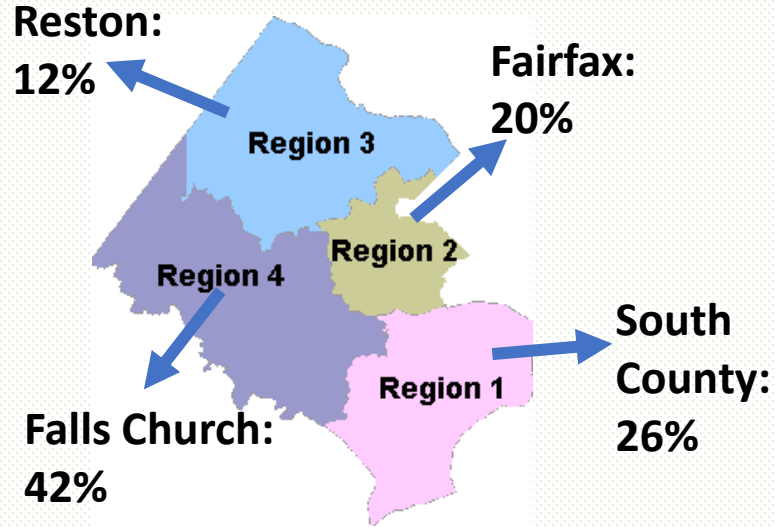


# FAIRFAX COUNTY FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION DEMOGRAPHICS FISCAL YEAR 2020 (7/1/19 to 6/30/20)



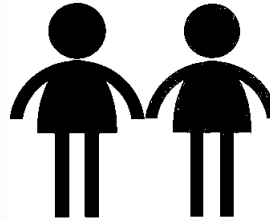
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## Removal Region (76 children)



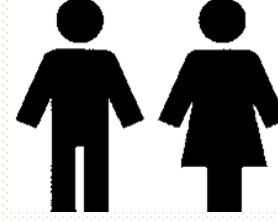
## CHILDREN\*

189



## GENDER\*

49% 51%



## Reasons for Leaving Foster Care (108 children)

24%  
Return home



11%  
Custody Transferred to Relative



40%  
Adoption



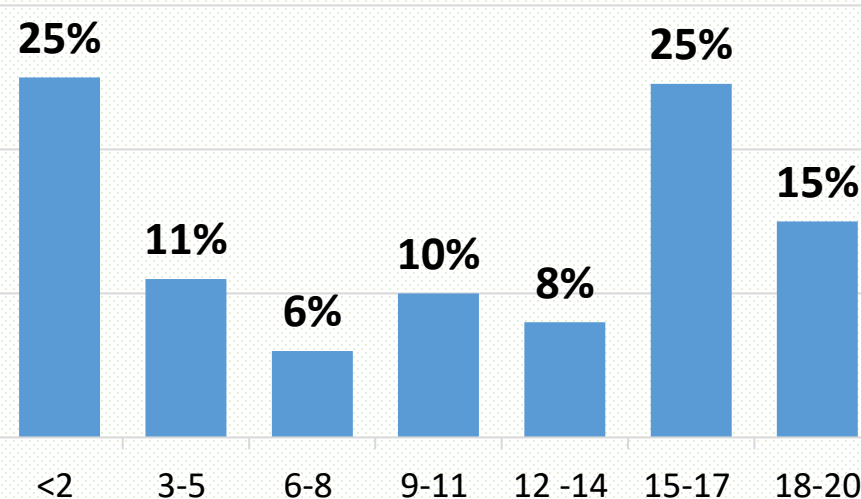
23%  
Age out



2% Other (runaway)



## Age of Clients in Foster Care\*



Source: FAST, FCAS, OASIS. Fiscal Year 2020.



