

# Children's Leadership Council

Special Report: The Opportunity Gap for Children across Contra Costa

*April 6, 2023*



A photograph of four diverse children of various ethnicities smiling and laughing joyfully. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The children are positioned in a row, with their heads and shoulders visible. The child on the far left is a young boy with short dark hair, smiling broadly. Next to him is a girl with light-colored hair, also smiling. In the center is a girl with dark curly hair, laughing with her mouth open. On the far right is a boy with light-colored curly hair, laughing heartily with his mouth wide open.

**Welcome!**

Thank you for joining us as we relaunch the  
Contra Costa Children's Leadership Council.

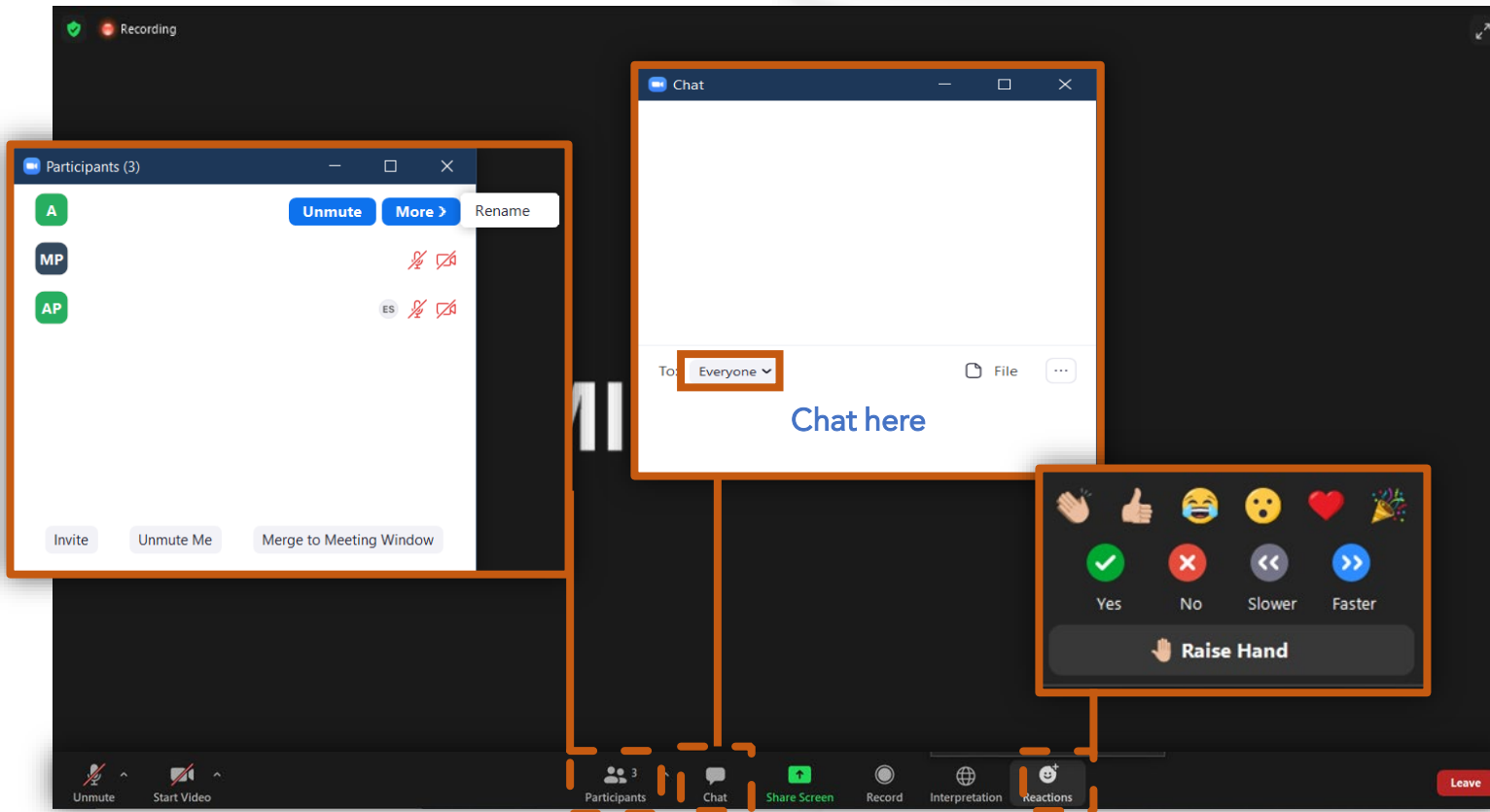
# Agenda

- Reintroducing the Children's Leadership Council (CLC)
- Opening Remarks, Chair John Gioia of the Board of Supervisors
- Special Report: Opportunity Gap for Children across Contra Costa County
- Panel Discussion
- Group Discussion
- Invitation to Join CLC Convening, June 21
- Closing

