California's Child Welfare

Continuum of Care Reform (CCR)

Overview For Contra Costa County

THE CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM

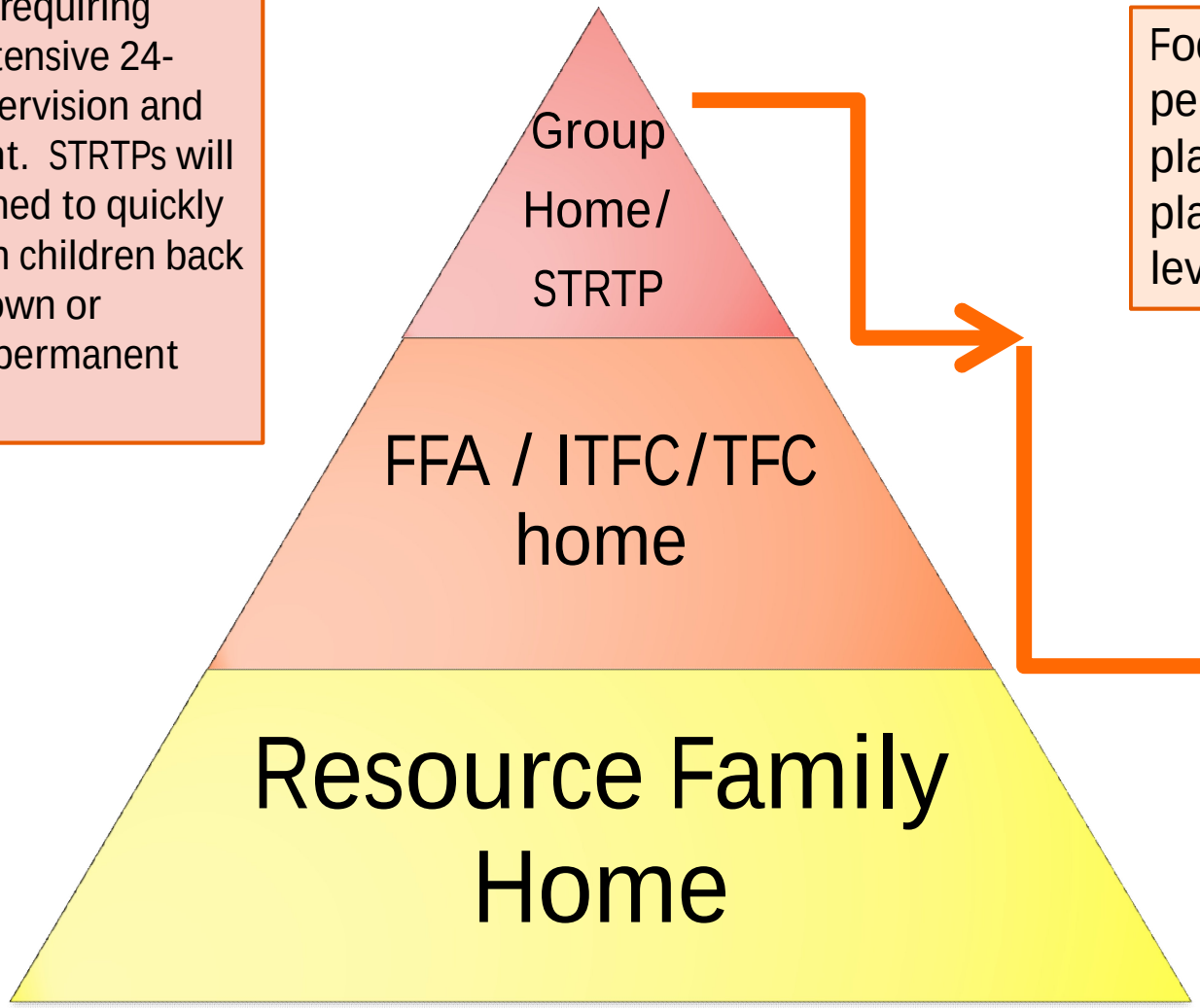
CCR is mandated by AB 403 and is a comprehensive framework that supports children, youth and families across placement settings in achieving permanency.

