

October 2021 PLC:

# **TANF and PEAFF Resources to Assist Needy Families**

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# Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF)

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# TANF Block Grant: \$16.5 Billion

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TANF Fosters economic security and stability for low-income families by providing states, territories, and tribes with block grants to design and operate programs to address the program's 4 broad purposes:

1. Provide assistance to needy families so children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives
2. End dependence of needy parents through job preparation, work, and marriage
3. Prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies
4. Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

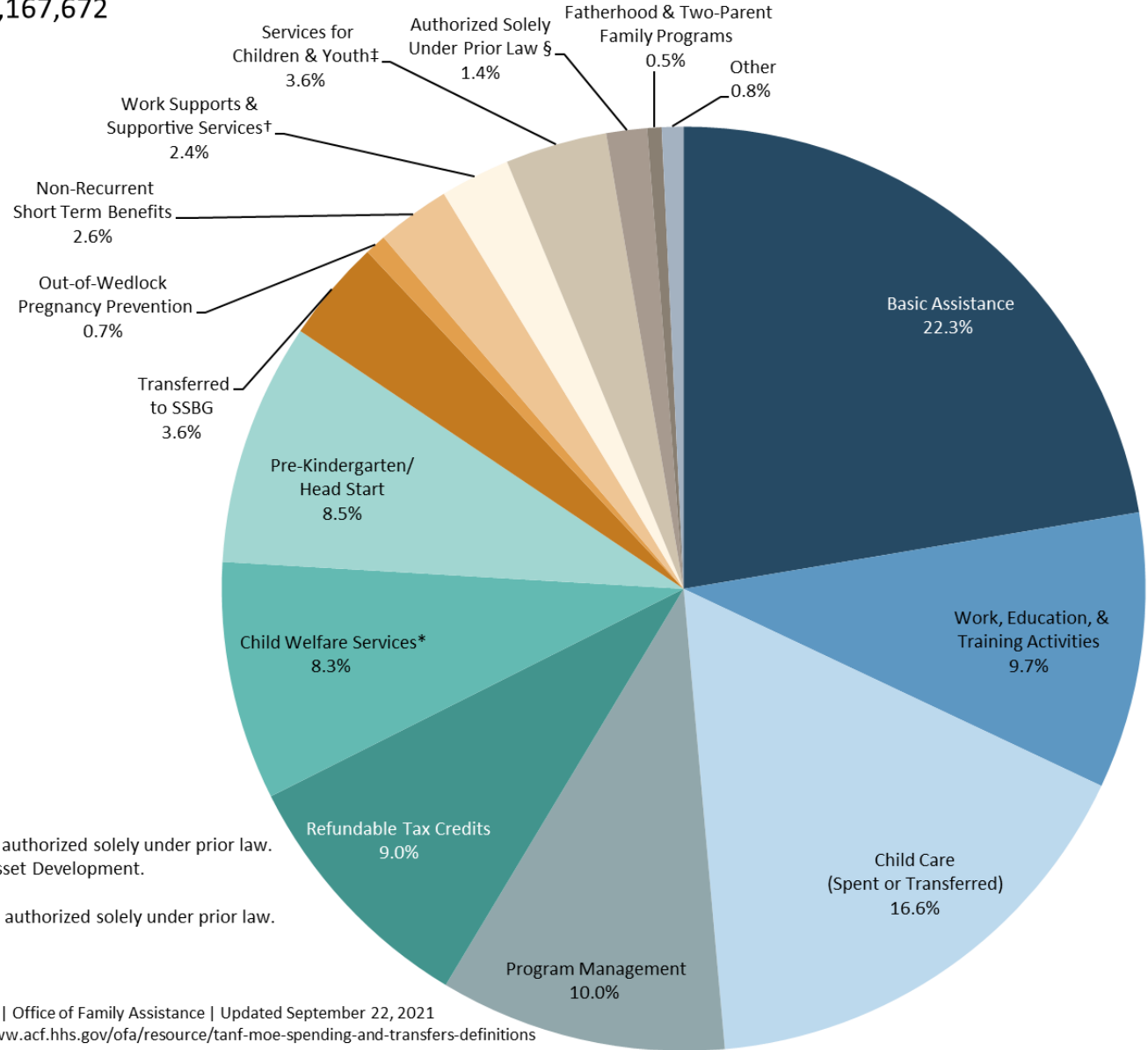


# Total TANF and MOE Spending, FY 2020

15 states spent less than 10% of their TANF and MOE funds on basic assistance

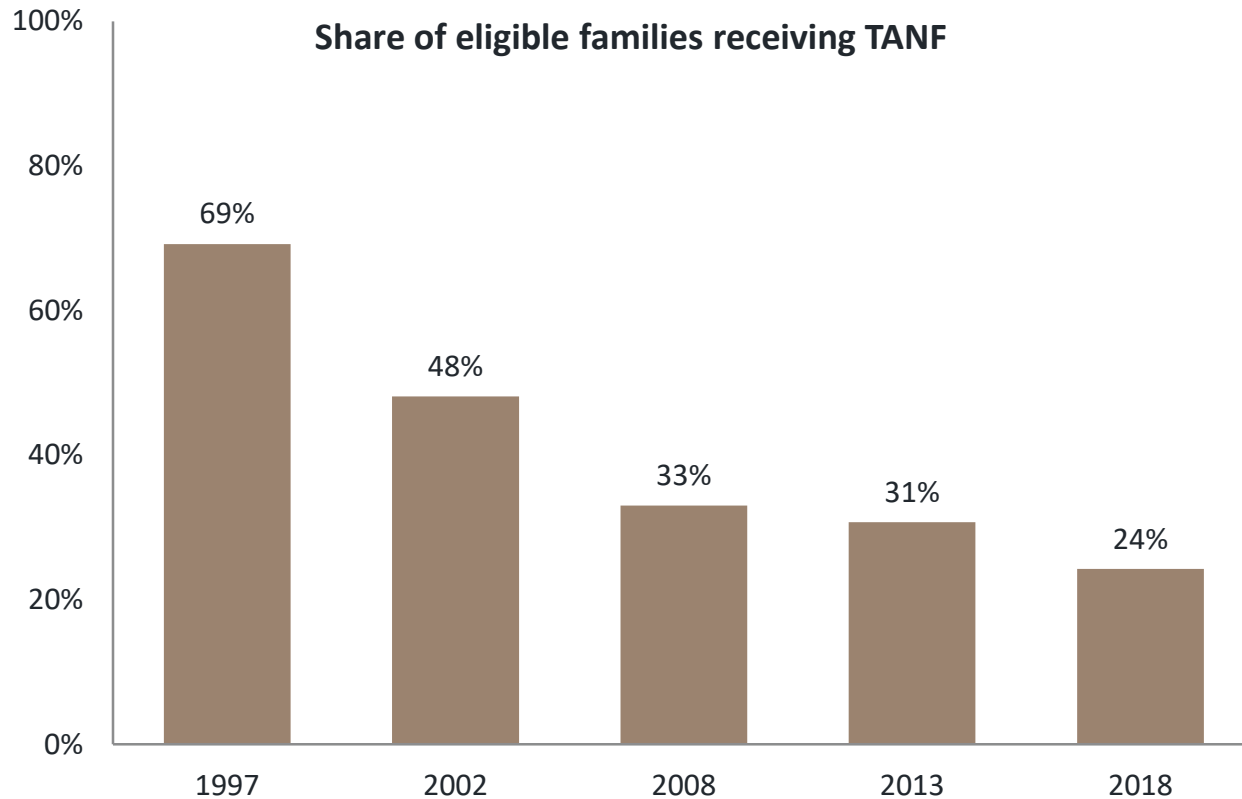
## TANF and MOE Spending and Transfers by Activity, FY 2020: United States

Total Funds = \$31,552,167,672



\* Includes Foster Care/Child Welfare authorized solely under prior law.  
 † Includes Financial Education and Asset Development.  
 ‡ Includes Home Visiting.  
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# TANF Cash Assistance



Median Maximum Monthly Benefit for a Family of Three with No Income (FY 2019):

\$486



# Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund

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- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 created a new section 403(c) of the Social Security Act