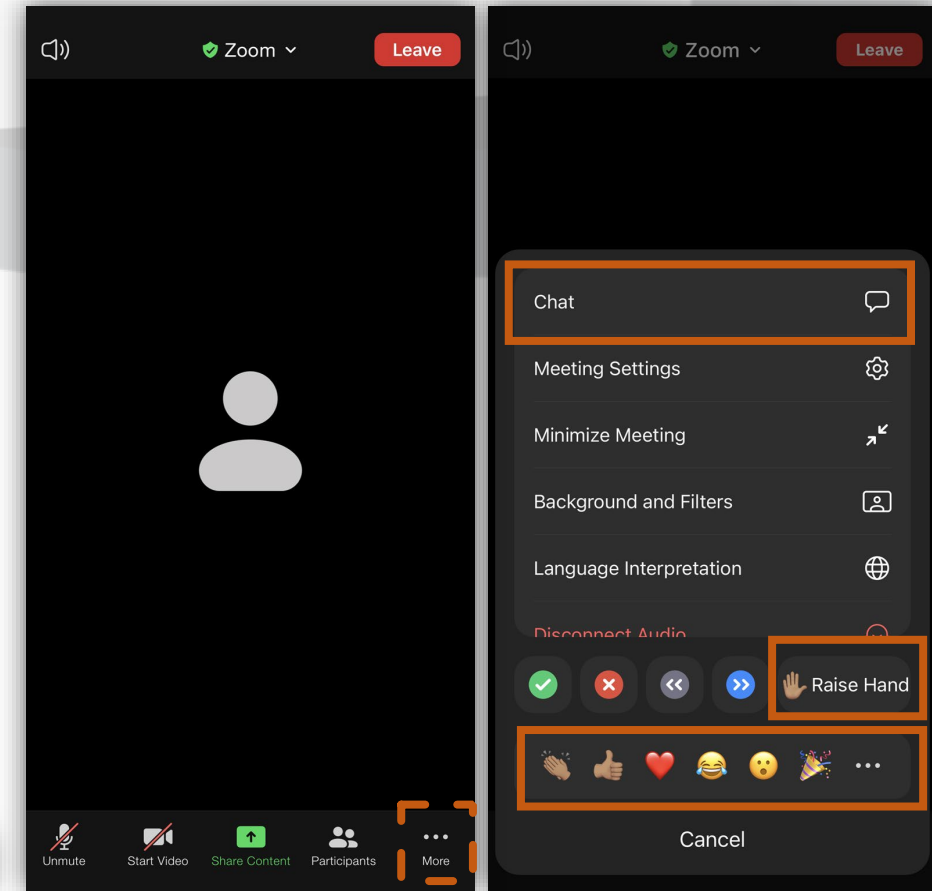


# Orientation to Zoom Tools

On your Computer



On your Phone





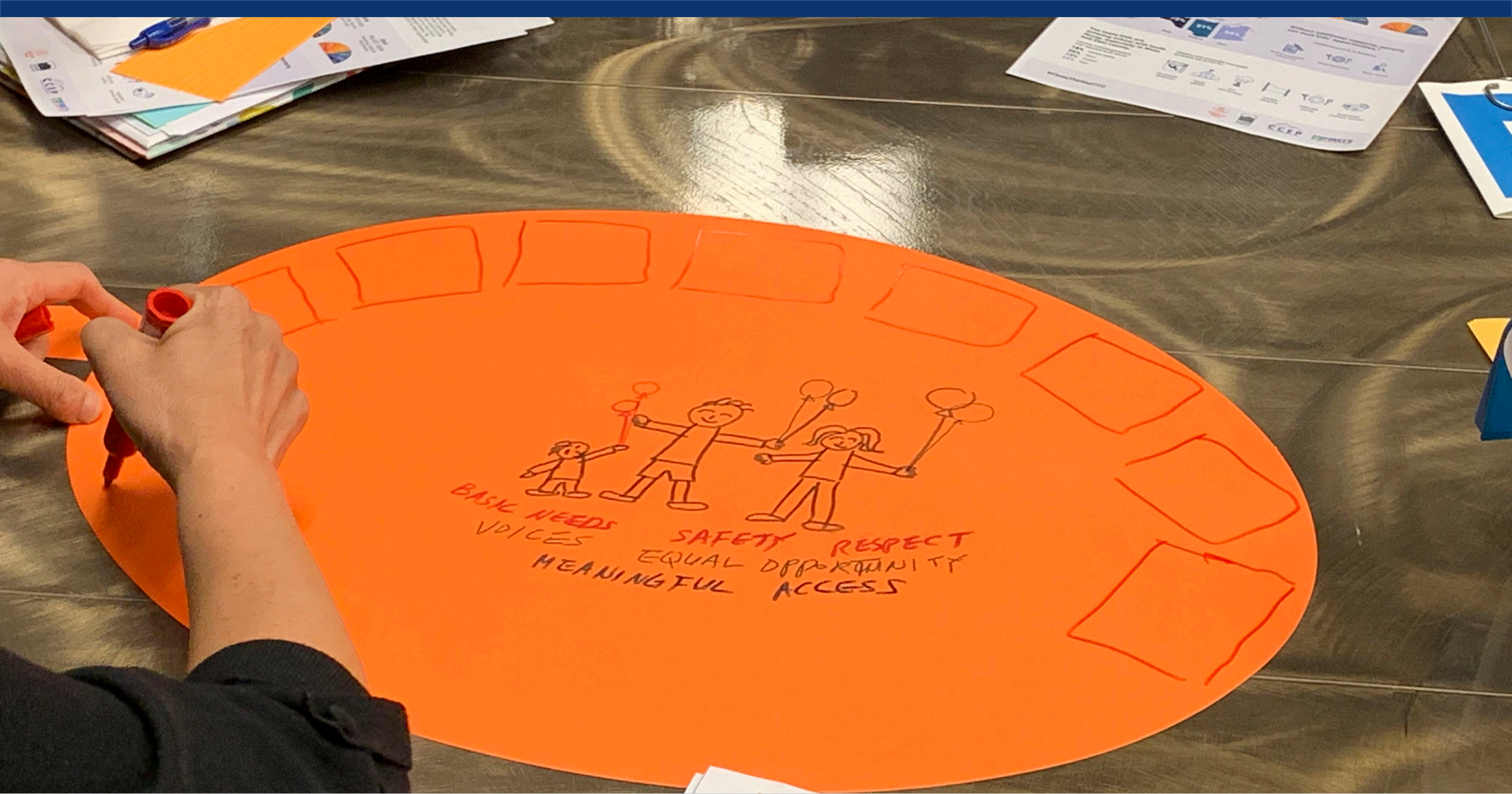
# Reintroducing the Contra Costa Children's Leadership Council

