

CASA of Contra Costa County



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Contra Costa County

“To give a child a CASA volunteer is to give them a voice.
To give them a voice is to give them hope.
And to give them hope is to give them the world.”

Pamela Butler, former foster youth



What is CASA?



- **CASA supports:**

- highly trained volunteer advocates
- appointed by the court
- who serve as a voice for the best interest of abused and neglected children during the foster care court process.

- **CASA volunteers:**

- spend time with the child building a trusting relationship.
- they also talk to teachers, foster parents, and therapists.
- provide the court with a complete picture of what is in the best interest of the child.



Children in Foster Care



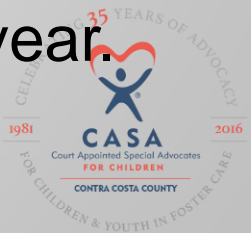
- **All the children and youth we serve are dependents of the juvenile court in Contra Costa County as a result of abuse, neglect or abandonment by a parent or guardian**
 - They are not part of the juvenile justice system
 - They are part of the court process through no fault of their own
 - They may have been in numerous foster homes and schools
 - They may not have anyone in their life who is not paid to be there EXCEPT for their CASA volunteer.
- Foster Child Story (Kay)



Foster Care in Contra Costa County



- **There are approximately 1,100 children and youth in foster care in Contra Costa County**
- **In 2015-16 CASA served 144 foster children**
- **CASA has a strategic plan to serve 400 foster children a year by 2021.**
 - Strategic Partnership with Silicon Valley CASA:
 - 6 years ago they served 150 foster children a year.
 - Now they serve 650 foster children a year.