CCR includes:

- Increased engagement with children, youth and families
- Increased capacity for home-based family care
- Limited use of group home care
- Changes in rates, training, accreditation, mental health services and accountability & performance

Stepping down to Home Based Care

Children requiring highly intensive 24-hour supervision and treatment. STRTPs will be designed to quickly transition children back to their own or another permanent family



Focused on permanency planning at all placement levels.

Increased Behavioral Health Services

Intensive Care Coordinators (ICC): assigned to children who meet medical necessity criteria to facilitate teaming and coordinate mental health care

From 01/2017 – 07/2017

216 ICC eligibility screenings complete	62 clients closed out of ICC services	389 referrals
71 were eligible and referred to ICC services	Based on meeting goals and no longer needing additional services	made to Care Managed Unit for outpatient therapy referrals for children with mild to moderate symptoms

Total open ICC cases as of 07/2017: 326

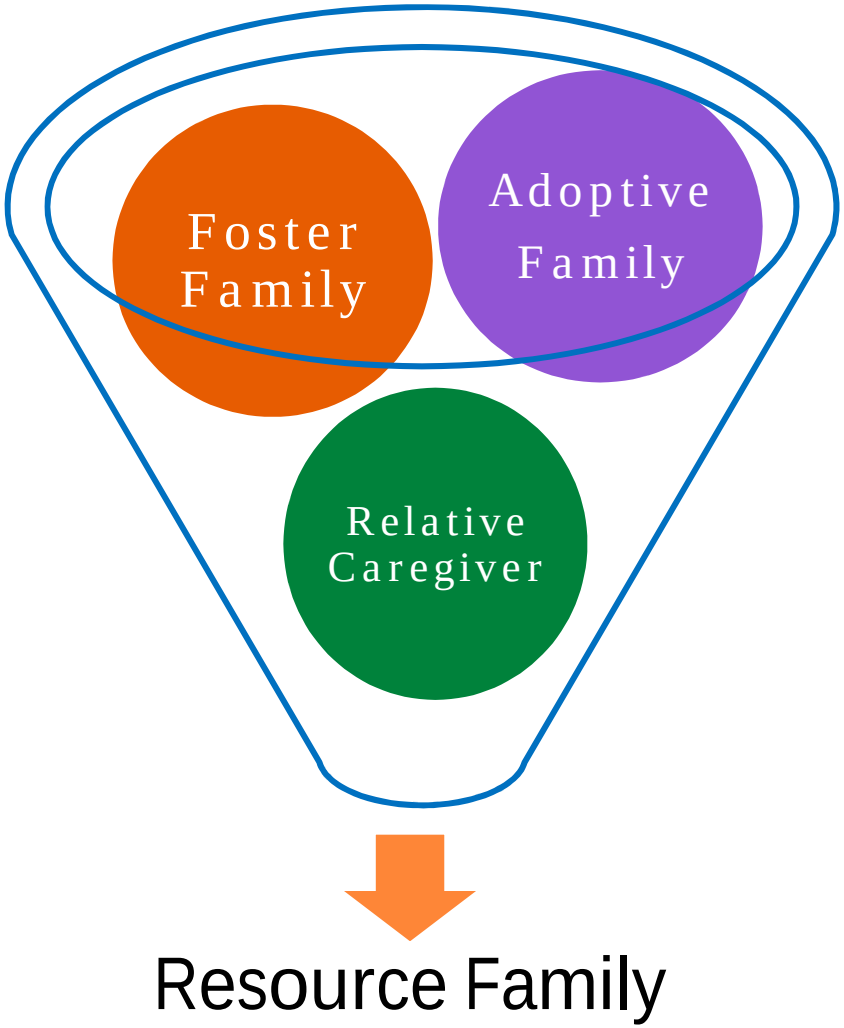
CCR Core Element: Increased Engagement

CFS has completed 302 Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings between 01/2017 and 07/2017

- 164 Team Decision Making/CFT meetings (referral)
- 21 Court CFTs
- 35 Continuing/Intensive Family Services meetings
- 20 placement disruption
- 62 Youth Transition Meetings

CCR also includes another big shift from:

