

Safe Families for Children

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OVERVIEW

Safe Families For Children (SFFC) is a strategic collaboration between Olive Crest, non profit organizations and social service providers. SFFC relies on the strengths and expertise of this network of organizations to reduce the risk of child abuse and help families get back on their feet.

SFFC offers temporary hostings for children under age 18 whose families are in crisis and would benefit from their children being cared for by a screened and approved host family for a short time.

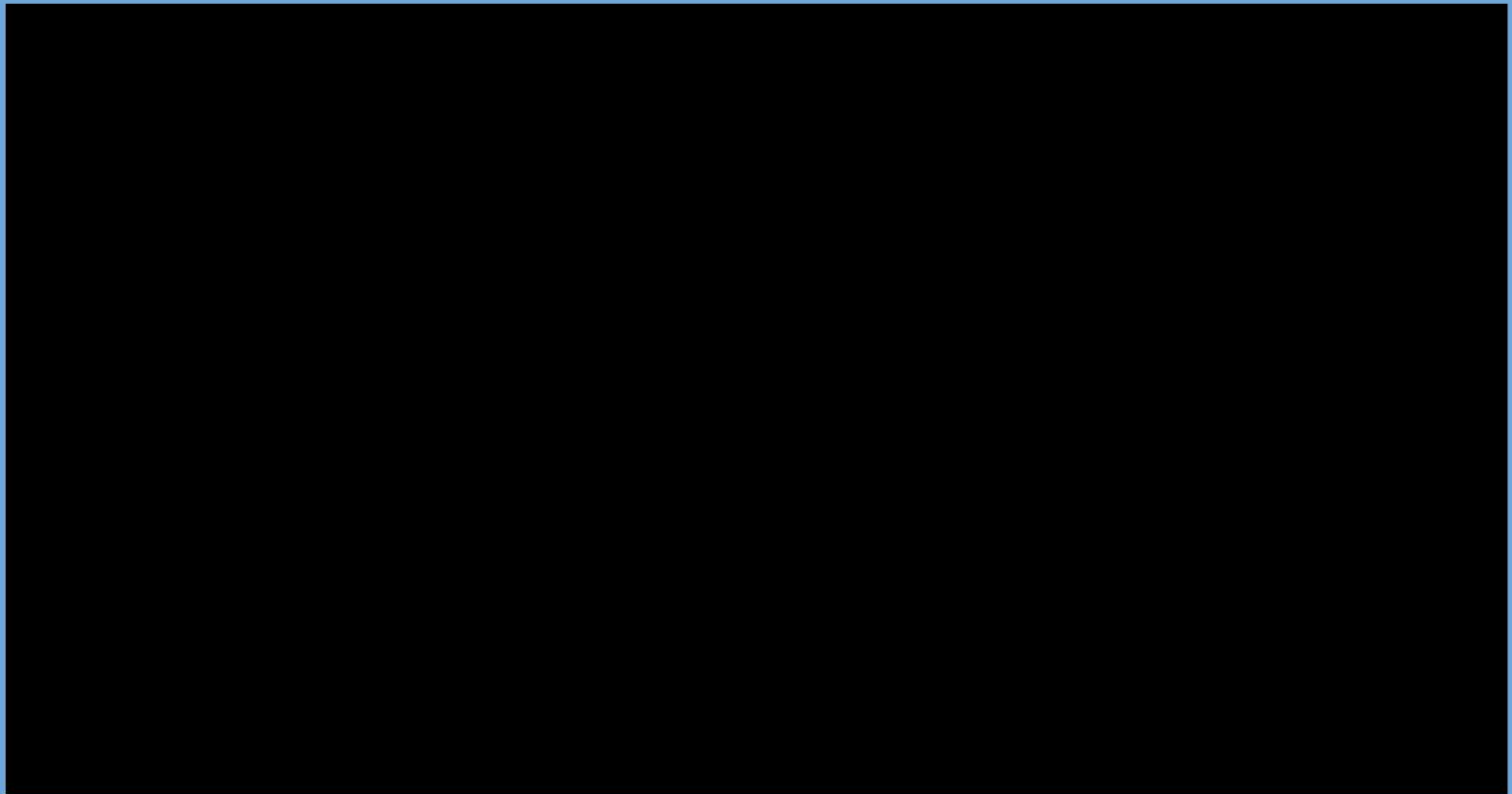


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Safe Families for Children Video

