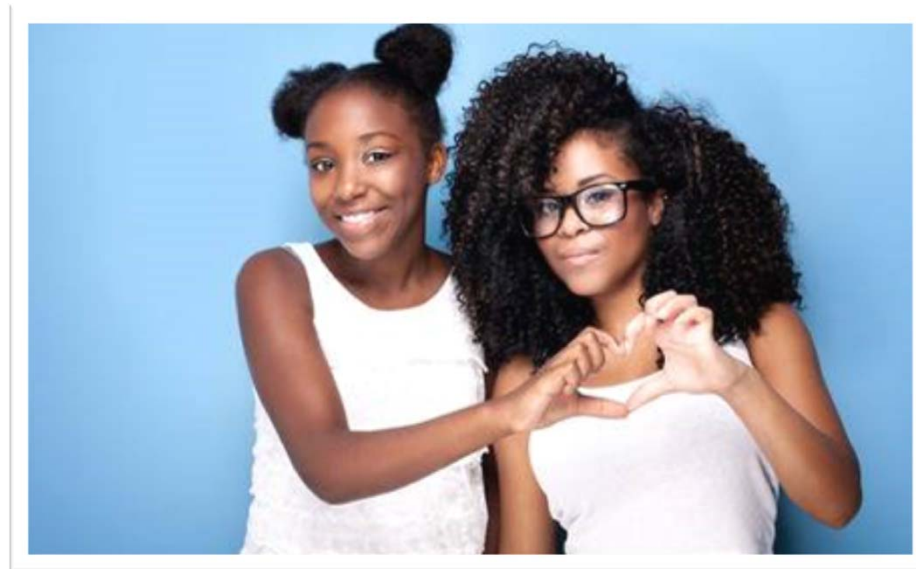
Permanency Challenges

- Youth want to stay with siblings
- Youth not open to leaving Ohio
- Youth want to remain in same school setting and current community
- Youth want to maintain relationship/close proximity with family
- Youth with treatment needs
- Divided loyalties



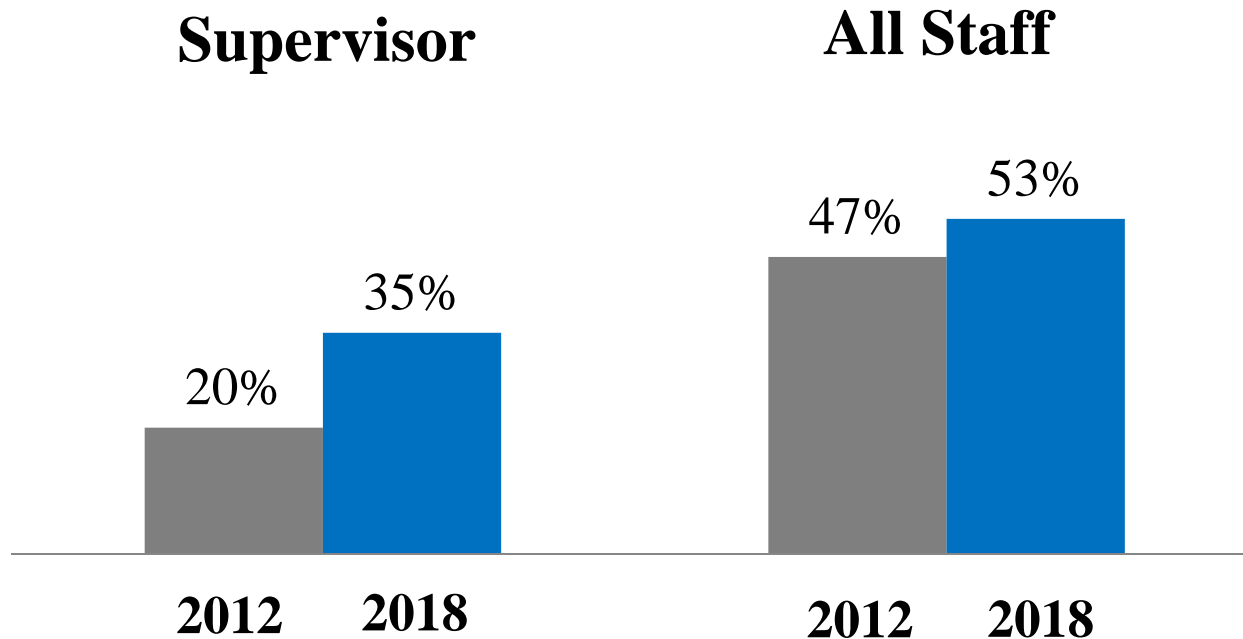
Opportunities in Provision of Services

- Increase kinship placement and supports when removal from home is necessary
- Increase involvement/participation in leadership opportunities
- Build a culture of equity throughout the agency to foster positive outcomes for Black Girls and all children and strengthen relationships with our partners





Changes in % of FCCS Staff of Color from 2012 to 2018



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What can the Commission on Black Girls and the Community do to Improve the Quality of Life for Black Girls?

- Explore volunteer opportunities through FCCS Mentoring Program
- Partner with school districts to provide programming

