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# **FY20 Foster Care Needs Assessment and Capacity Building Plan**

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## **Region 5**

# Presentation



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- Purpose of needs assessment and changes from last year.
- Key data from FY20 report on capacity for region.
- Goals from last year's strategic capacity building plan and discussion about needed updates, if any, to goals and strategies based on FY20 report.
- Other data in needs assessment and how you can use it.



# Purpose of Needs Assessment

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1. Provide a broad roadmap and overview of substitute care needs to:
  - a. Inform annual regional substitute care capacity meetings.
  - b. Inform provider efforts to build capacity.
  - c. Focus on getting more children placed closer to home in family settings.



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# Changes From Last Year

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1. Data provided on estimated daily beds needed rather than a volume of placements over the course of a year.
2. Forecast provided through next biennium (FY22) rather than for just next year.
3. Additional data points included.



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# Data from FY20 Needs Assessment

# Where Building Capacity Would Be Most Impactful

1. Collaborating to increase the rate of youth and children placed with relatives.
2. Increasing supply of specialized/intense placement services for youth and children.
3. Leveraging vacant but active foster home capacity to increase the number of children placed in their communities.

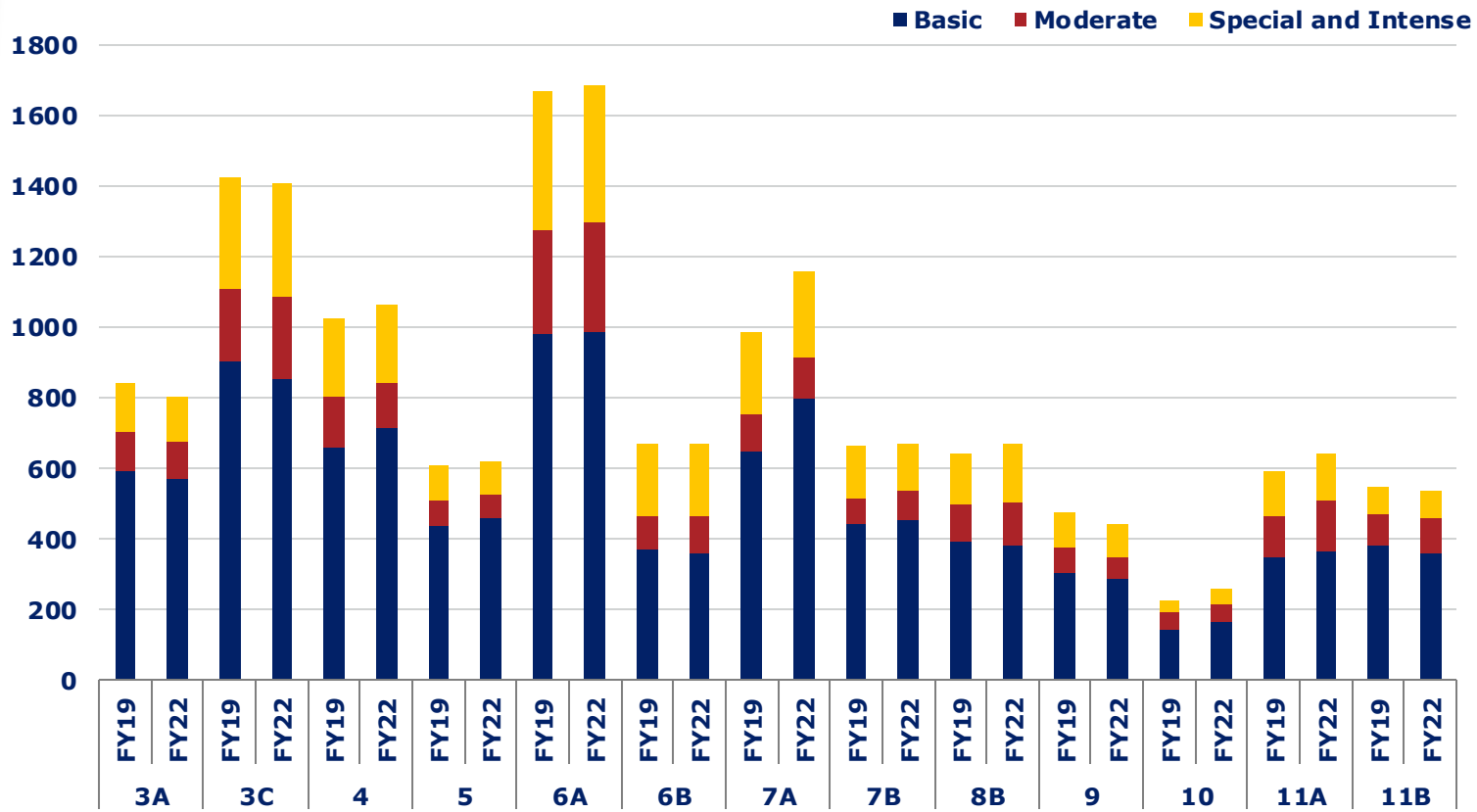


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# Non-Relative Foster Care:

Only catchment areas 7A, 10, and 11A are forecasted to grow more than 5% from FY19 to FY22.

