

# Family Solutions Annual Report 2016-2017



*Every Child Deserves a Safe and Loving Home.*

# Our Mission

The mission of Family Solutions is to provide safe and loving homes, families and services that will enable foster children in our care to heal from family trauma and develop into strong, self-reliant, moral adults.

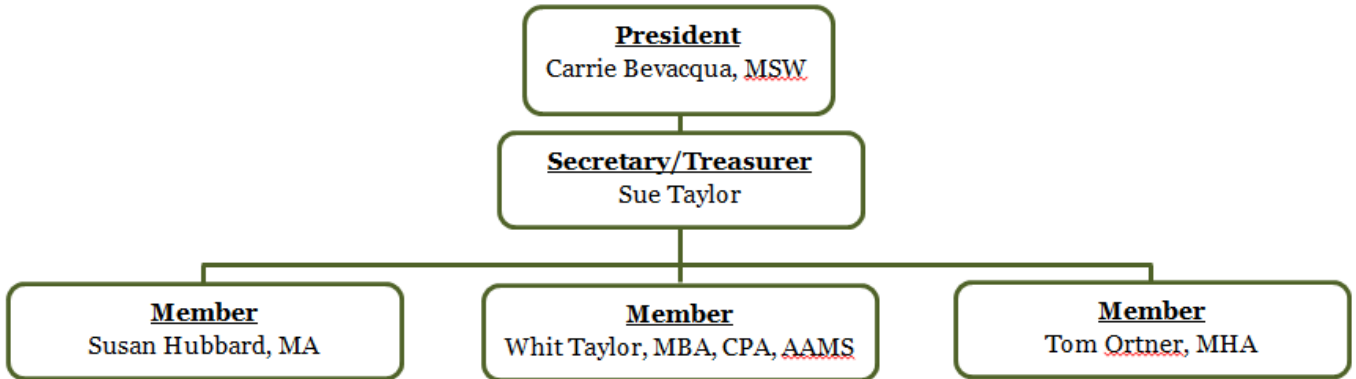
We are devoted to nurturing children's emotional, social, spiritual, academic and physical development. We also strive to facilitate families in maintaining healthy, productive, supportive family systems; in so doing, we commit to establish a stable home environment in which children can grow.

# Our Vision

The Vision for Family Solutions is to develop our organization to provide the utmost in quality care for children placed with our carefully chosen foster families; assure that supervision and staff training afford all staff the opportunity to grow and increase their abilities to provide quality service; expand the number of Family Solutions' foster families to better meet the growing need in the counties we serve; and create a culture of excellence through Performance and Quality Improvement activities to assure the integrity and viability of our services.

# Family Solutions

## Board of Directors



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## Staff Members

Trishanne Lininger, MA, LMFT, LPCC, Executive Director

Courtney Calkins, MA, LMFT, Supervising Social Worker

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## **We're Almost Accredited!**

In order to comply with California's new Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) regulations, Family Solutions, Foster Family Agency applied for national accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) in May of 2016. After submitting our application, Family Solutions worked to improve our current practices to not only meet the standards developed by COA that reflect best practices, but to ensure Family Solutions is delivering the best possible services to our community. On May 15th and 16th of 2017 COA sent two peer reviewers to Family Solutions to evaluate our success in meeting the standards of quality. They responded and asked us to submit updates to 3 areas (out of 87) that they believe did not fully comply with COA Standards by July 21, 2017. Once the submission has been approved, we should receive official accreditation.

# Our Program

## Foster Care Services

The purpose of Family Solutions' Foster Care Services is to provide healthy home environments for youth and non-minor dependents (NMD) and develop individualized, culturally relevant, trauma informed, age and developmentally appropriate treatment plans to assist in that effort. The ultimate goal is to take the neglected and abused youth/NMD in whom we have been entrusted and offer them safe and loving homes, families and services that will enable them to heal and live content, healthy lives. It is the mission of Family Solutions to support all family members in the development of a family system which protects, provides for, and honors all family members, especially the youth/NMDs. In order to accomplish this goal, Family Solutions delivers a comprehensive system of care to teach youth/NMD, as well as the biological family members.