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Executive Director  
First 5 Contra Costa

















EMERGENCY  
EVACUATION



Maryam Adalat  
Mrs. Middle School  
Director

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ALL ZIP CODES ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL

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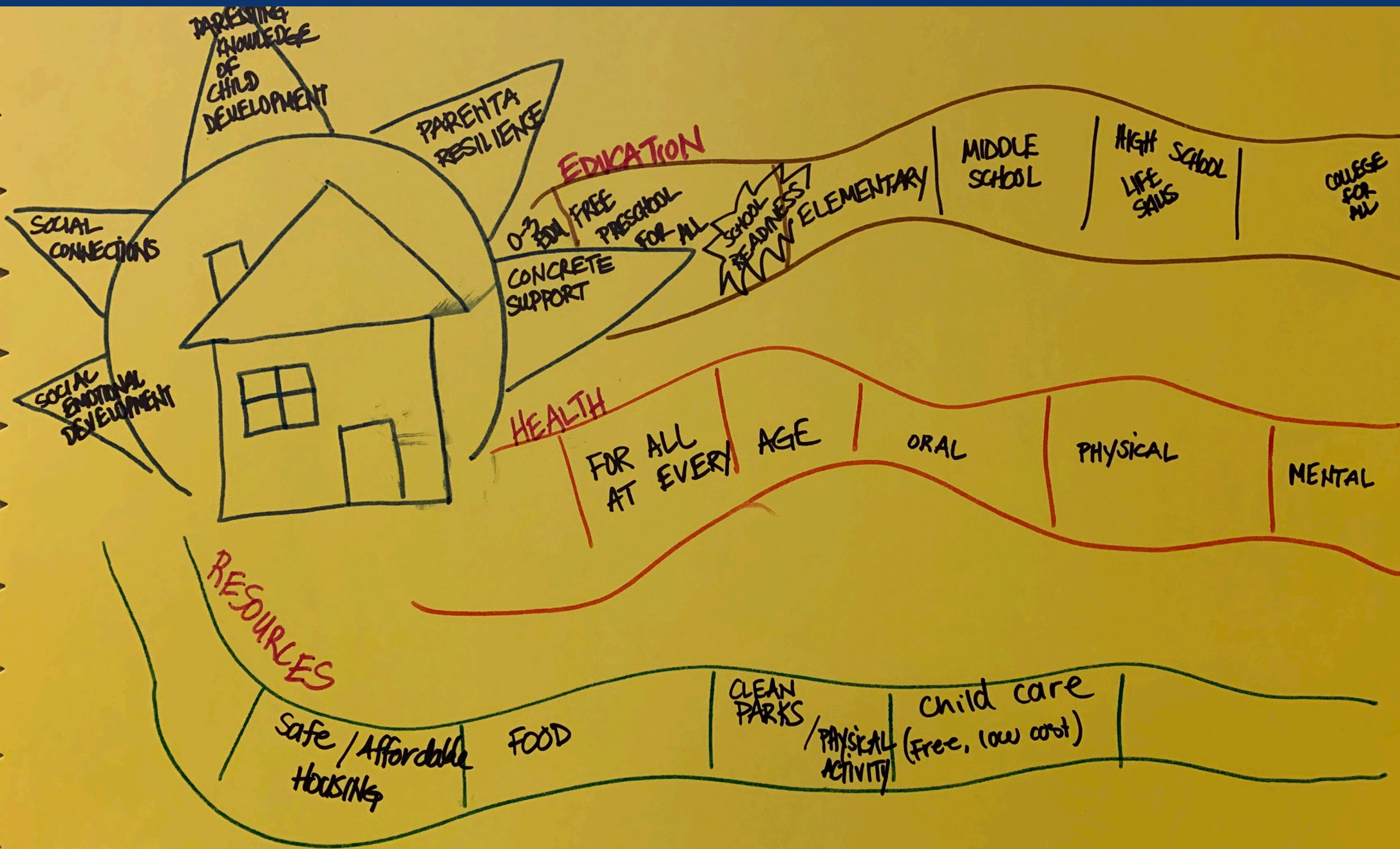
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**Opening Remarks  
from John Gioia  
Chair, Contra Costa  
County Board of  
Supervisors**