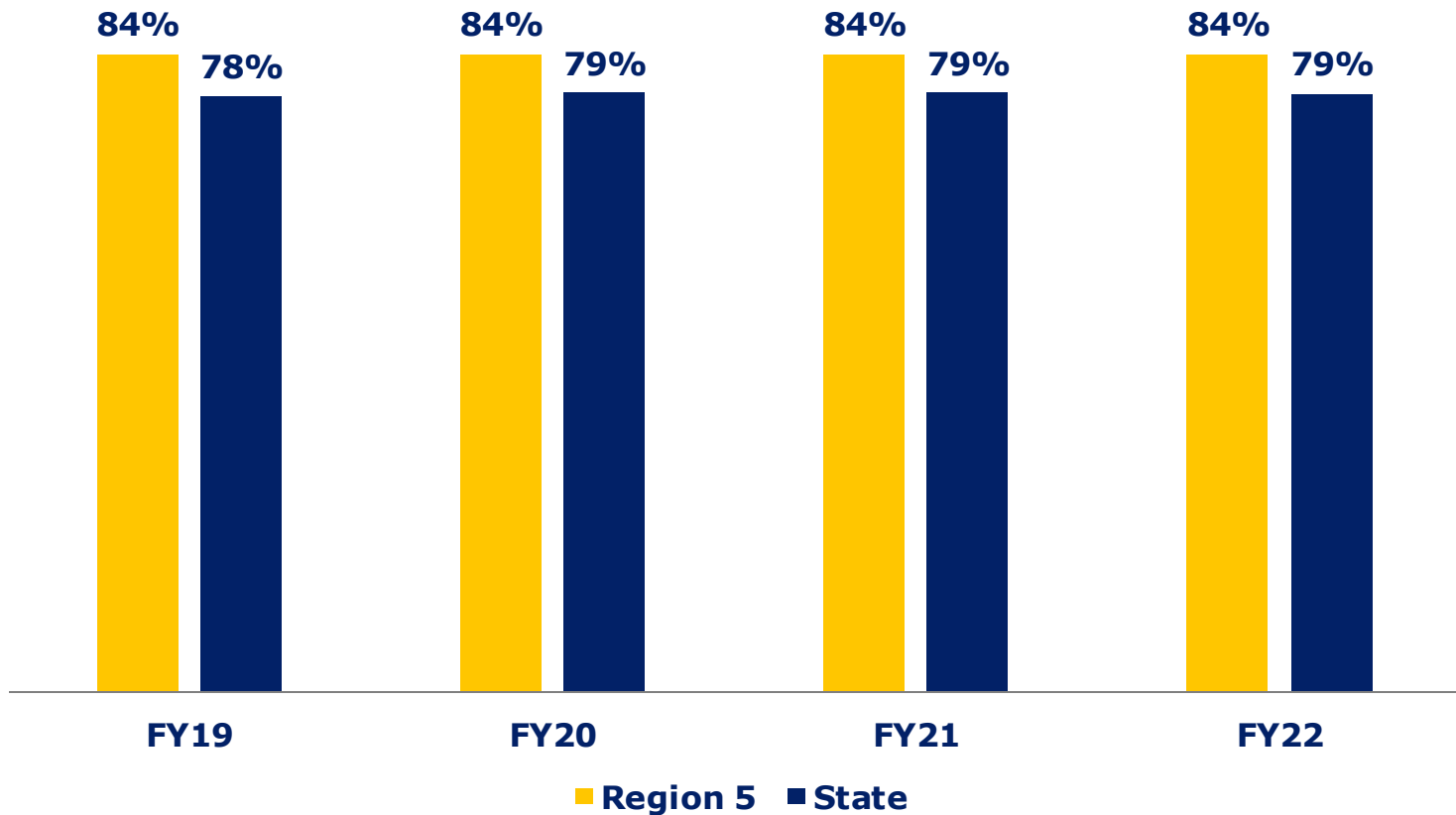






# Basic/Moderate:

Forecasted daily demand in Region 5 is steady but 5% higher than the state.