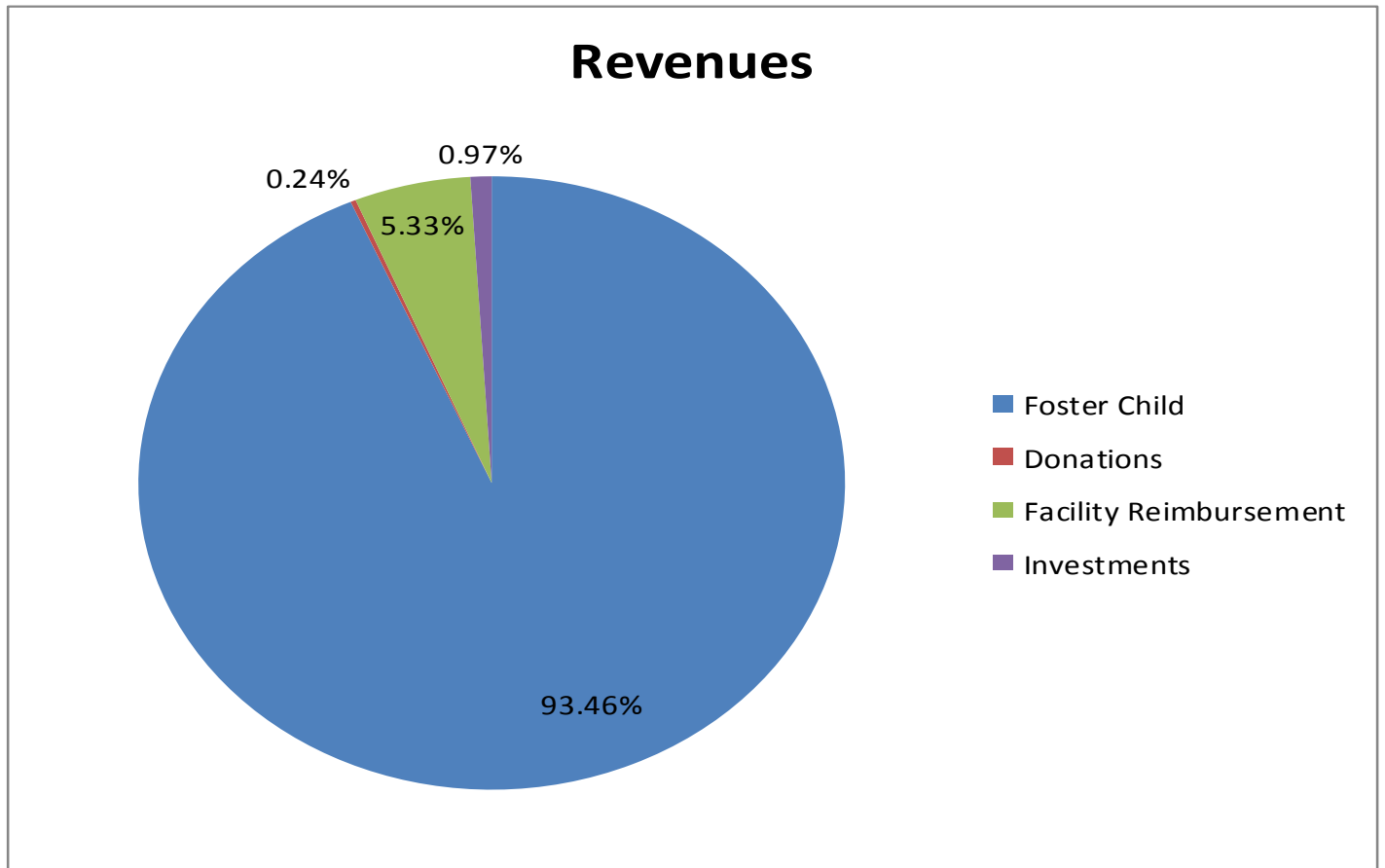
Integral to this mission is the goal to recruit quality, experienced, loving Resource Families who:

- Are interested in supporting the emotional, educational, physical, social, and spiritual growth of the youth/NMD;
- Have realistic expectations regarding the challenges of foster care;
- Are individually prepared to offer their love and family resources for the care of a youth/NMD.

Family Solutions only recruits Resource Families who are unanimously approved by at least three staff members and also achieve the state standards and county requirements for becoming a Resource Family.



