Anti-Trafficking Efforts and Updates from Mecklenburg County

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a Project NO REST Pilot Site

Mecklenburg County Project NO REST

- Hosted by Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center
- Objectives
  - **Coordinate** the response to human trafficking
  - Provide **education** to community members and professionals
  - Develop a **data** collection method to identify the scope of human trafficking
  - Implement **screening** for sexual exploitation to youth serving agencies
  - Utilize the PNR screening tool
- Future: Efforts will continue with GCC funding

Data and Trends

Data Collection

- All participating agencies submit data for suspected and confirmed victims to Coordinator on a quarterly basis using a unique identifier formula
- A unique identifier allows data entry and sharing while still maintaining the confidentiality of clients. It also eliminates duplicative entries, ensuring data validity
- Currently looking for additional ways to protect information

1st Quarter

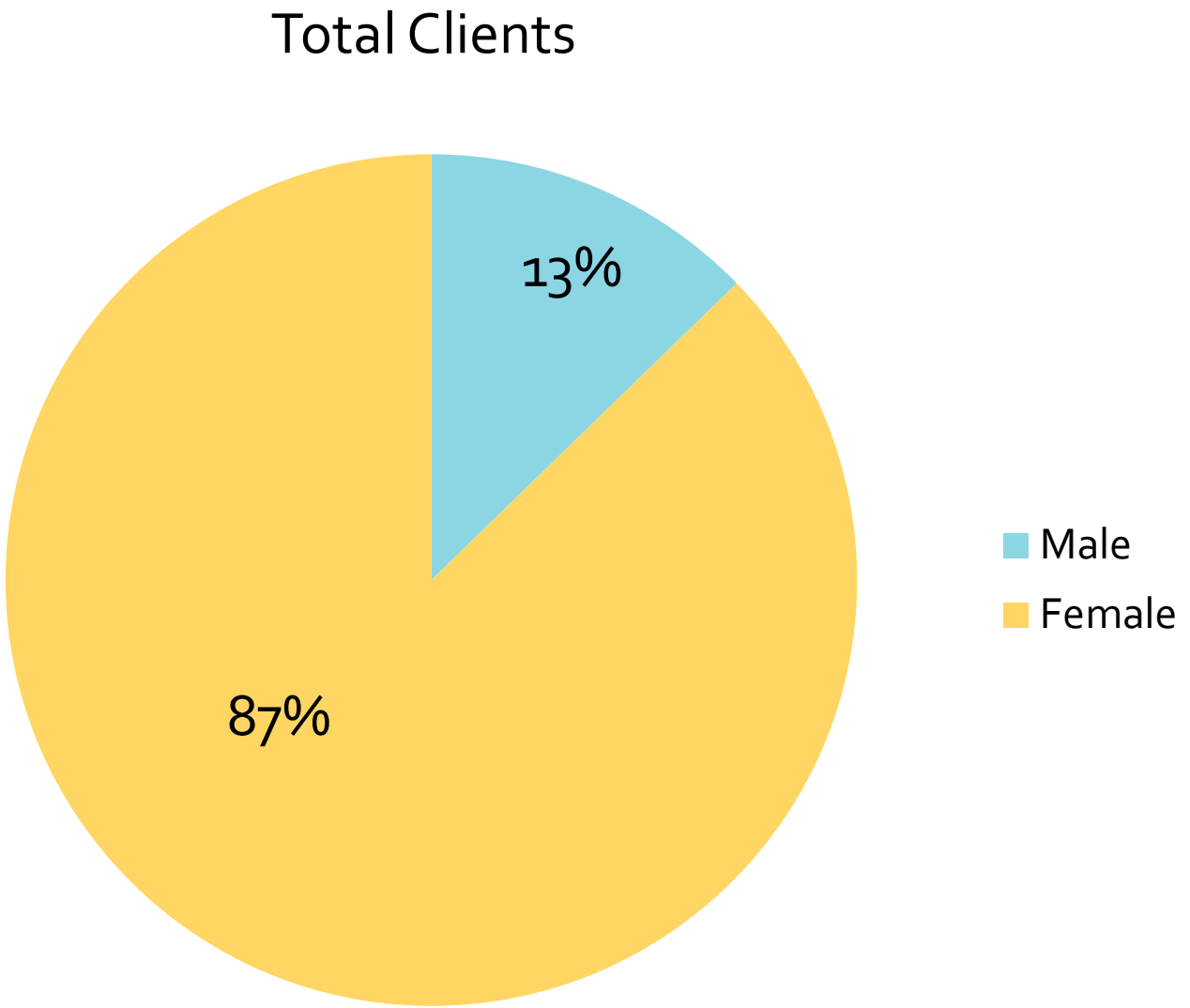
Number of human trafficking survivors identified: 36