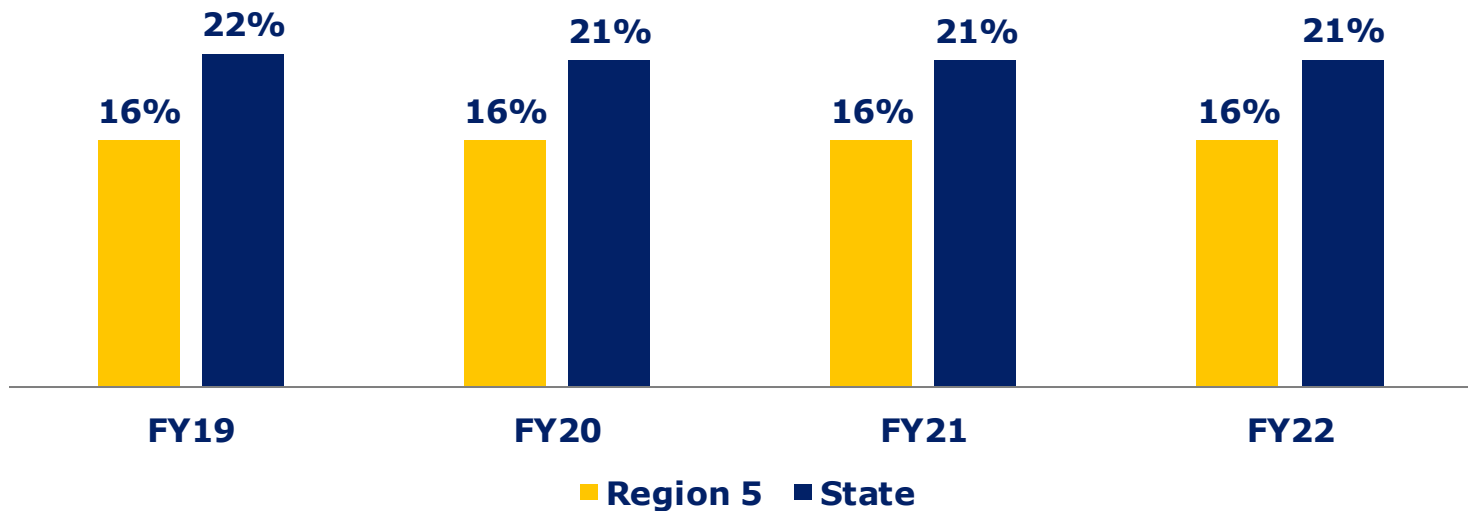






# Specialized/Intense:

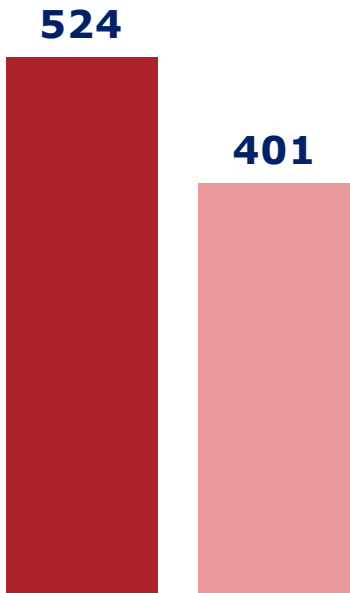
Forecasted daily demand in region is steady but 3% lower than the state.