A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a patterned vest, smiling warmly while holding a young child. The child is looking off to the side. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. The entire image has a semi-transparent blue overlay.

Children Now

**Special Report:  
The Opportunity Gap for  
Children across  
Contra Costa**



# Poll

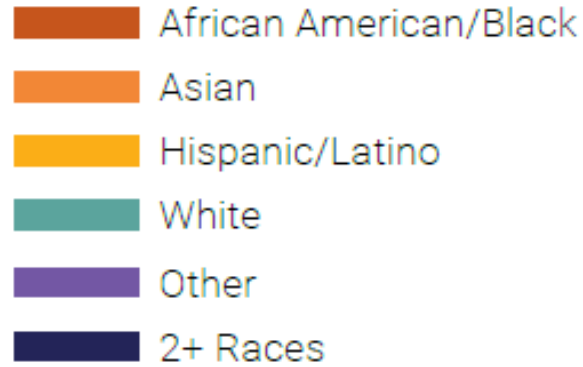
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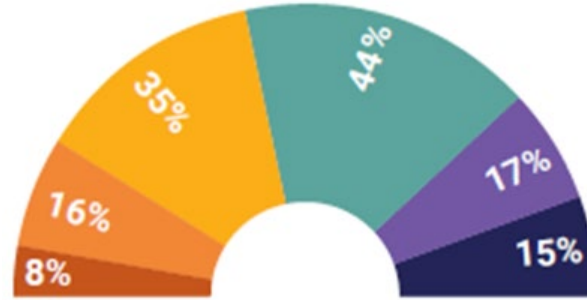


## Demographic<sup>2</sup>

(0-17 years)