- \$1 billion Fund to assist needy families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Eligible Entities:
  - States including the District of Columbia
  - Tribes operating a program funded under TANF
  - All 5 US territories: Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands

# Use of PEAFF Dollars

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- Grantees may use funds through FY 2022 only for certain non-recurrent, short term (NRST) benefits
- NRST benefits must meet the regulatory definition and be limited to those that fall into the specific expenditure reporting category mentioned in the legislation
  - designed to deal with a specific crisis situation or episode of need
  - must not be intended to meet on-going needs
  - must not extend beyond four months
  - must only include expenditures such as emergency assistance and diversion payments, emergency housing and short-term homelessness assistance, emergency food aid, short-term utilities payments, burial assistance, clothing allowances, and back-to-school payments
  - may **not** include tax credits, child care, transportation, or short-term education and training

# Who is eligible to receive a PEAFF-funded NRST benefit?

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- Recipients of PEAFF-funded NRSTs must be needy families with children, but they do not necessarily have to be eligible for TANF cash assistance.
- A grantee has the flexibility to determine what both “family” and “needy” mean for each NRST benefit and may wish to alter those definitions or to set a higher standard than it does for TANF cash assistance, such as aligning with SNAP or Medicaid income eligibility criteria.
- PEAFF funded benefits must be designed to address needs arising from the pandemic.