# Basic/Moderate: 77% of Forecasted Demand Met

Overall Demand vs.  
Existing Foster Home  
Supply\*



Youth 14 and Older vs.  
Existing Foster Home  
Supply



■ FY22 Demand ■ FY19 Supply

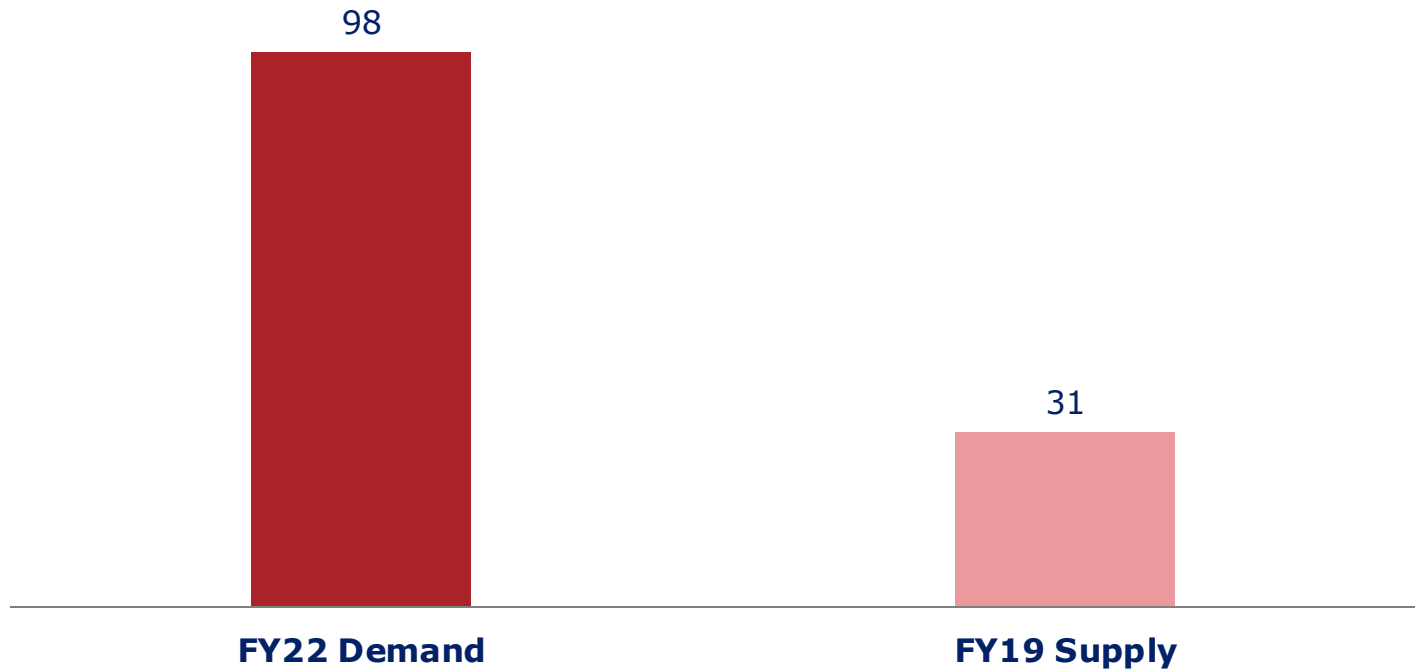
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\*includes GRO



