



Assembly Budget Sub #1 Health and Human Services

CA Alliance of Child and Family Services

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Who We Are

- 150 nonprofit nationally accredited organizations
- Serving children, youth and families in public systems (child welfare, adoption, behavioral health, education, juvenile justice and prevention)
- Over 700,000 children and youth served by member organizations



Catalyst Center

- Training and Technical Assistance
- ACES Aware Initiative
- Provider Helpline
 - Supported process for return of Out of State Youth
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative

Gaps in Continuum impacting BIPOC youth

Use of Family Finding and Engagement

Resource families

Increase Permanency by increasing funding to support FFA social workers

Adequate resources for STRTPs

Crisis services and hospital alternatives

Culturally responsive systems



Impacts on Service Providers during COVID

Service Provision

- Move to virtual
- Social workers and residential staff continued in person work
- Distance learning

Staff

- Direct service and social work staff hit hardest
- Additional staff required in residential care to meet educational needs

Operational

- Significant costs for maintaining operations
- COVID outbreaks in STRTPs limited capacity

Dramatically Less Likely to Achieve Permanency



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Loss of a Social Worker Repercussions are Far-reaching

FFA Social Worker Budget Proposal

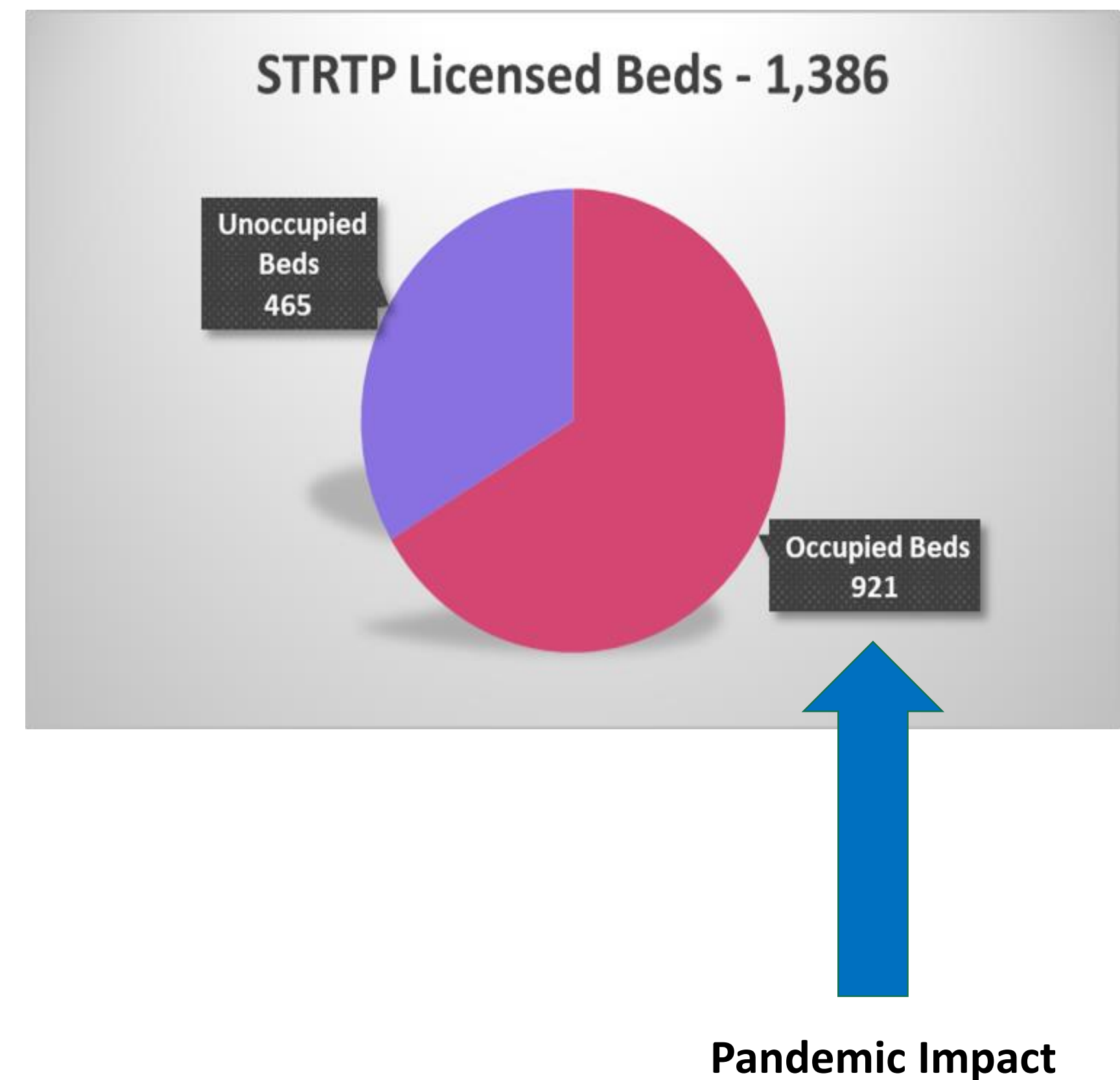
- \$5.4 Million SGF ongoing
- Serving 1/3 of all foster families
- 100% Intensive Services Foster Care



- \$50 per child per month
- Goes directly to Social Workers
- New SGF allocation available due to SW time study

Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs - COVID Impacts

- \$42 Million One Time SGF
 - \$30M FY21-22 and \$12M FY22-23
- Increased Staffing Costs
- Facility and Equipment
- Lost Revenues



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