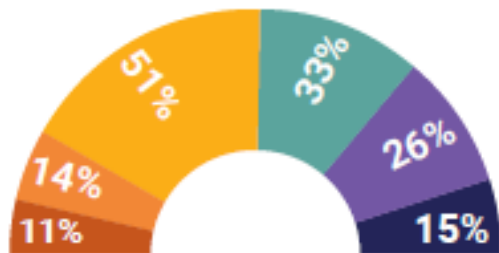


## Contra Costa 259,670 kids



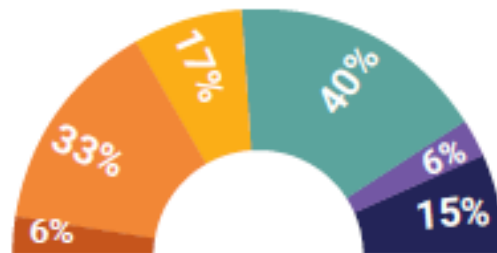
## West 55,586 kids

Hercules, San Pablo,  
Richmond



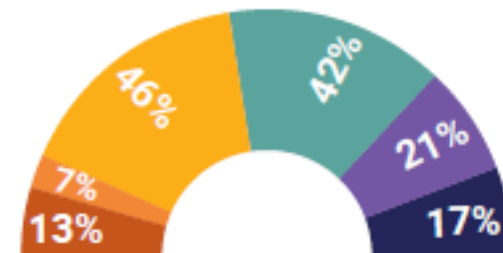
## Central 127,227 kids

Concord, San Ramon,  
Walnut Creek



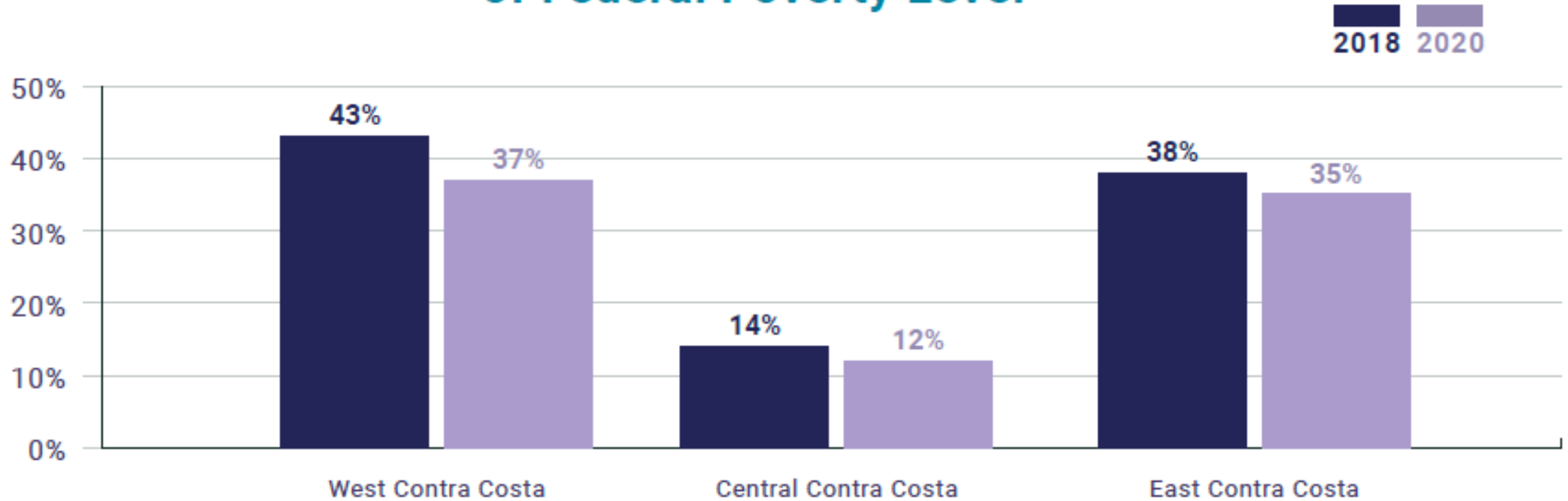
## East 76,906 kids

Pittsburg, Antioch,  
Brentwood





## Children in Families Below 200% of Federal Poverty Level





# Pandemic Impacts



Between 2020 and 2022,  
households using CalFresh  
increased by more than

**40%**

Nearly

**1,000**

kids in Contra Costa County (2/3  
of whom are Hispanic/Latino  
children) have experienced the  
death of caregivers due to COVID