Number of human trafficking clients served: 55

Number of client referrals between agencies: 7

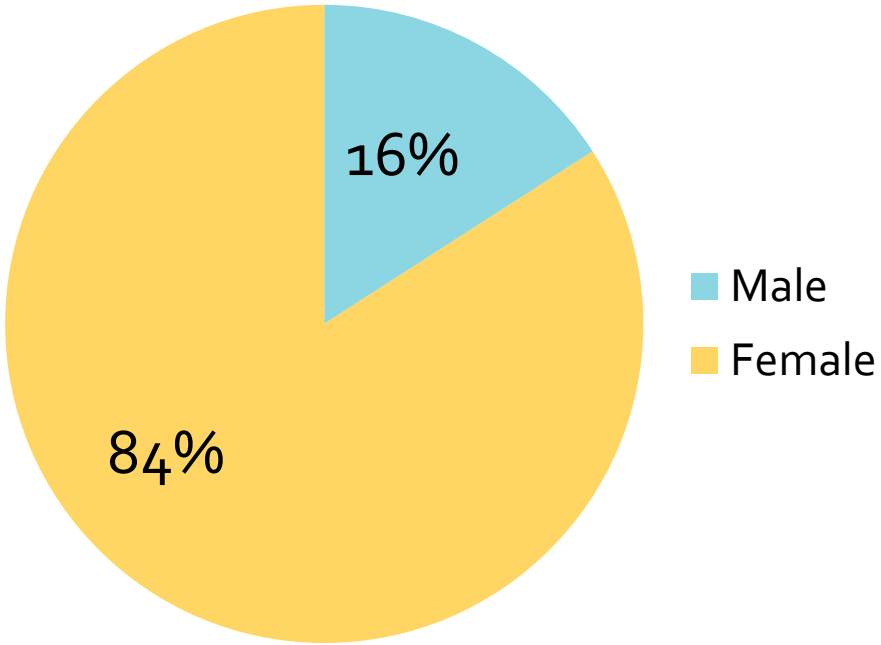
Mean age of initial victimization: 24.8 years