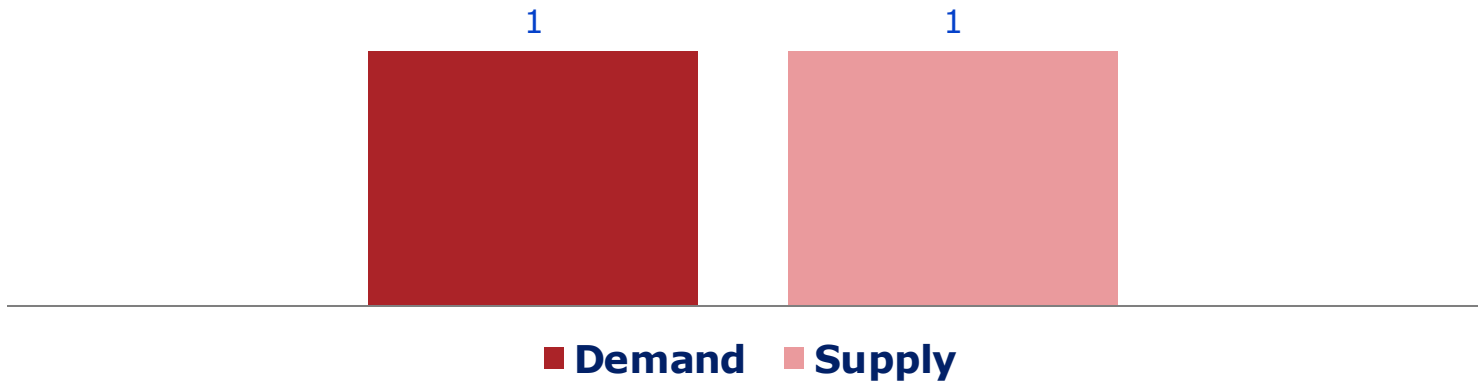
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# Specialized/Intense: 32% of Forecasted Demand Met





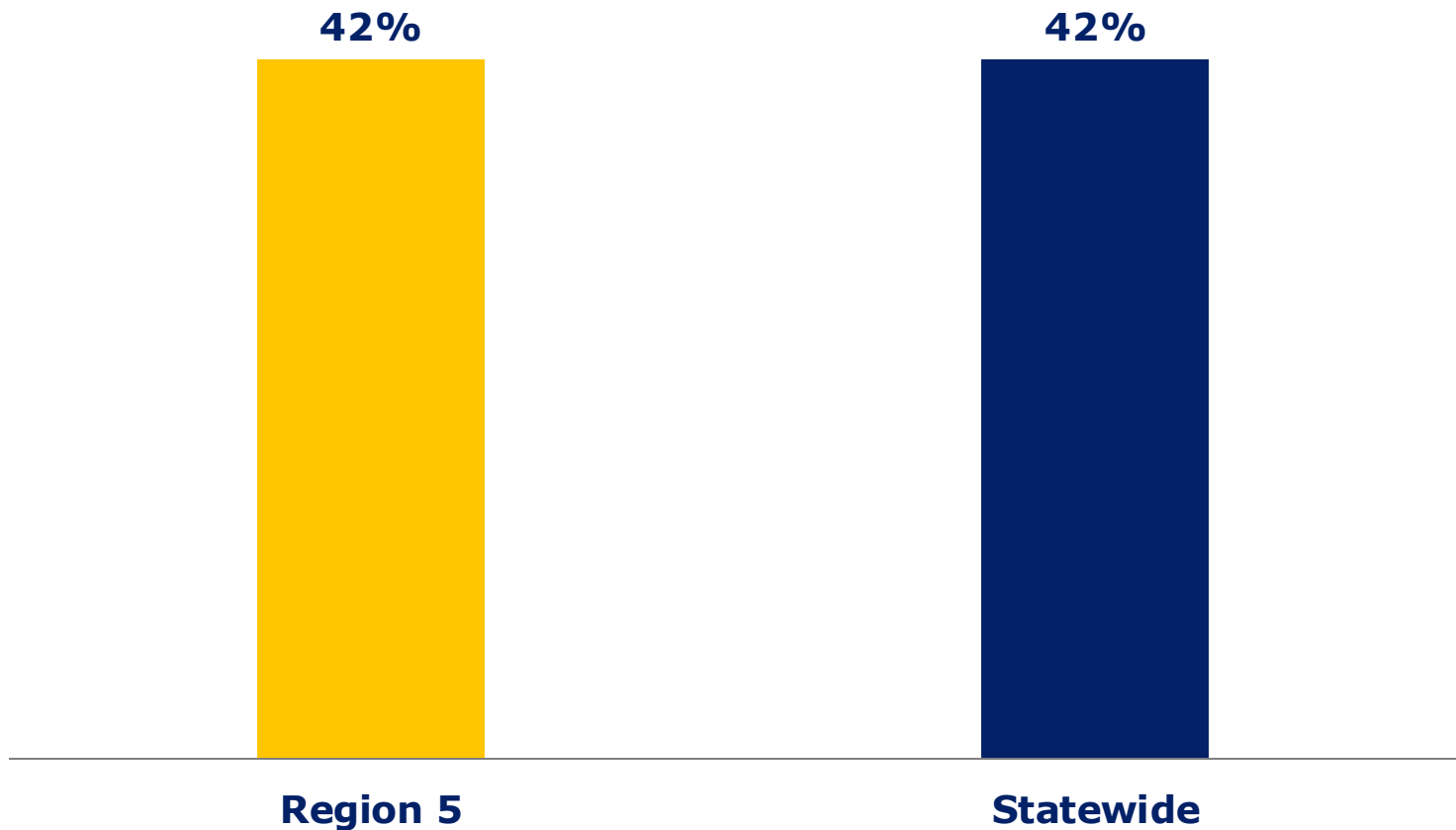
# Supervised Independent Living (SIL): Forecasted Demand with Current Supply Met