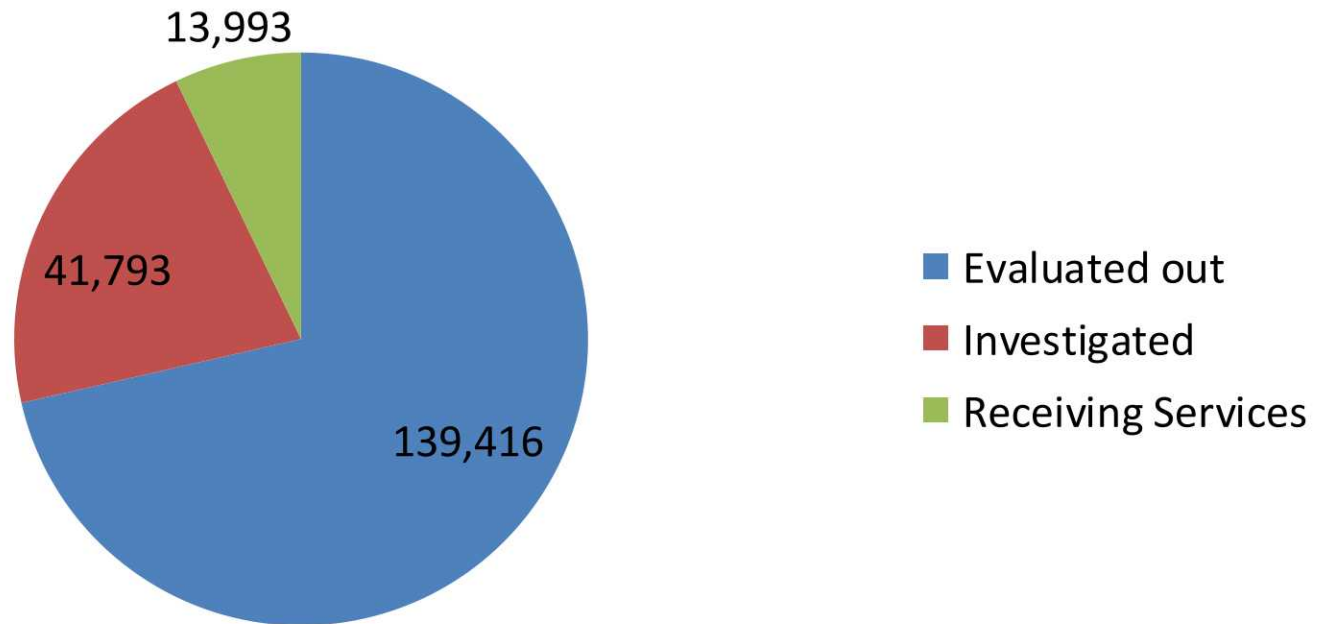


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SERVICE GAP

Southern CA Child Abuse hotline calls = 195,202



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SFFC DISTINCTIVES

- Supplementary Care not Substitutionary Care
- Parents voluntarily request a Safe family and retain custody.
- Host families are volunteers and do not receive any financial compensation.
- Any child; any reason.



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SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN STRIVES TO MEET THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

Early Intervention

Child Abuse
Prevention

Family Support &
Stabilization

WHERE THE CALLS COME FROM

- Relatives or friends
- Social service agencies
- Homeless shelters, transitional living centers
- Drug and alcohol treatment facilities
- Schools, hospitals, law enforcement
- Churches



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WHY DO FAMILIES NEED SFFC?