# What are grantees actually planning to spend PEAFF money for?

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- **One-time payments**
- Housing and utility expenses
- School and clothing expenses
- Food
- Internet service
- Personal protective equipment

# What are some of the grantees' administrative considerations?

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- Target population: TANF or SNAP families? Other?
- Timing
- Use: cash payment or a more focused benefit
- Complexity of starting a new program/ability to build on to existing program
- Legislative process

# Additional TANF and PEAFF Resources

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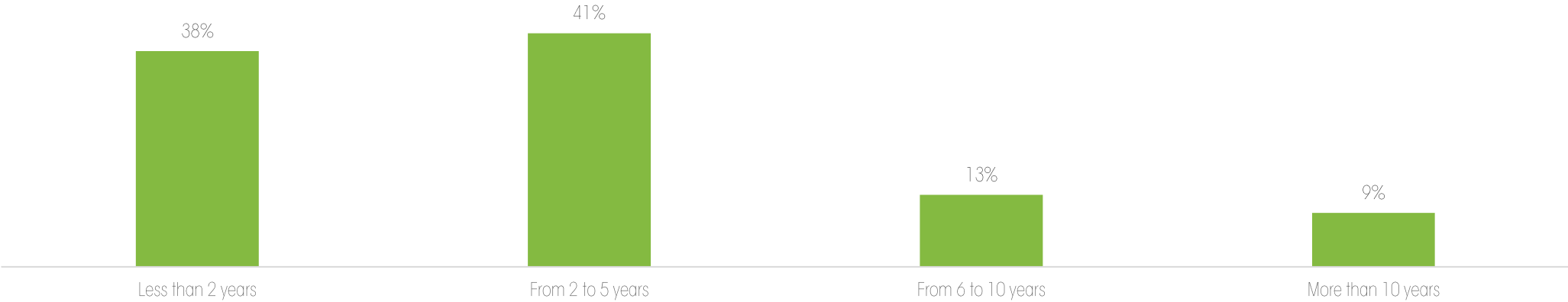


# 2021 Needs Assessment

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# Respondent Demographics

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# FRIENDS CBCAP Website

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## MOST USED WEB-BASED RESOURCES

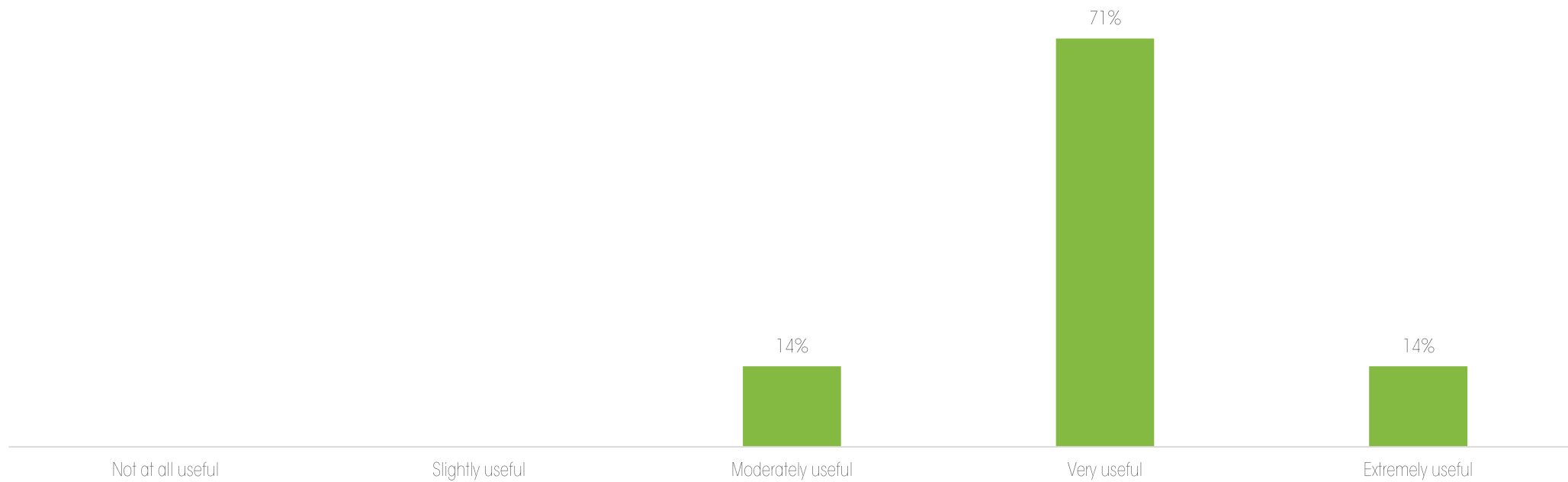
Resource	%
Culturally Effective Organizations webpage	24%
Historical Trauma Among African Americans, Radical Healing, and Resilience podcast series	17%
2019 State Report Digital Summary of Exemplary Practices	66%
Sharing the Journey: Voices from the Field	14%
Parent and Practitioner newsletters	62%
Prevention Mindset Institute newsletters or other resources	48%