# Kinship Placements



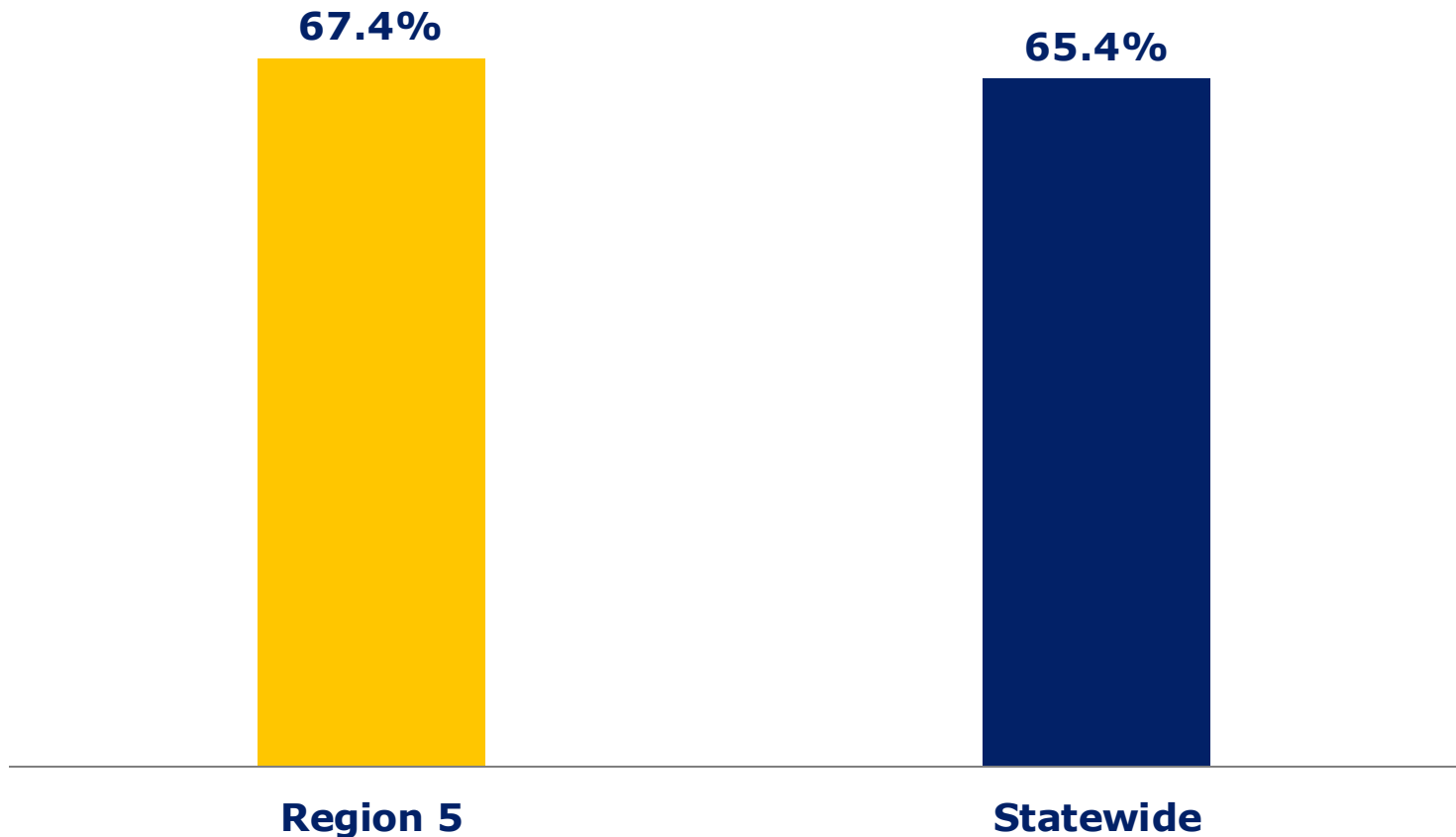
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# Percent of Siblings Placed Together – FY19 Average