- Homelessness
- Medical/Hospitalization
- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Incarceration
- Financial Difficulty

- Social Isolation



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FAST FACTS

- Average length of stay: 45 days
- Average age: 4.75 y/o
- 98% are reunified with family.
- SFFC launched in Chicago in 2003.
- Olive Crest launched SFFC in 2009.
 - Currently in more than 42 states and over 110 locations including Canada and the UK
 - To date, over 60,000 children have been hosted in a Safe Family- over 7,000 in Southern CA



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INFRASTRUCTURE OF SAFETY

- Olive Crest- best practices for out-of-home care
 - Training, Homestudies, Live Scan, Emergency hotline, etc
- CA Law and Policy
- Parents sign the following four forms...
 - Liability Release
 - Care Giver Affidavit
 - Placement Agreement
 - Medical Authorization



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INTAKE PROCESS

- Client Calls 24 hour hotline- 714-543-5437 ext 1234
- Set up in person intake-
 - fill out paperwork
 - Determine best fit
 - Matching considerations
- Notify local Host families of the need
 - Host families reply with their availability
- Focus is connecting two families in a relationship of support that carries on beyond the hosting arrangement



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FAQ'S

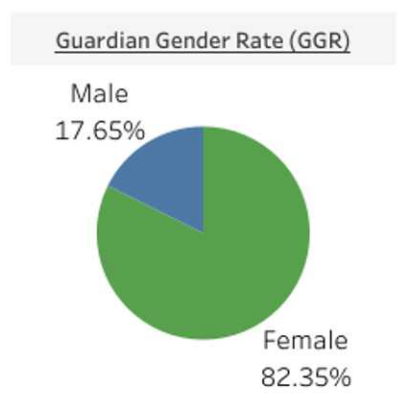