Gender



Gender by Age

Adults Only



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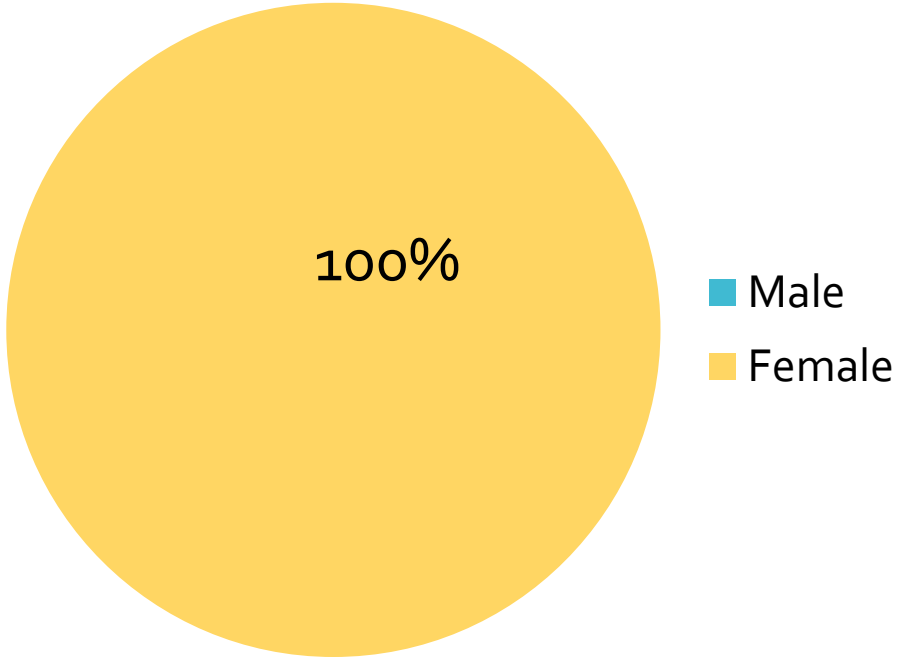
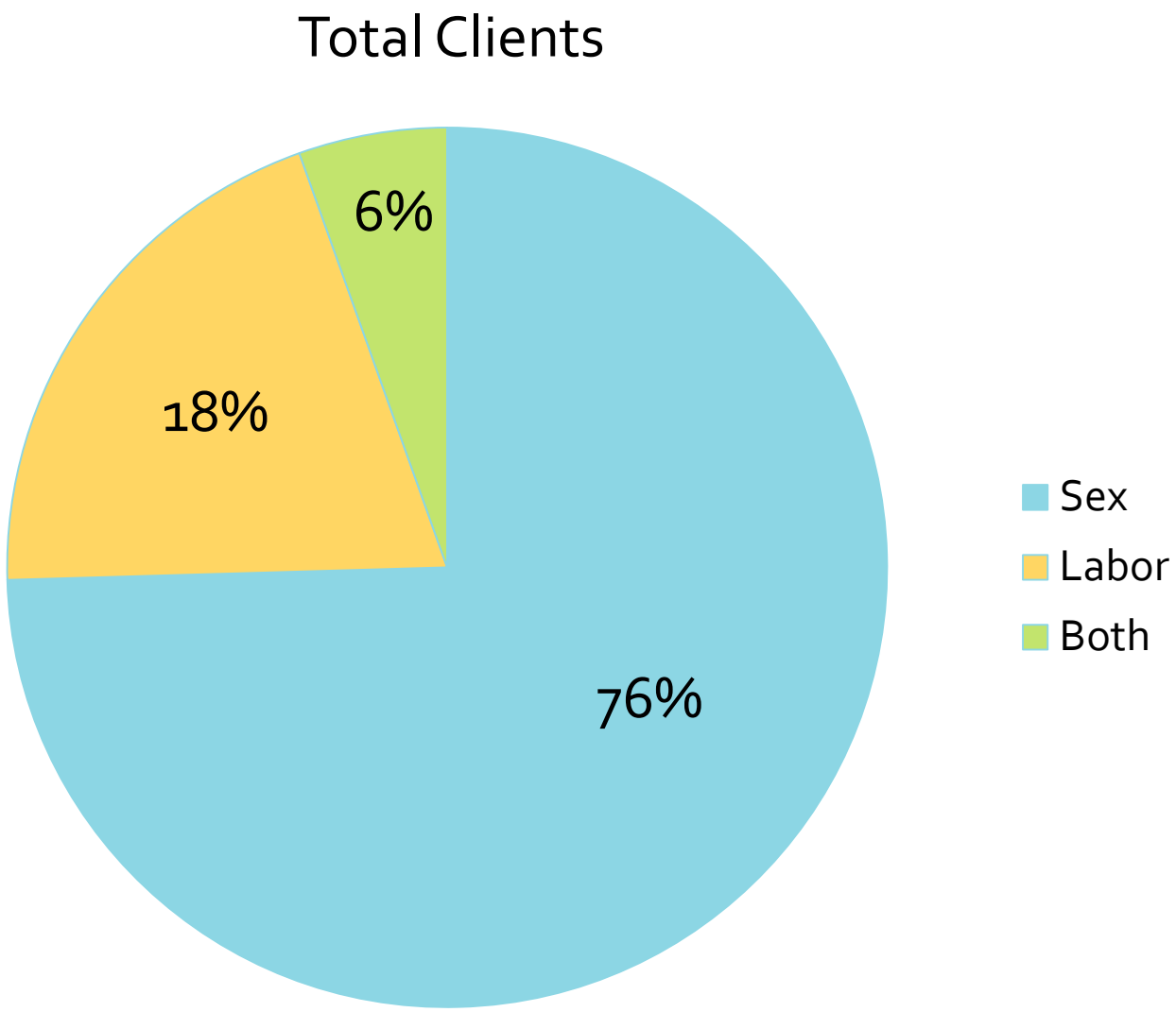
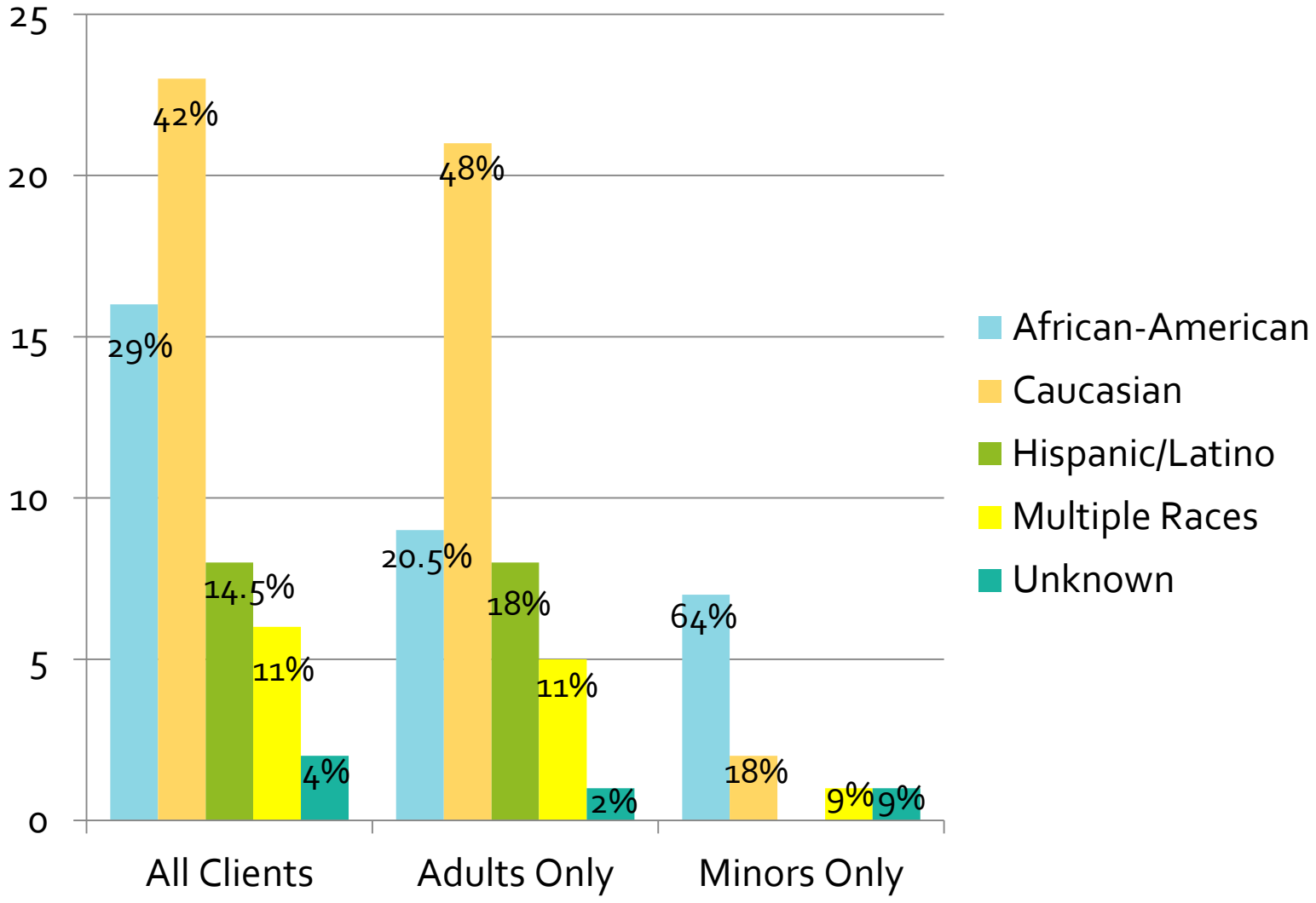