Up to

**2,000**

child care slots were lost  
due to providers closing  
their doors



# Wellbeing



Reported survivors of child maltreatment

**8,553**

Survivors of verified child maltreatment

**678**

Child maltreatment fatalities

**2**

Financial impact of child maltreatment

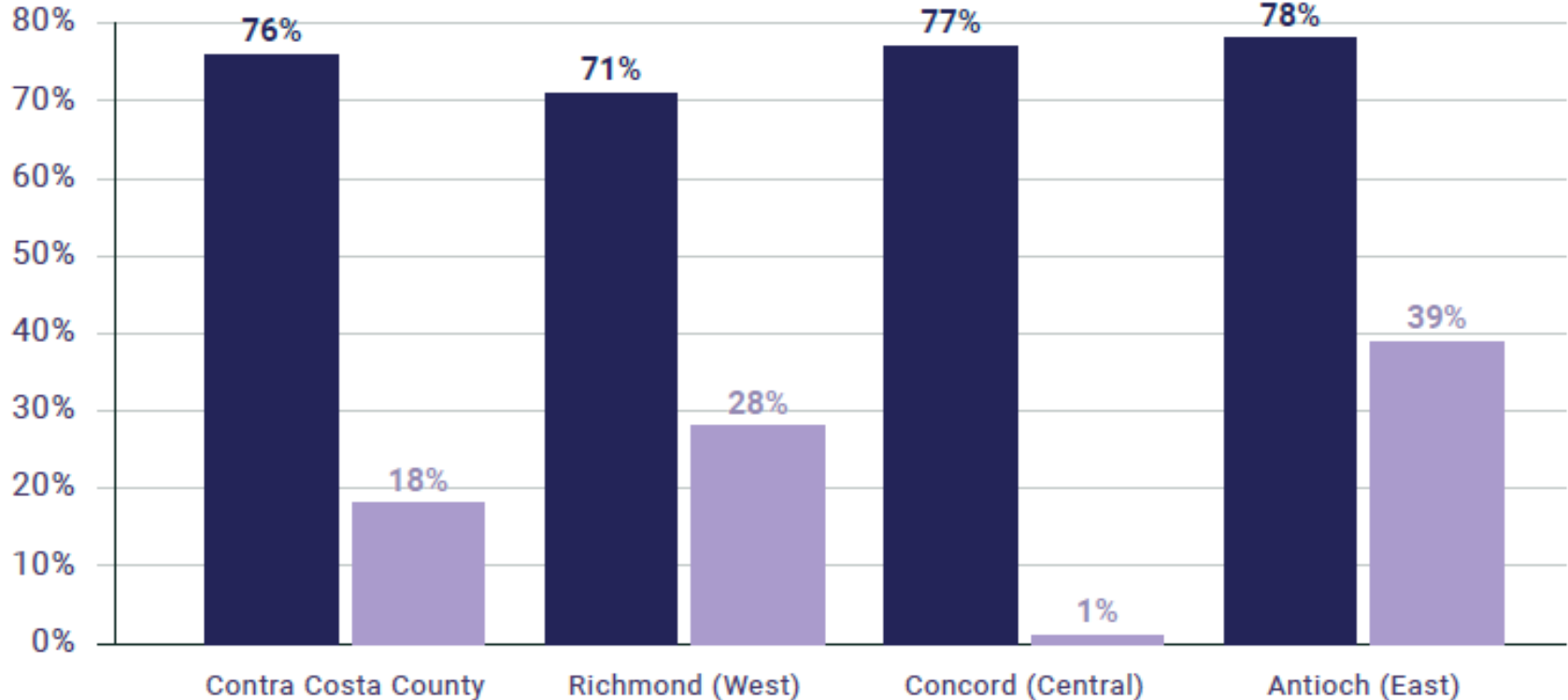
**\$320,000,000**



# Early Learning



## Projected Unmet Demand for Child Care in Contra Costa County in 2027



**Percent of Infant/Toddler Child Care Demand NOT Met**

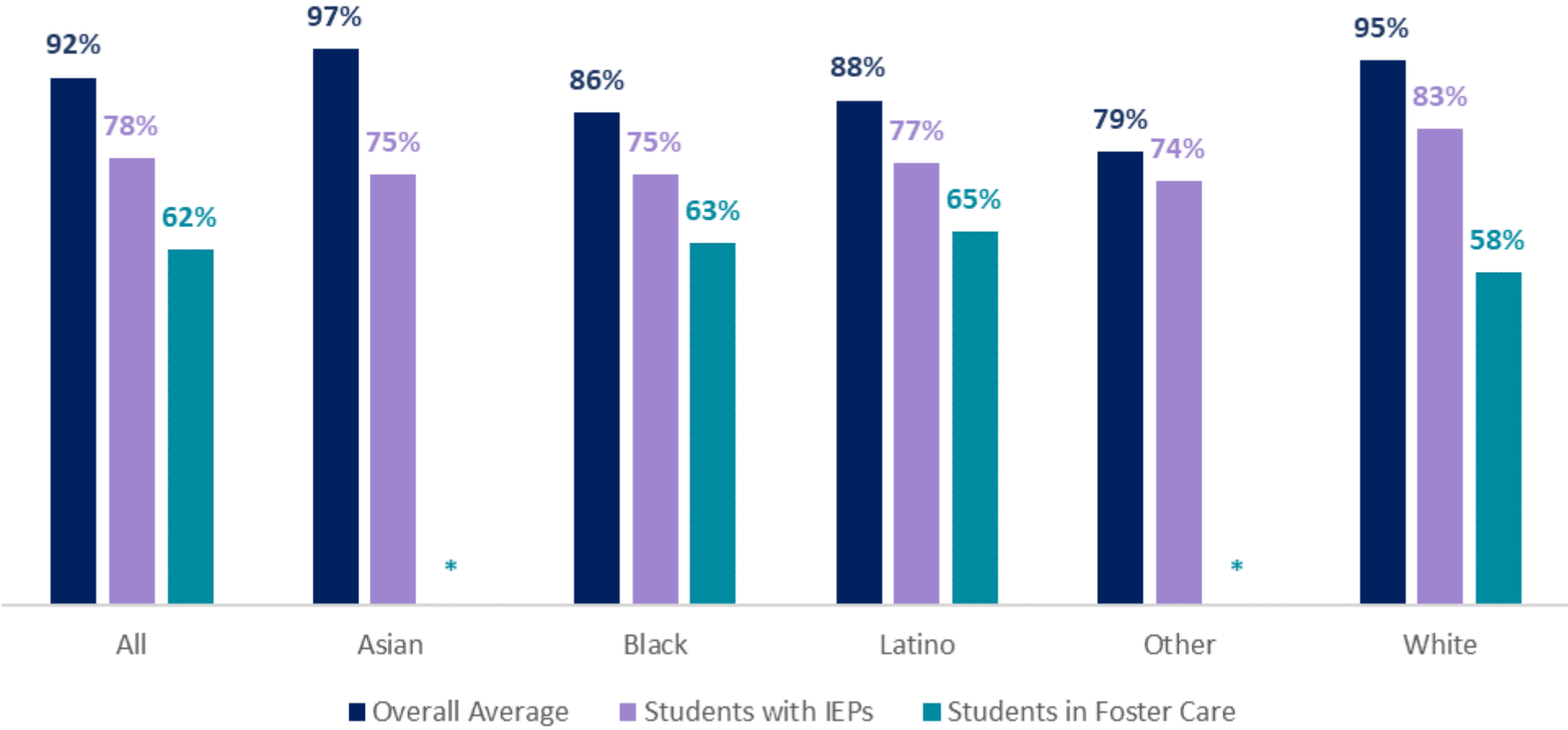
**Percent of Preschool Child Care Demand NOT Met**