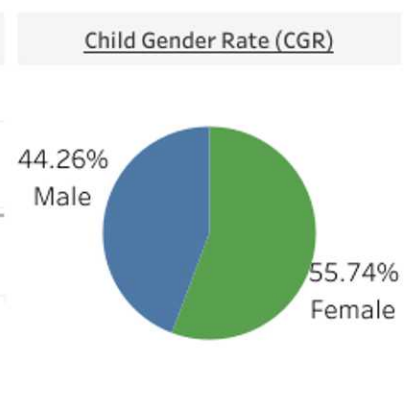
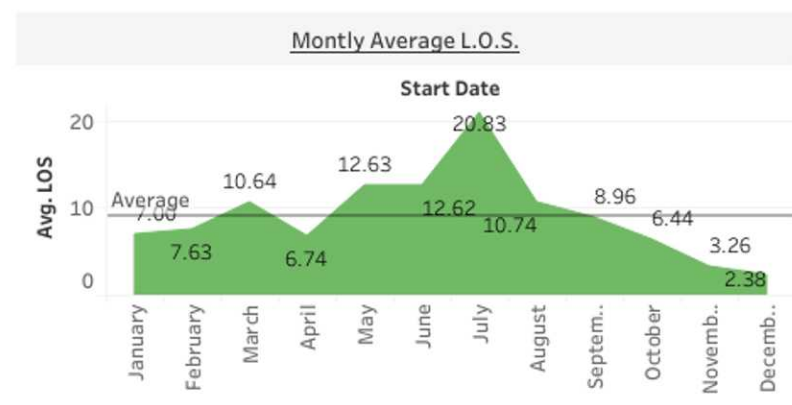
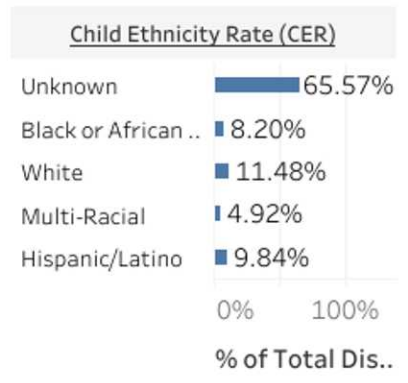
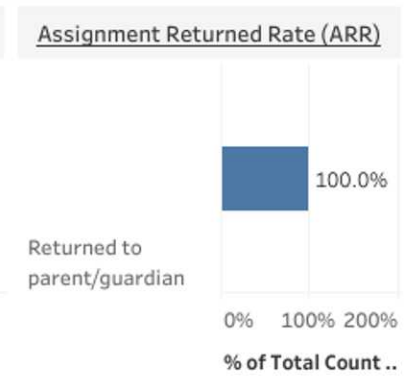
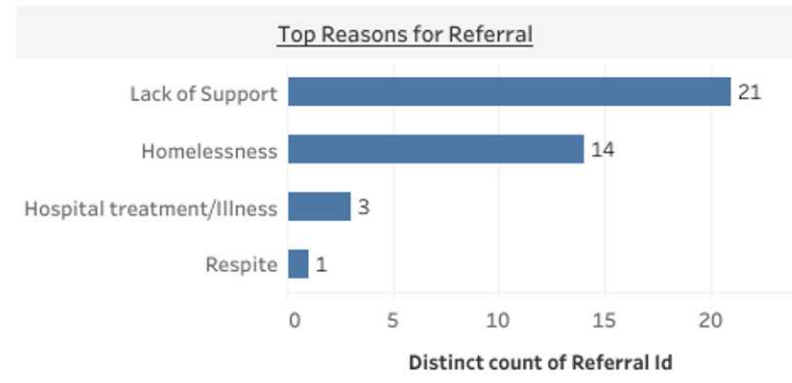
- **ARE CHILDREN KEPT IN THEIR SAME SCHOOL?**
 - YES. If at all possible, we want for children to remain in their same school. This is at the discretion of the child's parent and where they desire for them to be hosted based on what host families offer.
- **DO YOU KEEP SIBLINGS TOGETHER?**
 - YES. If at all possible, we want for siblings to stay together. This is at the parents' discretion in addition to what host families offer.
- **HOW QUICKLY CAN CHILDREN BE HOSTED IN AN EMERGENCY?**
 - This is case by case and is dependent upon the parent's desire for urgent support and what host families offer.
- **WHAT ARE THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHILD WELFARE SERVICES AND SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN?**
 - Safe Families for Children is a child abuse prevention program when that is accessible for families and short-term care for children is beneficial. The use of SFFC is not a way to bypass mandated Child Abuse Reporting. We are mandated reporters as are most agency staff who refer to us. However, we do recognize the ways in which our program does meet standards for supporting and stabilizing families, preventing child abuse, keeping children safe, and deflecting children from system care.