## MOST SHARED WEB-BASED RESOURCES

Resource	%
Culturally Effective Organizations webpage	17%
Historical Trauma Among African Americans, Radical Healing, and Resilience podcast series	26%
2019 State Report Digital Summary of Exemplary Practices	30%
Sharing the Journey: Voices from the Field	52%
Parent and Practitioner newsletters	83%
Prevention Mindset Institute newsletters or other resources	52%

# FRIENDS Podcasts

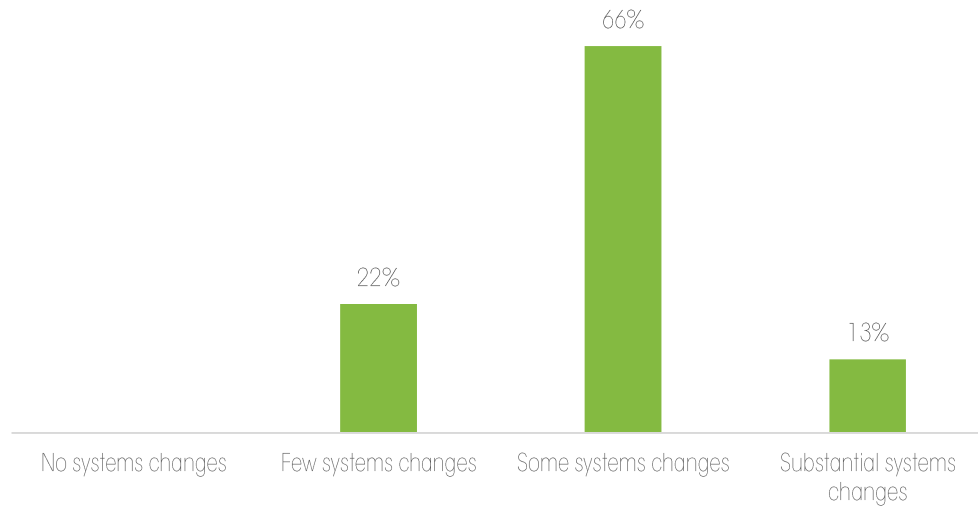
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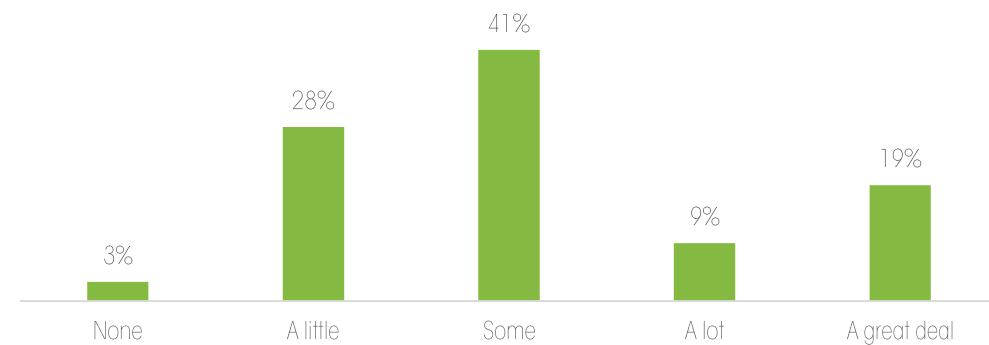
# Collaboration with Child Welfare Staff

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HOW FAR HAS YOUR STATE GONE IN SHIFTING TO A PREVENTION MINDSET?