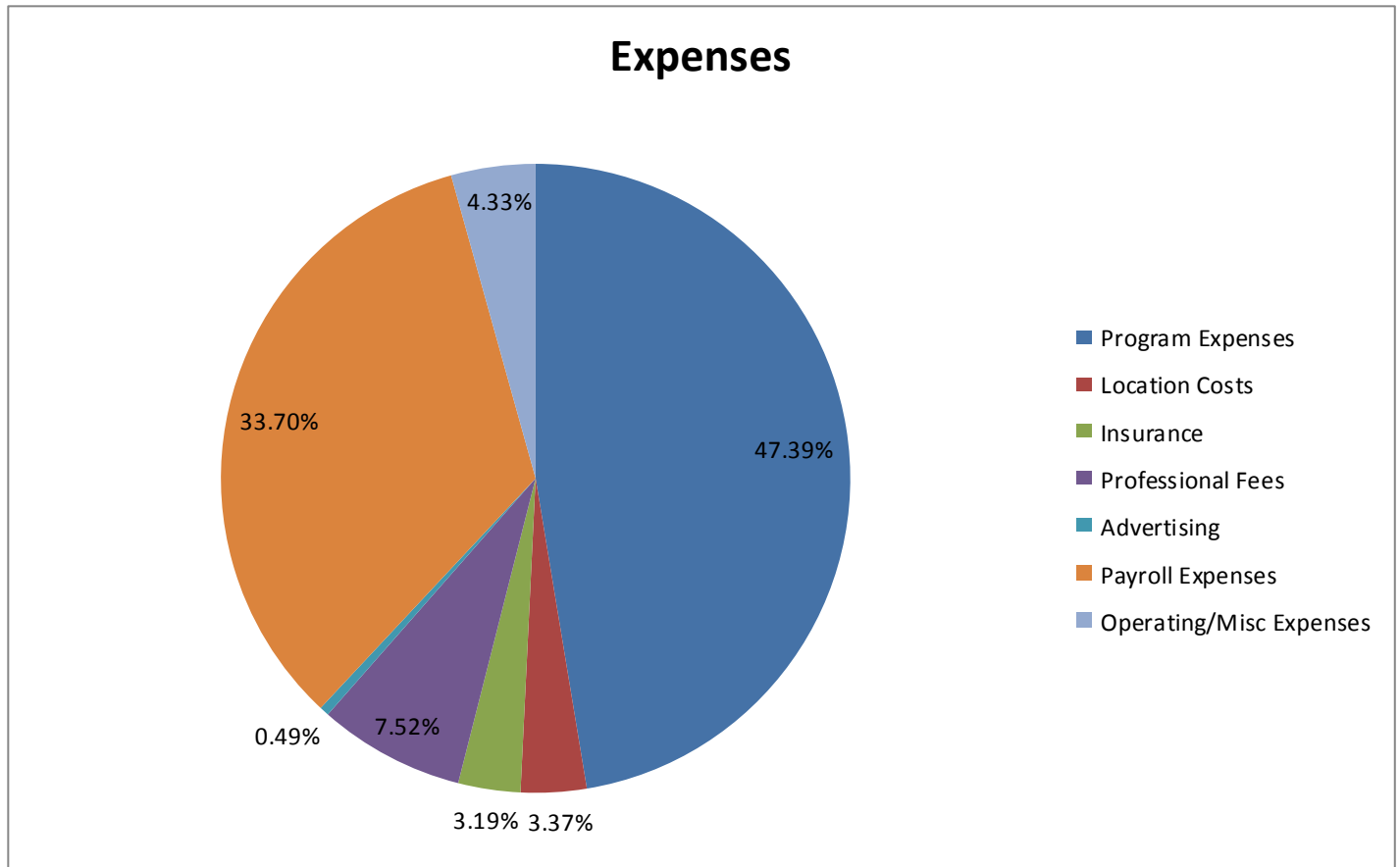
# Financial Highlights



Family Solutions' receives 93.46% of its income from the counties from which we receive foster child placements. Additionally, Family Solutions receives a facility reimbursement from Counseling Solutions for the use of Family Solutions' building, equipment and supplies that makes up 5.33% of our total revenues. 1.21% of Family Solutions' income comes from outside donations and investment income.



# Financial Highlights



Family Solutions' spends 47.39% of expenses on the program, which includes paying foster/resource parents to care for children in care and for the licenses and fees required to run a foster care agency. 33.70% of expenses are spent on staff, and an additional 7.52% of spending is for outside professionals. 4.33% of expenses for operating and miscellaneous areas include training, travel, office expenses, etc.