# Education



## Contra Costa County - 2021-22 High School Graduation Rates

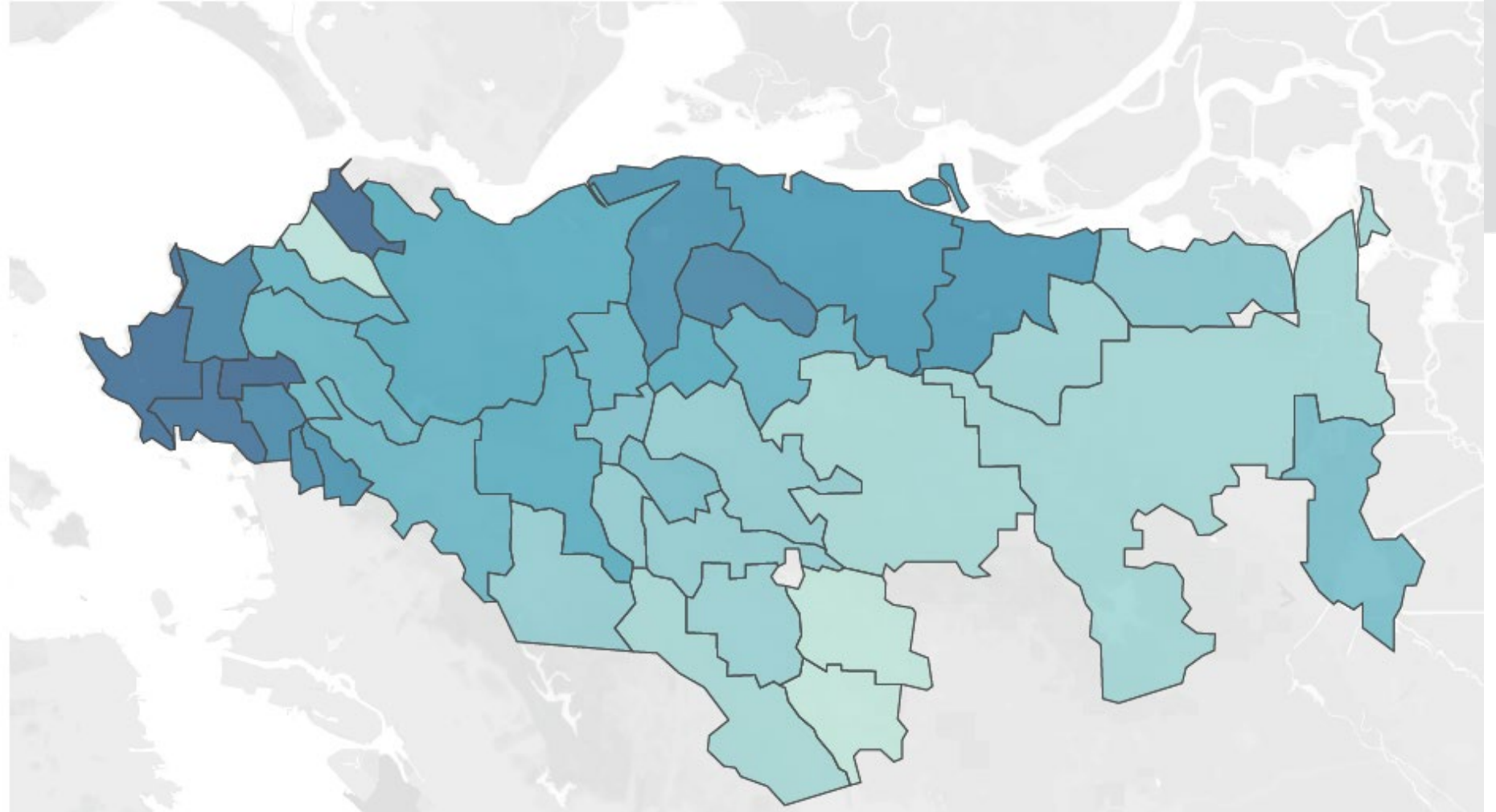




# Health



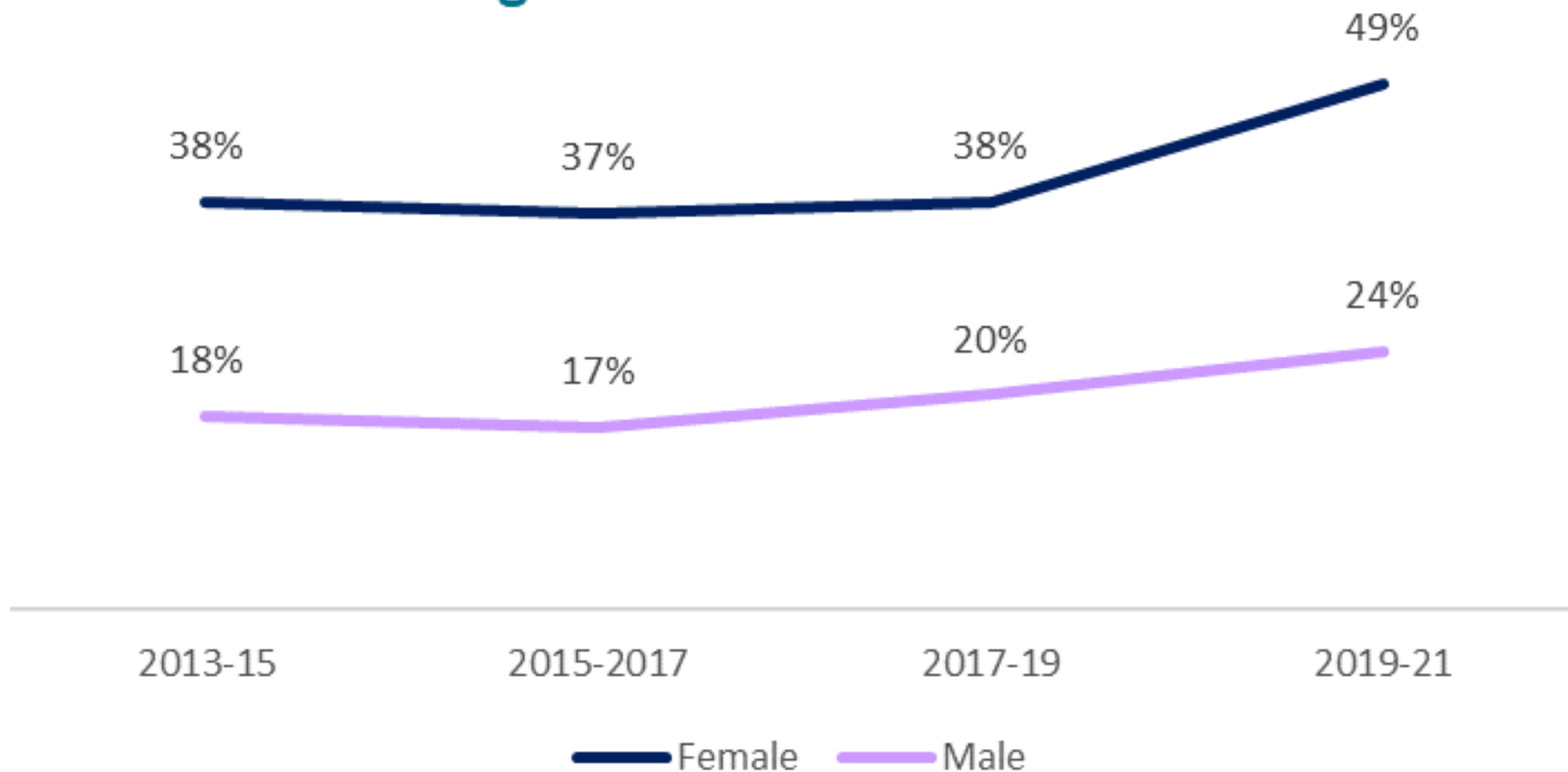
## Children's Average Lead Exposure Risk from Housing in Contra Costa County



# Mental Health



## Self-Reported Chronic Sadness/Hopelessness Among Contra Costa's 9th Graders





A group of five diverse students (three boys and two girls) are sitting around a curved table in a library. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is filled with bookshelves. The image has a blue tint. The text 'Panel Discussion' is overlaid in yellow.

# Panel Discussion

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**Natalie V. Berbick**

**Program Director**

Family, Maternal, and Child Health  
Contra Costa Health Services,  
Public Health Division

**Nic Bryant**

**Director**

Community Services Bureau  
Employment and Human  
Services Department

**Dave Fendel**

**Coordinator**

Social Emotional Learning  
Contra Costa County Office of  
Education



# Group Discussion

- Small group discussion-15 min
- Choose **one person to facilitate** and **one person to put notes** on the Jamboard
- Large group sharing—5 min
- Identify and share with the large group **ONE opportunity** your group wants to pursue



# You're Invited!

**Join the Children's Leadership Council Convening on June 21 from 1:00-5:00 pm.**

Register for this in-person event at

<https://www.first5coco.org/childrens-leadership-council/>







**Thank you  
for coming!**