Trafficking Type



Race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All Clients
Adults Only
Minors Only
African-American
Caucasian
Hispanic/Latino
Multiple Races
Unknown

2nd Quarter*

Number of human trafficking clients served: ≈ 100

Victims identified from 11 different countries

*2nd quarter data has not been cleaned and analyzed

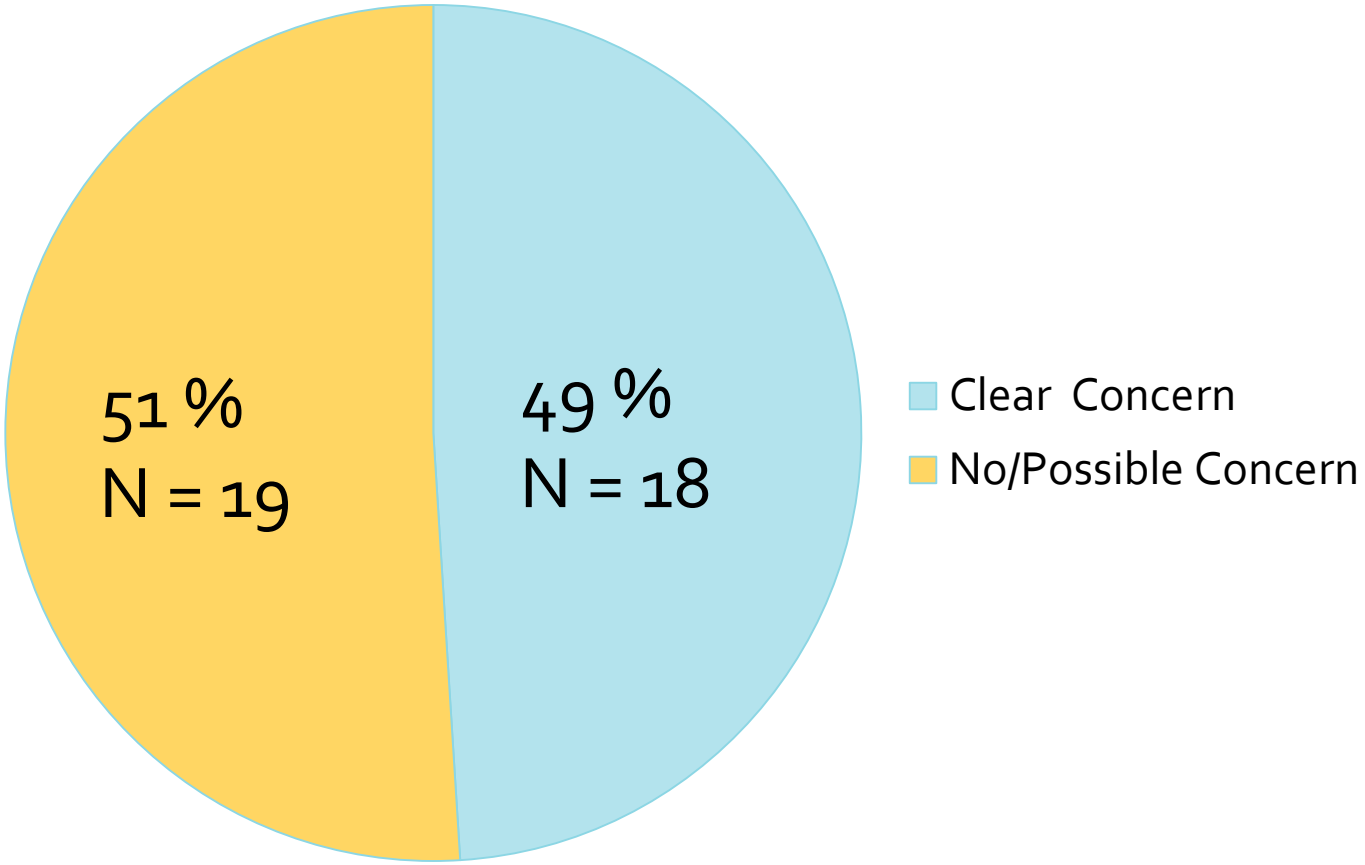
Screening for Sexual Exploitation

Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT)