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# **What's in the Needs Assessment and How Can You Use It?**



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- There were active but vacant foster homes and beds in each catchment that could possibly be leveraged for additional supply without recruiting new homes.
  - R5 had **50** Active Basic/Moderate Foster Homes that were vacant on August 31, 2019 but had at least one placement within the last year.
  - R4 had an average of **1.88** children per Basic/Moderate Foster Home on August 31, 2019.
- As of August 31, 2019:
  - DFPS Foster Homes in R5 only accounted for 35% of the total homes in this region.
  - There were 23 contracted CPA's (2 out of 23 had more than 50 foster homes).
- The report helps to identify areas where there may or may not be providers who have needed resources to leverage economies of scale to support building new homes, especially for higher needs children.

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## Appendix I – Cross Catchment Placements

- These tables show cross-catchment placements for each placement type by Level of Care (LOC) – includes children from CBC areas placed into non-CBC areas and placements from non-CBC areas into CBC areas.
- Help inform how cross-catchment placements may affect capacity needs with roll out of CBC and with building legacy foster care capacity.
- 68% of R5 Basic/Moderate LOC children were placed in non-relative foster homes within region on August 31, 2019.

### Contiguous region placements:

- R4 <4%
- R6 27%
- R7 <1%
- 36% of R5 Specialized/Intense LOC children were placed in non-relative foster homes within region on August 31, 2019.

### Contiguous region placements:

- R4 7%
- R6 55%
- R7 0%

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# Goals and Next Steps



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# Goal 1: Increase Capacity for Basic and Moderate Children

The region needs to increase capacity for basic and moderate children in both foster home placements as well as emergency placements.

## **Objective 1.1: Increase Awareness**

- CPS and CPAs will conduct individual and collaborative recruitment events in areas around the region using community festivals and other events to raise awareness for the need for foster families

## **Objective 1.2: Utilize Foster Parent Experience/Expertise**

- Utilize current foster families in panels and recruitment events to promote the need for placements for foster care
- Approach current and former foster families to consider increasing capacity and/or consider taking emergency placements where appropriate



# Goal 2: Develop Effective Response Systems to Support and Maintain Foster Families

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The Needs Assessment identified a need for increased basic and moderate placements for school aged children. The workgroup determined the need to support and maintain existing and new foster families in an attempt to meet this projected need.

## **Objective 2.1: Develop Supports**

- CPS and CPAs will collaborate with our Faith Based partners to develop wrap-around support services for foster caregivers
- CPS and CPAs will work with our Faith Based and community partners to develop resource rooms or closets to support foster families
- CPS and CPAs will work collectively to empower and develop confident and knowledgeable foster families by providing collaborative training opportunities and resource fairs

# Goal 3: Increase and Maintain Sibling Placements



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The region identified a need to increase the number of siblings placed together.

## Objective 3.1

- CPS will continue to have a monthly scan call to discuss barriers for getting siblings back together and identify next steps to move towards that goal.
- CPU will continue to work with CPA and CPS case managers for homes to accept sibling groups when openings are identified
- Whenever sibling groups must be separated, CPU will work with CPA and CPS case managers to keep siblings placed within the same CPA

Review of these goal will occur routinely between DFPS leadership and community stakeholders at events such as provider meetings.



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# Thank You

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