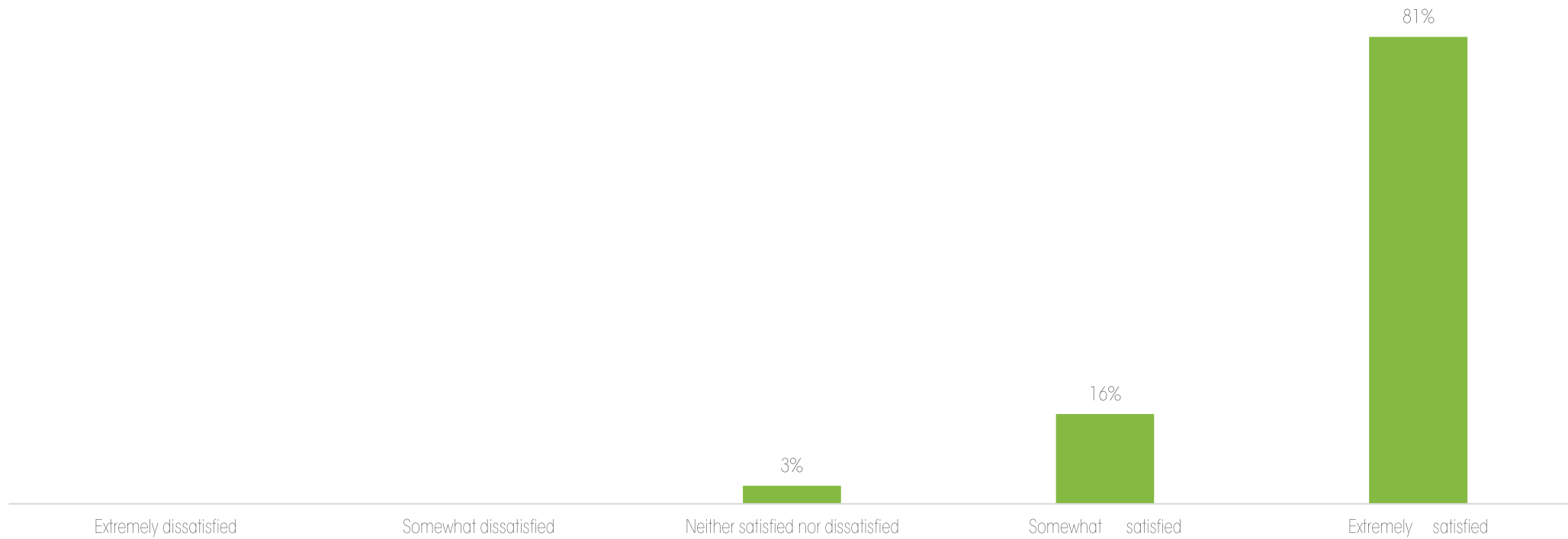
HOW MUCH INVOLVEMENT HAVE YOU HAD IN MAKING THIS SHIFT?