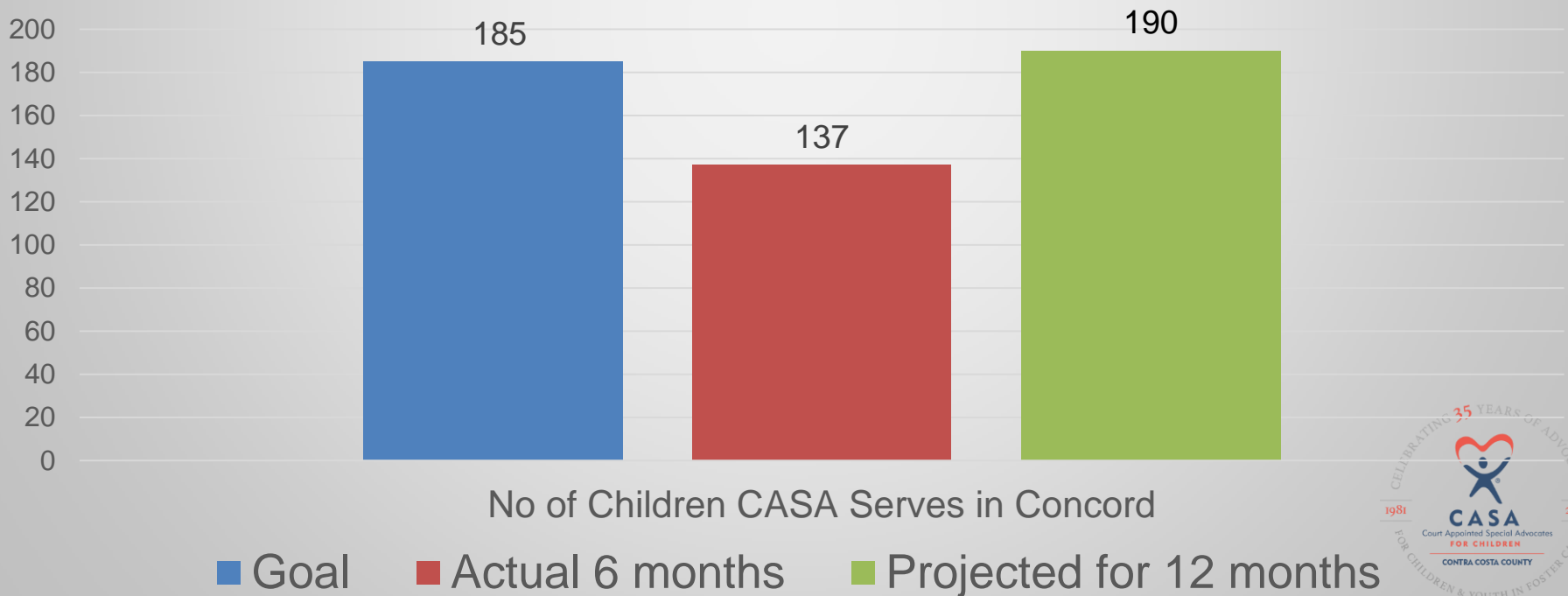
Foster Children Served



Annual goal for FY 16-17: **185**

Actual children served in 7 months: **137**

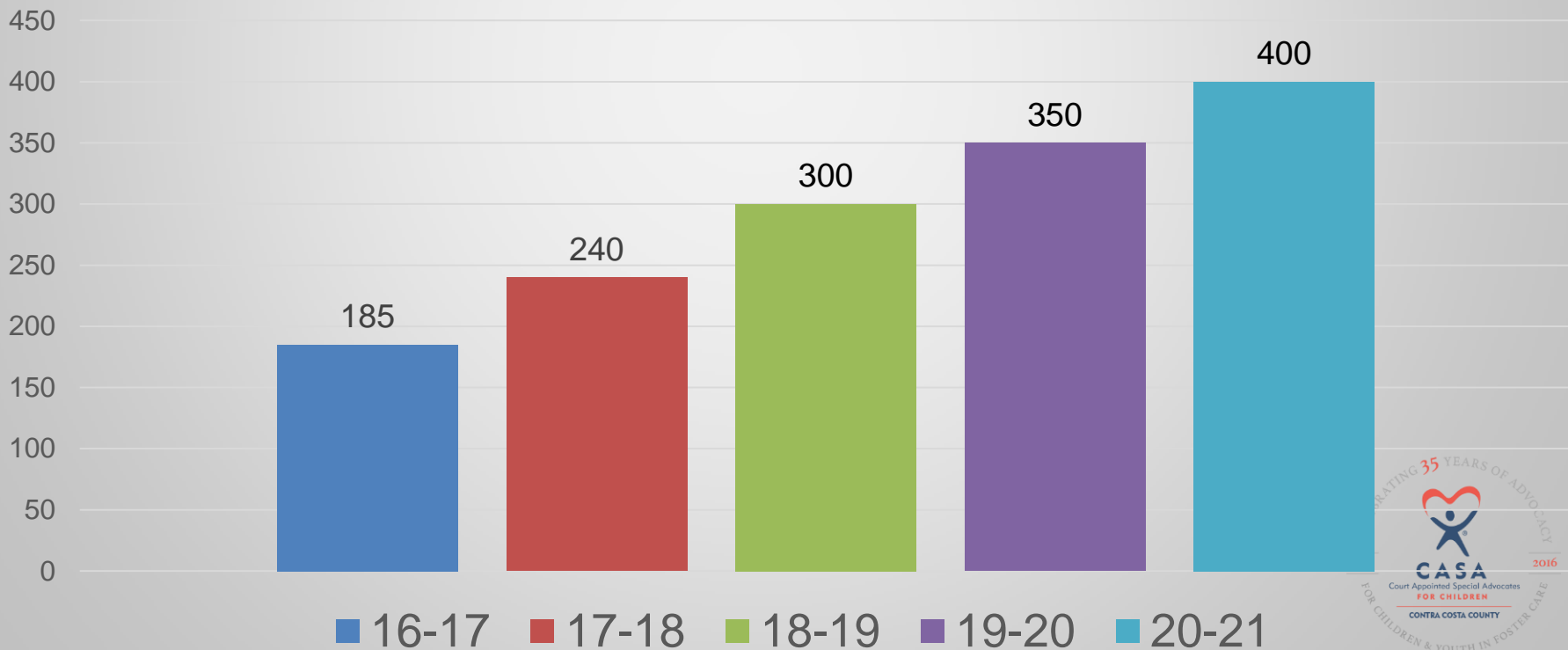
Projected children served in 12 months: **190**