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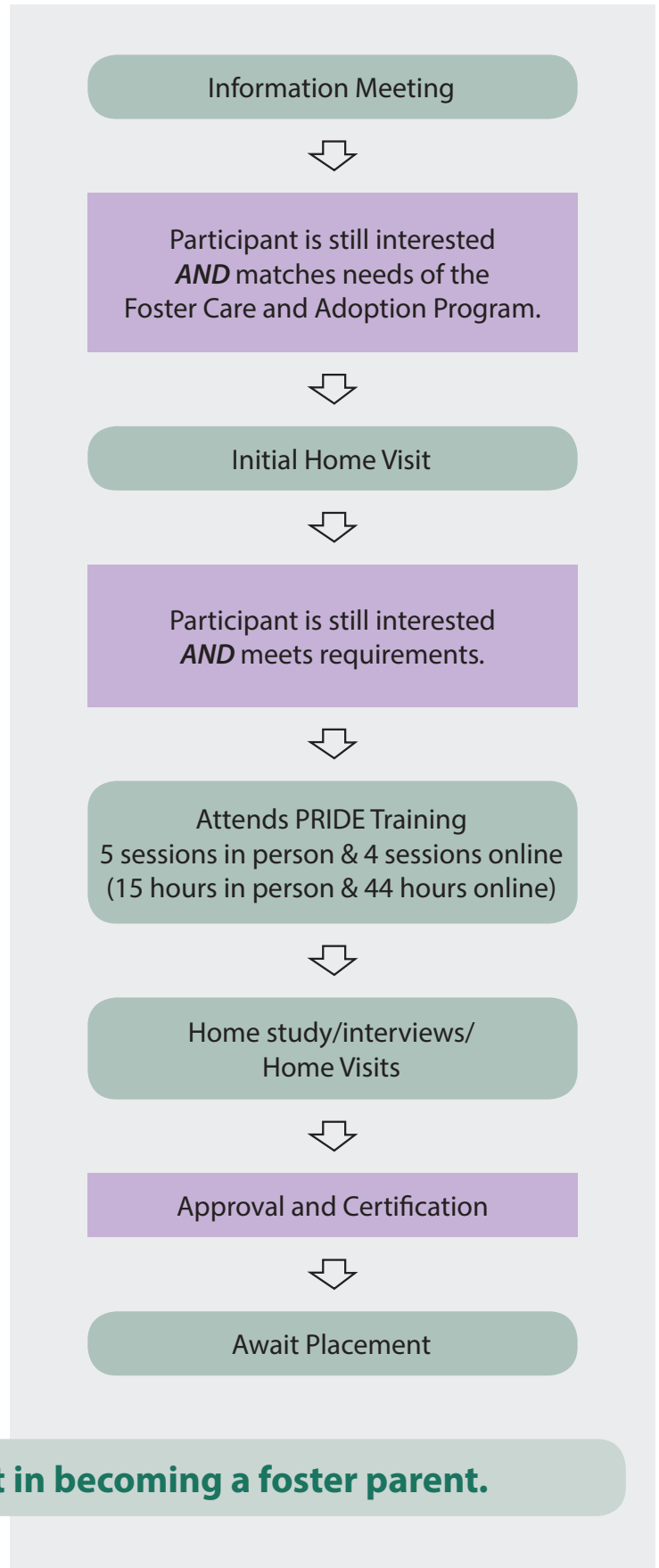
## Race of Children in Foster Care\*

Hispanic	31%
African American/Black	23%
Multi-race	19%
White	18%
Asian	6%
Middle Eastern	3%
American Indian	0%

# Steps to Becoming a Foster Parent

 Process Steps.

 Check points during the process that participants and Fairfax County evaluate and determine whether to continue.



**Thank you for your interest in becoming a foster parent.**



# New Generation PRIDE

## Pre-service Training for Resource Parents

**Duration:** Approximately 44 hours online and 15 hours in classroom.

**Trainers:** A Fairfax County Department of Family Services Social Service Specialist and a Resource Parent.

### What will you learn?

- The challenges and rewards of being a resource family.
- The skills necessary to meet the needs of children in foster care.

### Topics covered:

#### In Person

- **Session 1:** Connecting with FosterPRIDE/AdoptPRIDE
- **Session 2:** Protecting and Nurturing Children
- **Session 3:** Meeting Developmental Needs – Trauma, Loss, and Resilience
- **Session 4:** Supporting Family relationships
- **Session 5:** Making informed Decision

#### Online

- **Cluster 1:** The Child Welfare Team; Child Abuse and Neglect; Child Development.
- **Cluster 2:** Parent-Child Attachment; Understanding Children’s Behaviors; Caring for Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused.
- **Cluster 3:** Working Together with Primary Families; Cultural Issues in Parenting; Trauma-Informed Parenting.
- **Cluster 4:** Reducing Family Stress; The Impact of Fostering on Birth Children of Foster Parents; From Foster Care to Adoption.

### Visuals:

- Videos depicting real life situations to help you better understand what children and their families are experiencing.
- A panel made up of individuals with various experiences in the Child Welfare System, such as: young adults who were in foster care as children, adults who were adopted, current foster parents, and children of current foster parents.

### Our goals:

- To deepen your understanding of how you manage trauma, change, loss, attachment, and children with self-esteem issues.
- To develop the skills necessary to:
  - Protect and nurture children.
  - Meet their developmental needs, and address their developmental delays.
  - Support the relationships between children and their birth families.
  - Connect children to safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime.
  - Work as a member of a professional team.

## For more information...

- Website information--  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/foster-care-adoption>
- Monthly information meetings--  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/foster-care-adoption/information-meetings>
- Email to learn more—[BeAFosterParent@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:BeAFosterParent@fairfaxcounty.gov)



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