# Training and Technical Assistance

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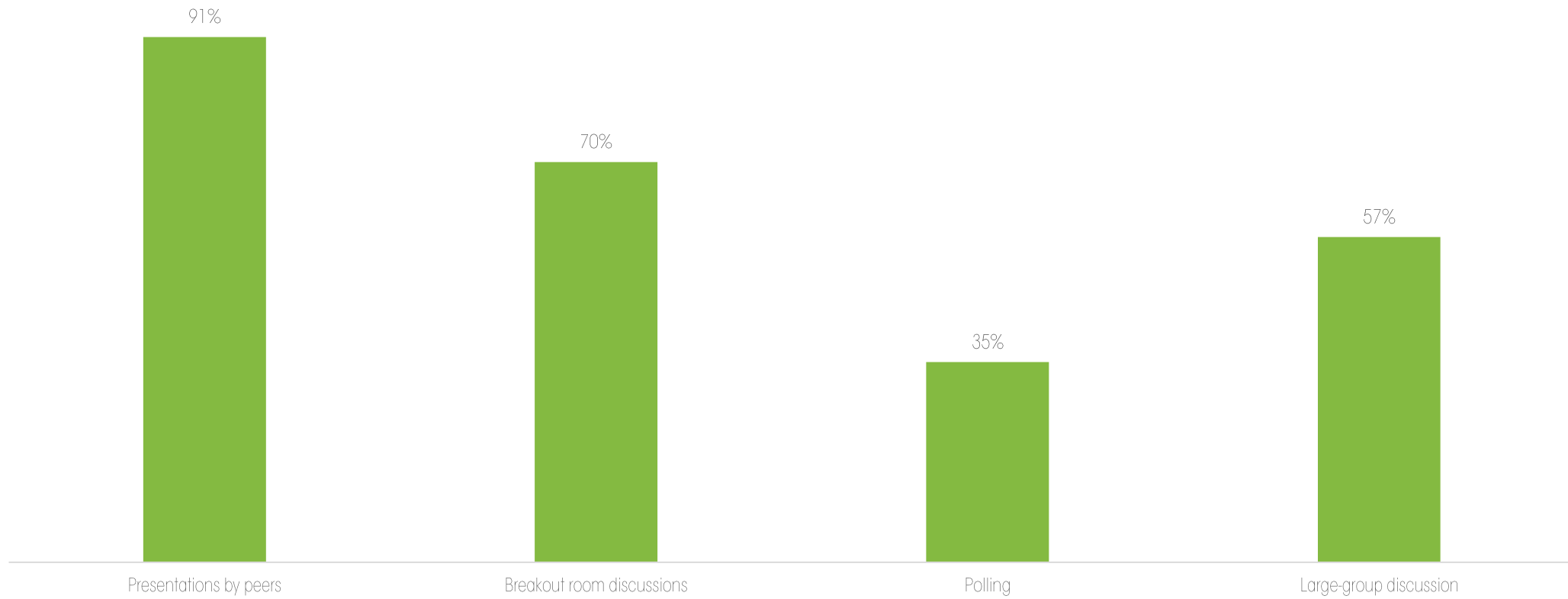
# Peer Learning Calls

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# Discussion Series

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# American Rescue Act Funds

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Use	%
Provide concrete supports	73%
Enhance work in reducing racial and economic disparities	57%
Strengthen parent leadership and parent engagement	67%
Expand Family Resource Centers	53%
Develop public awareness	57%
Strengthen prevention infrastructure	77%
Evaluate program services	50%
Increase number of EB/EI prevention programs	40%
Provide support to underserved communities	63%
Other	17%

# Parent Success Stories

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Intended Audience	%
General public	82%
Lawmakers, legislators	79%
Parents	79%
Private partners/funders	57%
Staff	82%

# Regional Calls

Dates and Locations	Staff
<b>Region 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARP Call - Oct 20 – 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST</li> </ul>	Samantha, Cynthia, MaryJo – PAC members, Joanne, and Anthony
<b>Regions 1 and 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARP Call - Oct 21 – 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST</li> </ul>	Carolyn, Angela, MaryJo – PAC member – Marcela
<b>Regions 6 and 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARP Call - Oct 27 – 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST</li> </ul>	Edi, Samantha, Cynthia – PAC member, Raven
<b>Regions 9 and 10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARP Call - Oct 28 – 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST</li> </ul>	Samantha, Angela, Maggie – PAC Member, Melissa
<b>Region 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARP call - Nov 3 – 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST</li> </ul>	Carolyn, Alicia, Edi – PAC members, Eileen, Vadonna, and Valerie
<b>Region 8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARP Call - Nov 4 – 3:00 EST/2:00 CST/12:00 PST</li> </ul>	Edi, Maggie, Samantha – PAC member – Heather
<b>Region 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARP Call - Nov 9 – 3:00 ET/2:00 CT/12:00 PT</li> </ul>	Cynthia, MaryJo – PAC member – Elizabeth



# Grants for Tribes, Tribal Organizations, & Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs

Grants were awarded for a project period up to 60 months to the following:

- Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (Anchorage, AK)
- Peoria Indian Tribe of OK (Miami, OK)
- Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (Toppenish, WA)

Grants were awarded for a project period up to 36 months to the following:

- Child Abuse Prevention Services (Marshalltown, IA)
- Chugachmiut (Anchorage, AK)
- Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (Craig, AK)
- Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas (Horton, KS)
- San Carlos Apache Tribe (San Carlos, AZ)

# 2021 CBCAP Annual Formula Grant Awards

Please reach out to Sharon or Julie if you have not received your state's award letter.



## **2021 CBCAP Annual Program Reports are due January 30, 2022\***

Timeframe for the report is activities completed during fiscal year 2021 (October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021).

\*The Children's Bureau strongly encourages states to submit their annual program report before January 30th. However, because January 30, 2022 falls on a Sunday, the Children's Bureau will accept submissions received on Monday, January 31, 2022 as timely for this year only.