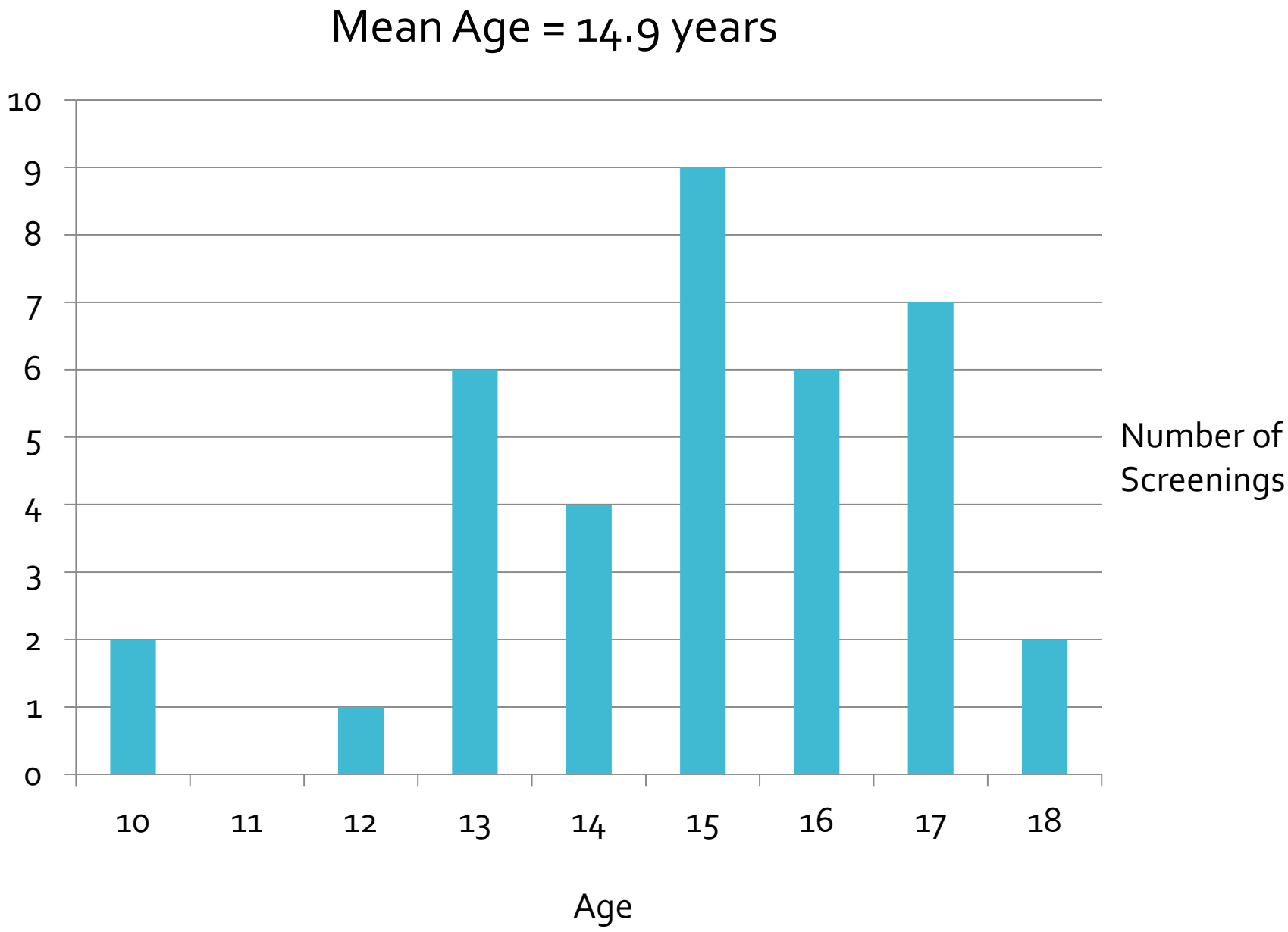
- Created by WestCoast Children's Clinic
- Validated screening tool for commercial sexual exploitation for youth ages 10-18
- A score of 9-23 on the CSE-IT indicates that there is "clear concern" that a child is being commercially sexually exploited
- Utilized by select youth serving agencies in Mecklenburg County
- WestCoast sends raw data for all screenings to Coordinator monthly