Five Year Projections



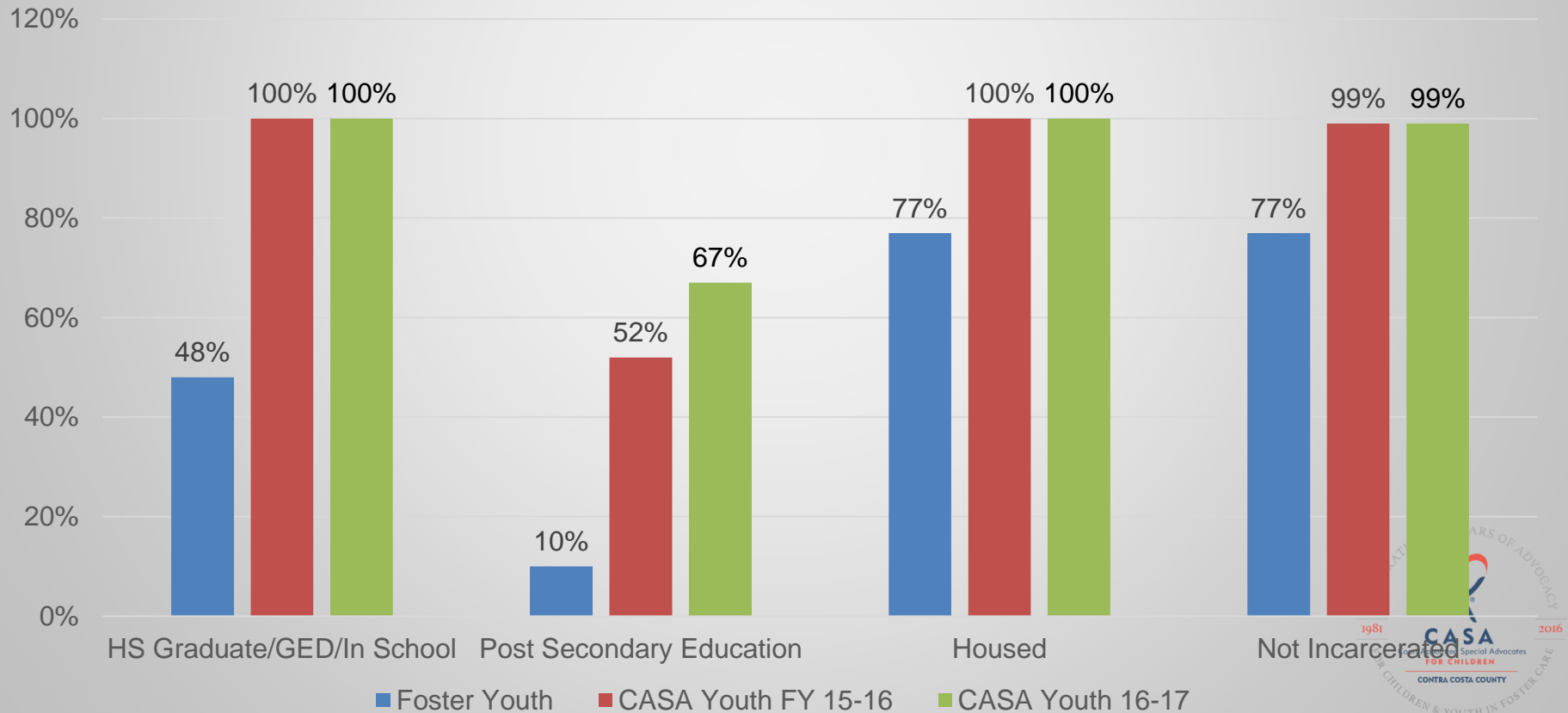
CASA will serve 400 Foster Children/Year by 2021



CASA Volunteers Make a Difference



Outcomes for Youth with a CASA Volunteer



CASA Financials

FY 16-17



- **Annual operating budget = \$759,005**
- **Volunteer in kind Contributions = \$665,672 (2016 Audit)**
- **Revenue breakdown:**
 - 55% Individual Donations
 - 30% Foundations
 - 13% Government
 - 2% Corporations
- **Less than 10% is used for fundraising.**



Need for Funds



- **\$50,000 will allow CASA to recruit, train and support the additional 40 volunteers we need this year to make our goal of serving 185 foster children and youth.**



Thank You & Questions



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