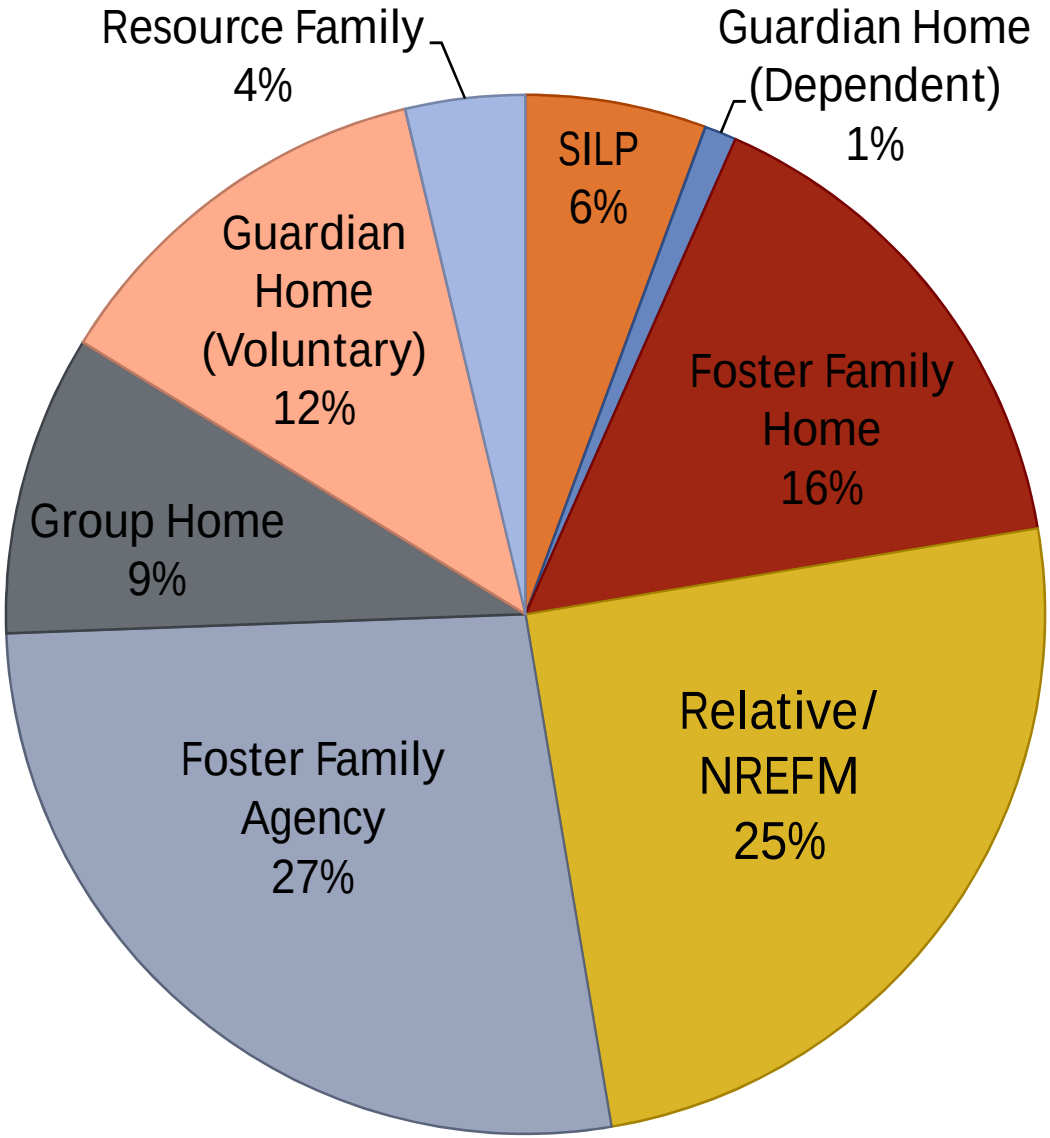
Foster Families/Relatives → Resource Families