1st Quarter

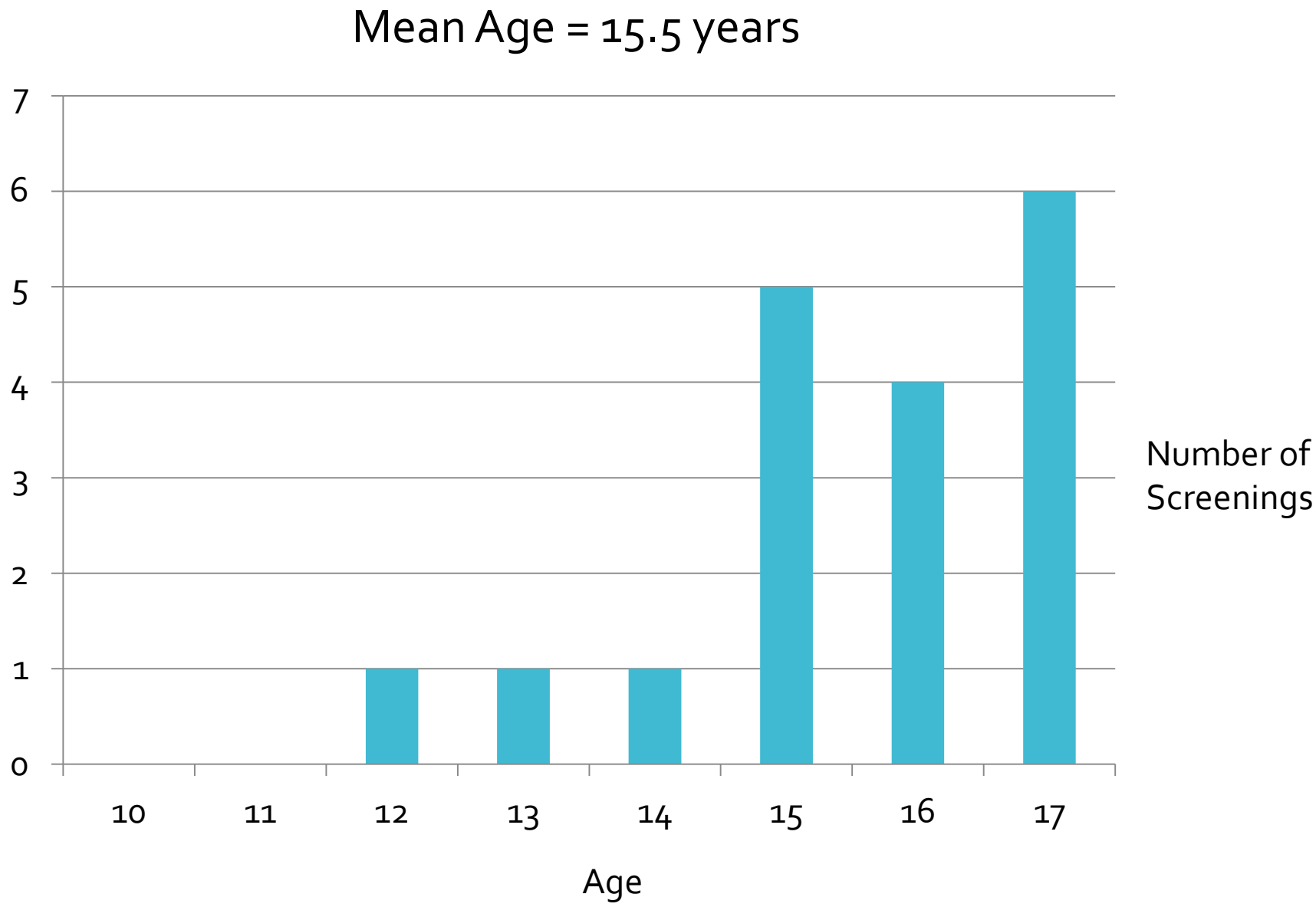
37 Unique Screenings



Total Screenings by Age

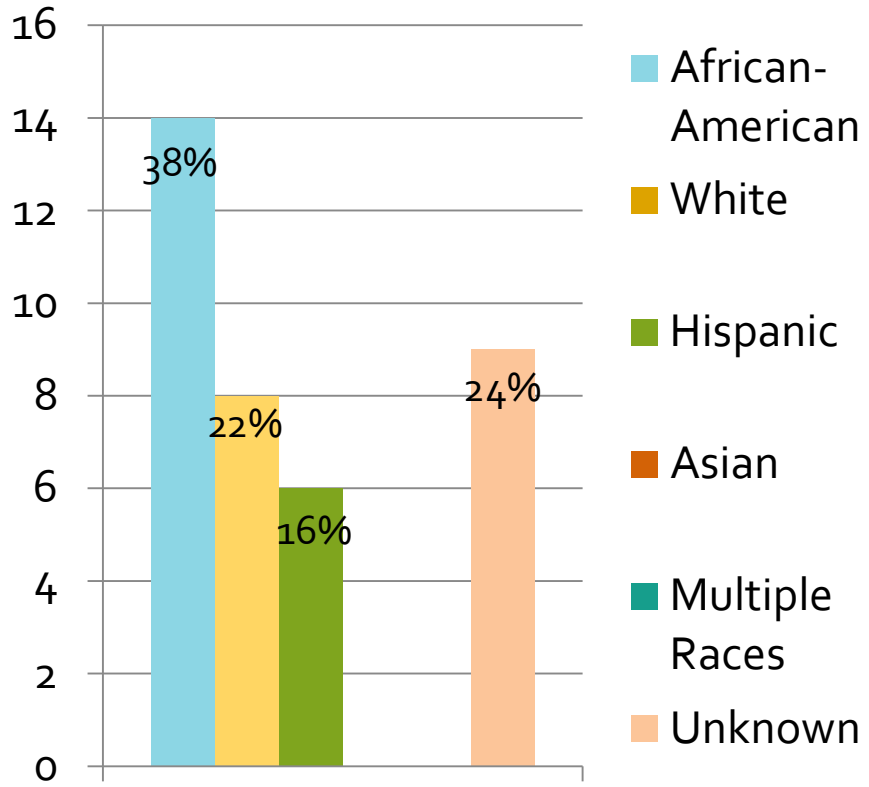


Clear Concern by Age



Concern Level by Race

All Screenings



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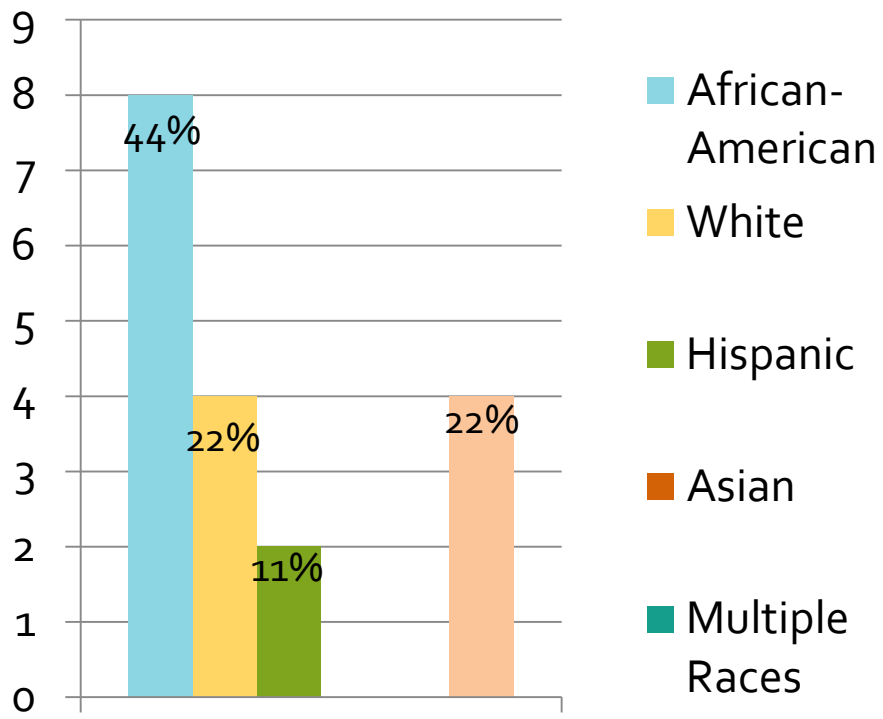

Gaps

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- Mental health treatment (residential treatment for minors)
- Managed Care Organizations

Training for Law Enforcement

Presented at

Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference

Interdiction for the Protection of Children

- Texas Department of Public Safety and US Marshals
- More effectively identify victims of child exploitation and trafficking during a traffic stop, including missing children, human trafficking, sex offender compliance, and technology facilitated crimes against children
- Prior to program 0 reports of missing or exploited child recoveries from multiple states
- Since the training began more than 300 missing or exploited children recovered
- Advantages: no software, no personnel, immediate use

Toolkit: Child Sex Trafficking: A Training Series for Frontline Officers

- Created by IACP
- Training series to educate frontline officers on how to recognize and respond to victims of child sex trafficking.
- Training videos for traffic stops, DV calls, school, hotel, hospital, and street patrol
- http://www.theiacp.org/childtrafficking

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