PRE-PANDEMIC DATA (2019)

SFFC Support Activity Dashboard - Jan to Dec 31th 2021

Select the Year: 2019 |
 Select the Quarter: All |
 Select the Month: All |
 SFFC Chapter: CA - San Diego Co. |
 Family County: All |
 In/Out of Bethany = IN: All

Hostings: 194 |
 Secondary Hostings: |
 Day Hostings: |
 Children Served: 61 |
 Families Served: 34 |
 HF used: 41 |
 FF Assignments: |
 FF Used:

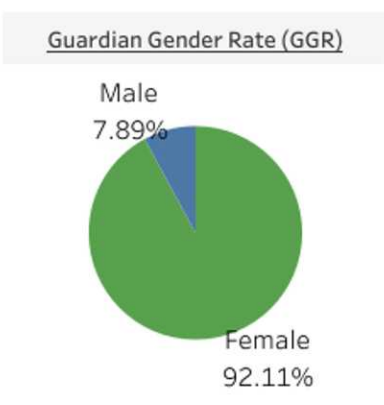
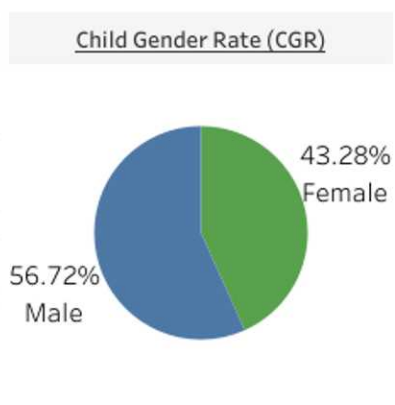
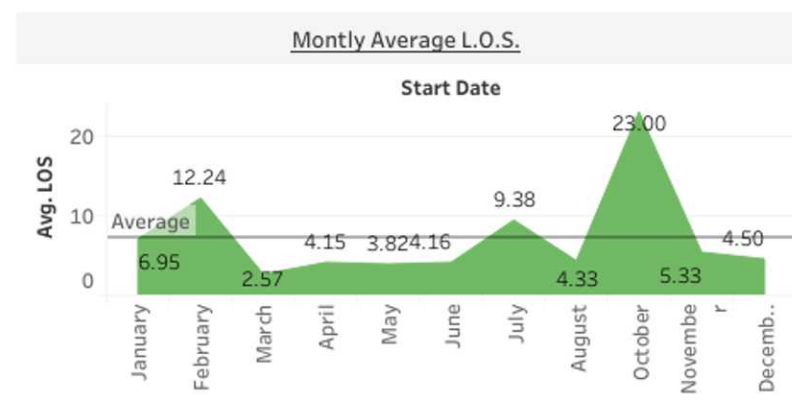
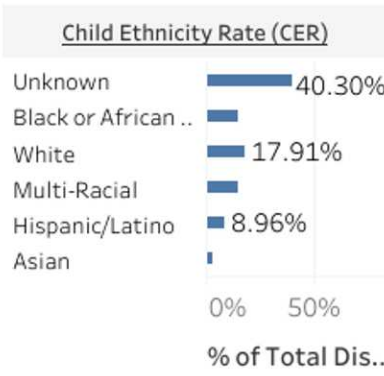
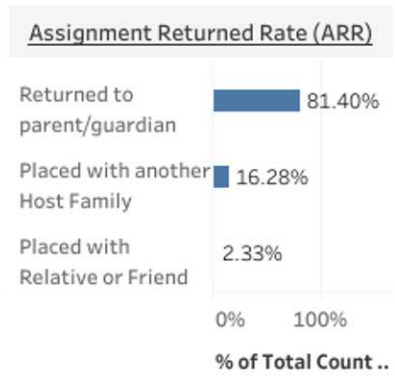
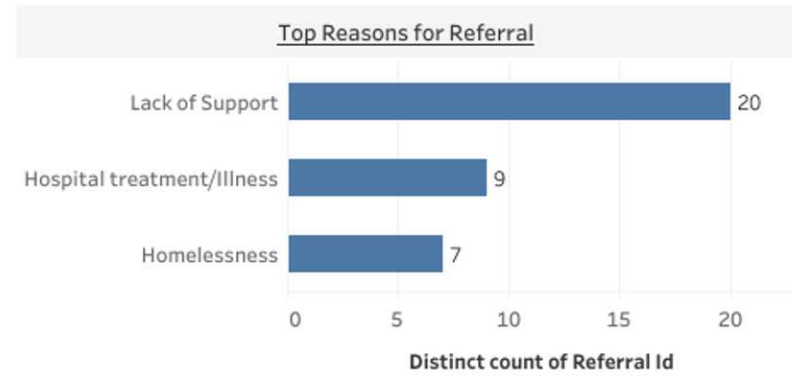


POST-PANDEMIC DATA (2020+2021)