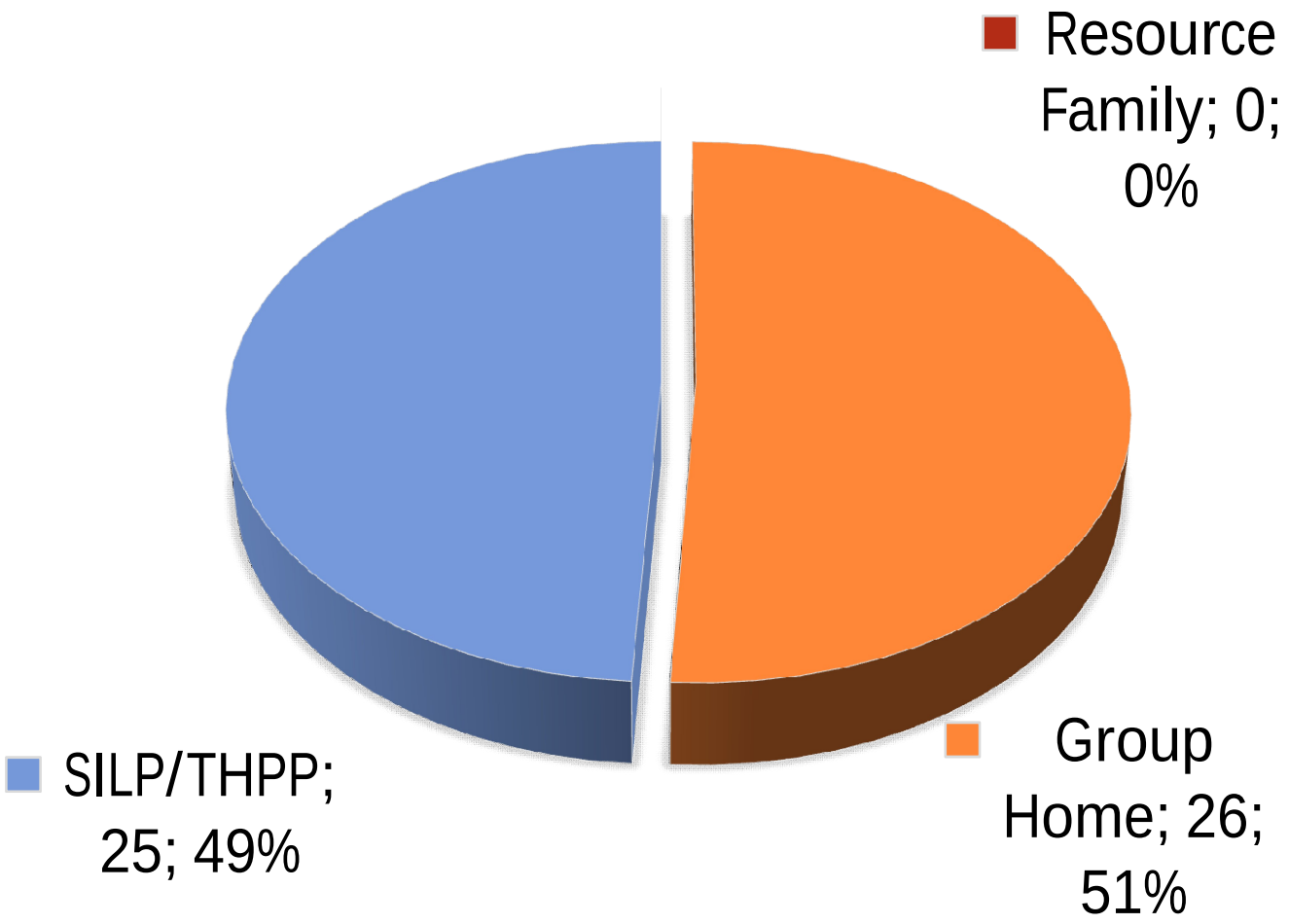
- Contra Costa is receiving consistently 40-45 Resource Family Applications per month since 04/2017 and approximately 2/3 of them are relatives.

- There is a renewed focus on Emergency Placements with relatives since RFA was implemented 01/2017.

Children & Family Services Placements



Contra Costa Probation Placements



SILP: Supervised Independent Living Placement
THPP: Transitional Housing Placement Program

Implications for Contra Costa County

CCC needs to actively recruit and approve more Resource Family Homes

Response:

- Increased recruitment: buses, movie theater ads
- Targeted recruitment for older youth and high needs youth

CCC needs to develop additional services to support youth formerly in Group Homes now in home based settings

Response:

- CFS has entered into a Mental Health interagency agreement to provide additional mental health services to support youth in home based family care
- Mental Health has begun expansion of specialty services such as Parent Partners, Emergency Foster Care Unit, ICCs

LOOKING AHEAD

and Probation will continue to collaborate as we address the challenges and implications of CCR to effectively meet the needs of the children and families we serve.