# Foster Children

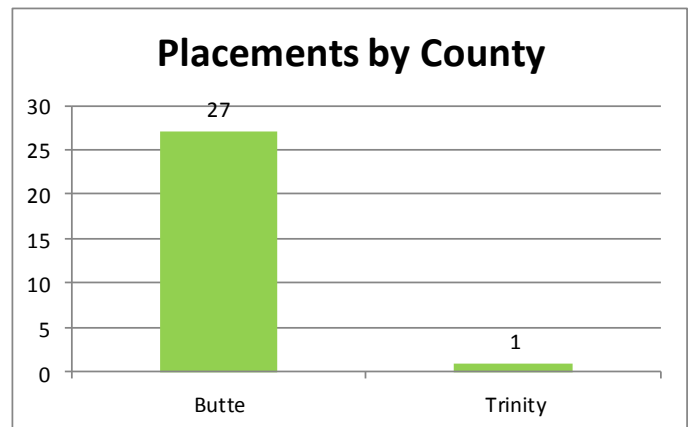
**28**

foster children were placed with a Family Solutions' safe and loving home between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

*Of the children placed...*

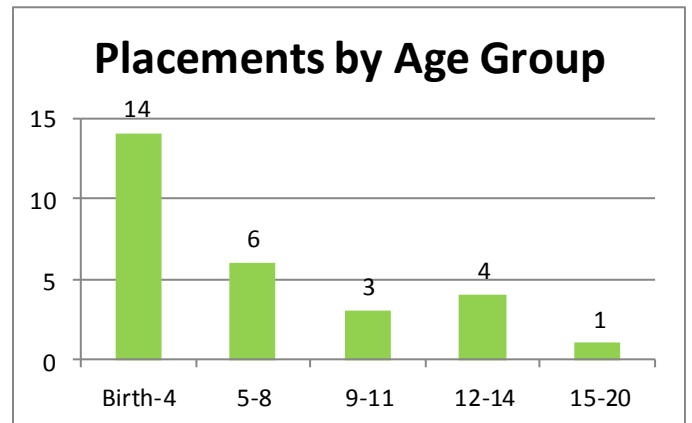
**96%**

were from Butte County.  
One placement was from  
Trinity County.



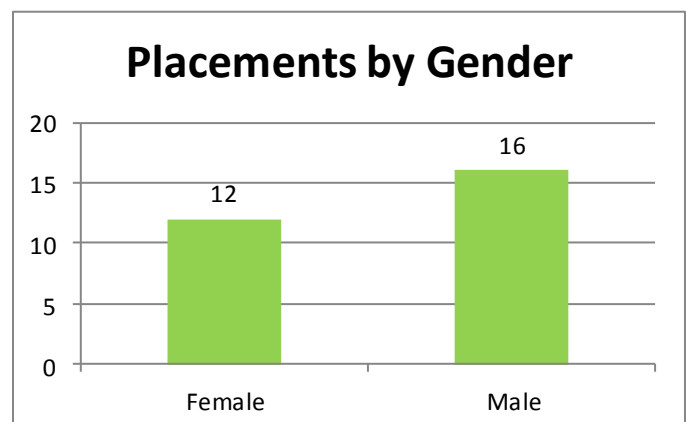
**50%**

were between the ages of  
0 and 4 years old.