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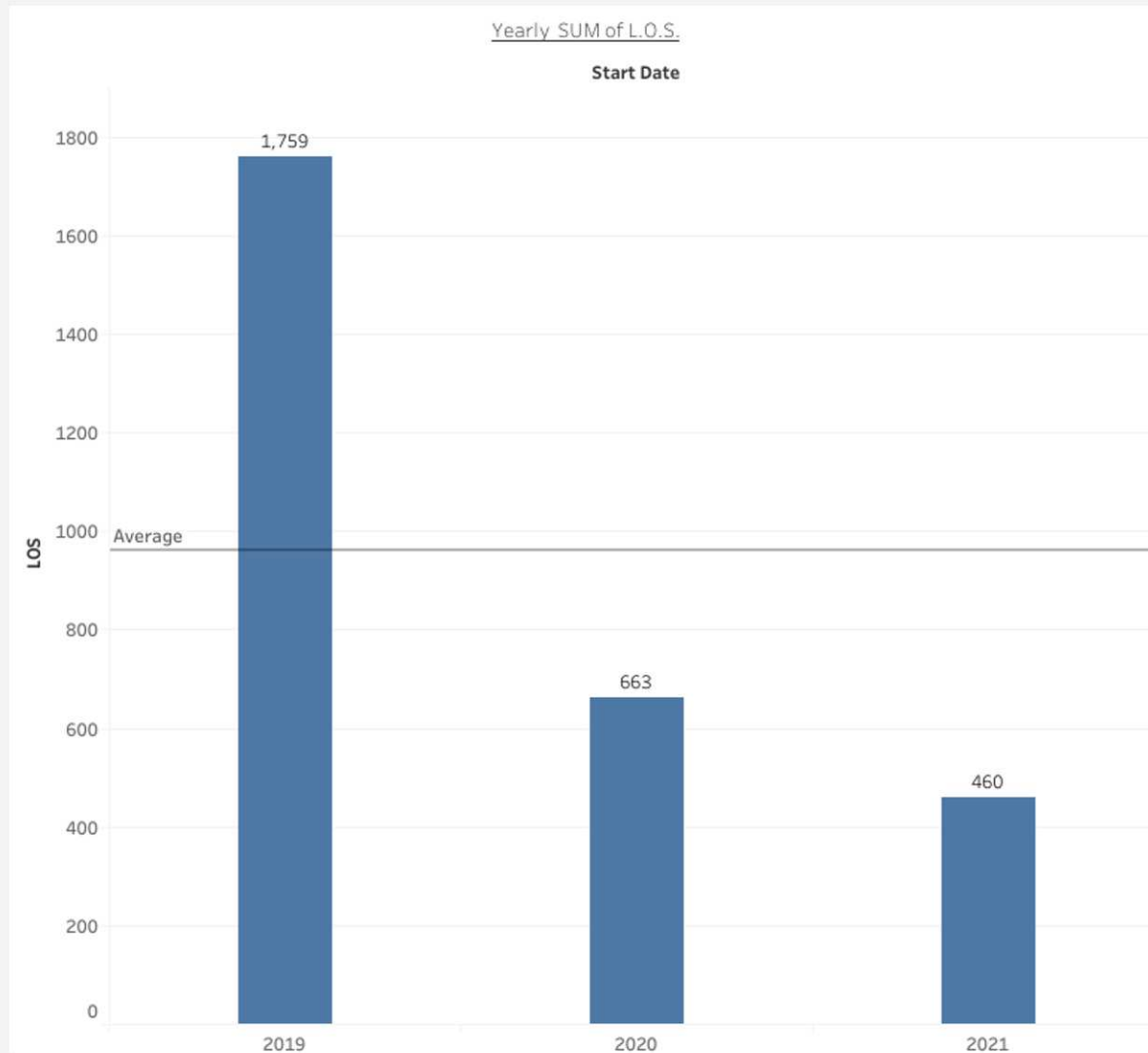
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Hostings: 190 | Secondary Hostings: | Day Hostings: 4 | Children Served: 67 | Families Served: 39 | HF used: 46 | FF Assignments: | FF Used: |



HOSTING 'SAFE DAYS' COMPARISON

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WITH MORE COMMUNITY CONNECTION, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO REACH FAMILIES IN SAN DIEGO SIMILARLY TO 2019.



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*Please email us if you would like us to connect
with your agency or present to your staff/team.*

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