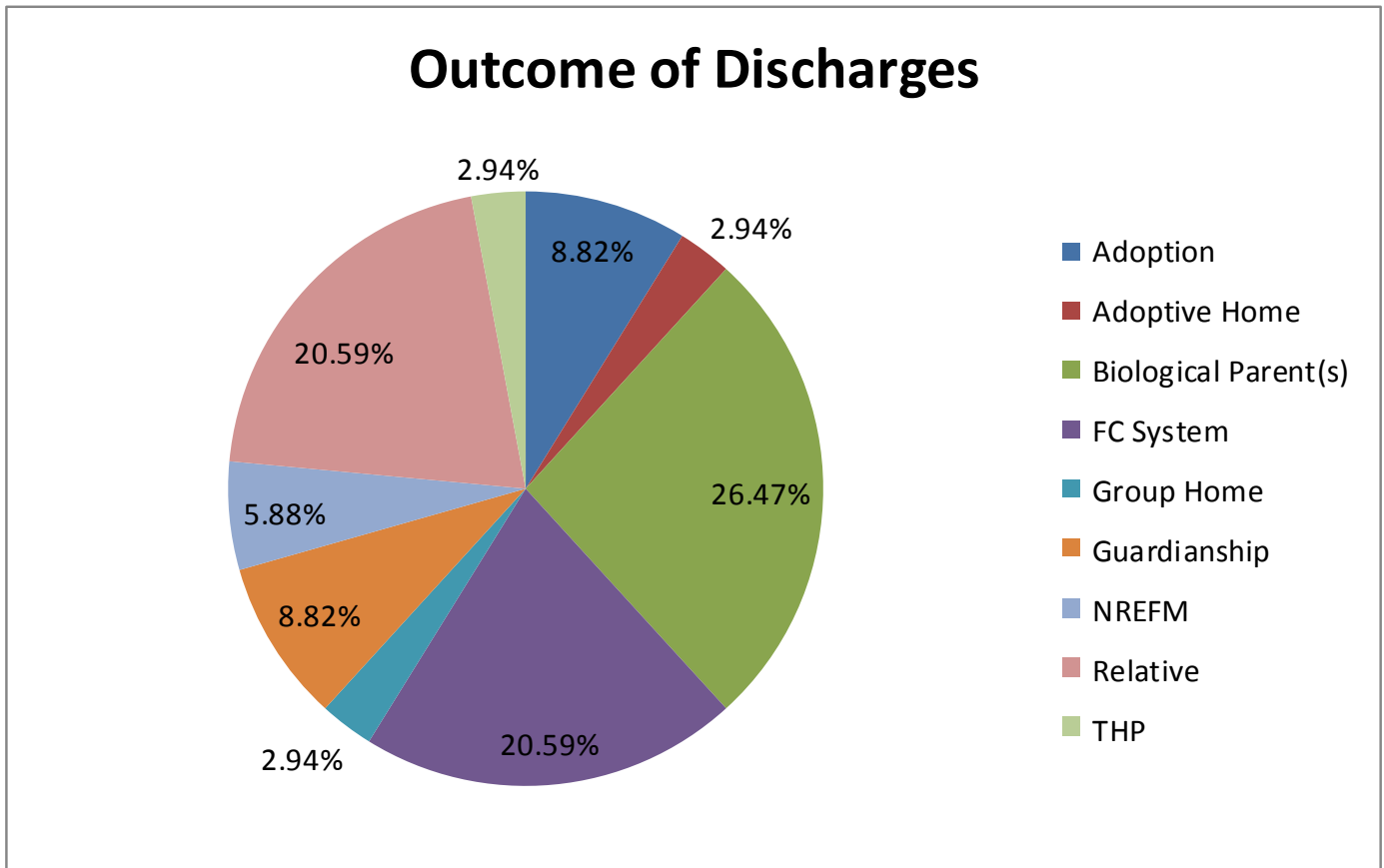
**57%**

were male.



# 34

foster children were discharged from Family Solutions between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 for a variety of reasons, as explained below:



**Biological Parent(s)**

**9**

foster children were successfully reunited with their biological parent(s)!

**Relative**

**7**

foster children were successfully reunited with a relative!

**NREFM**

**2**

foster children were transferred to a Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) Home.

## Adoption

3

foster children were adopted by their Family Solutions' Foster/Resource Family.

## Adoptive Home

1

foster child was transferred to a Foster/Resource Family in the Foster Care System that wanted to adopt them.

## THP

1

foster youth left foster care to enter adulthood through the Transitional Housing Program (THP).

## FC System

5

foster children were transferred to another home in the Foster Care (FC) System more equipped to care for their specialized needs.\*

\*Family Solutions has improved the assessment process to decrease the number of times we request this type of move.

1

foster child was transferred to another home in the Foster Care (FC) System when one of the Family Solutions' homes retired.

1

foster child stayed with a Family Solutions' home on emergency placement while selecting the most appropriate home to be transferred to.

## Group Home

1

foster child was transferred to a Group Home in the Foster Care System more equipped to care for their specialized needs.

Number of Foster/Resource Families on June 30, 2017:



*Changes in the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year:*

**2**  
New **Foster**  
Homes

**2**  
New **Resource**  
Homes

**4**  
Closed  
Homes

## What is a Resource Family?

Starting January 1, 2017, Family Solutions began certifying Resource Families. The Resource Family Approval (RFA) program, part of California's Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) established a new family-friendly and child-centered approval process for all related and non-related families seeking to care for children and youth in foster care. Family Solutions will convert all current Foster Families to Resource Families by December 31, 2018.



**Foster/Resource Families**

# How Can You Help?

There are many ways to help Family Solutions fulfil its mission and vision...

- Become a Resource Family
- Make a monetary donation
- Make a donation of gently used clothes to our clothing closet

Get started today by visiting [www.familyolutions.com](http://www.familyolutions.com) or calling 530-893-4245.

Thank you for your support!



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