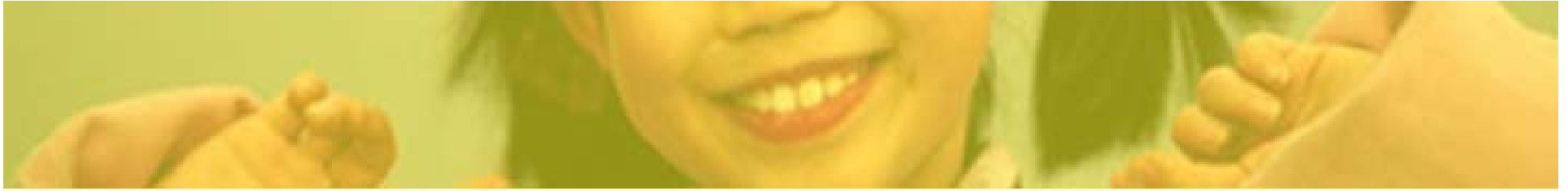
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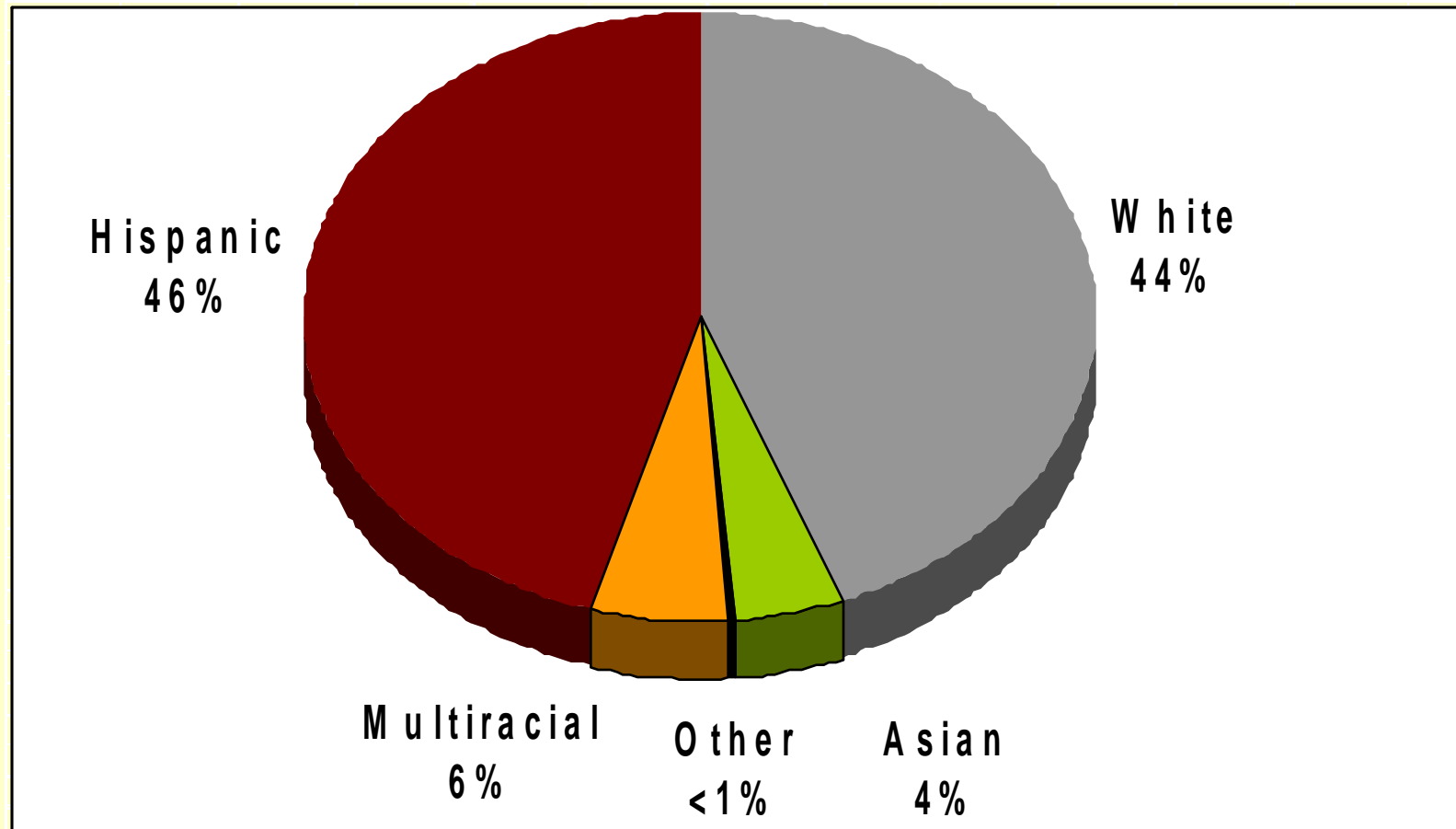


Ventura County Population Profile

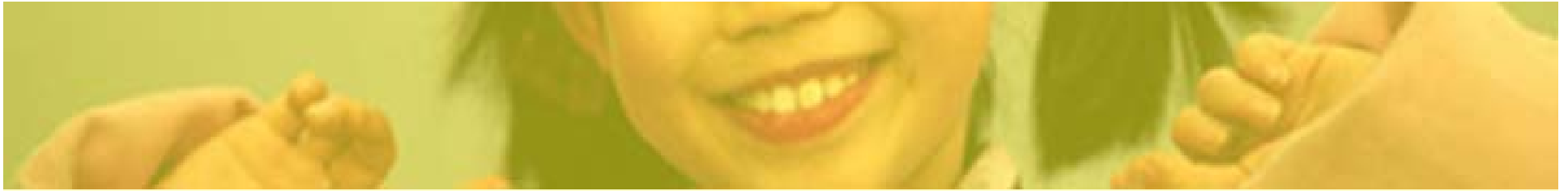
- Total population: 820,000
- White not Hispanic 54%, Hispanic origin 36%, Asian 6%, African American and Multi Racial 2%
- 28% of residents are >18 years
- 10% 65 or older

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Youth Ethnic Diversity - Children



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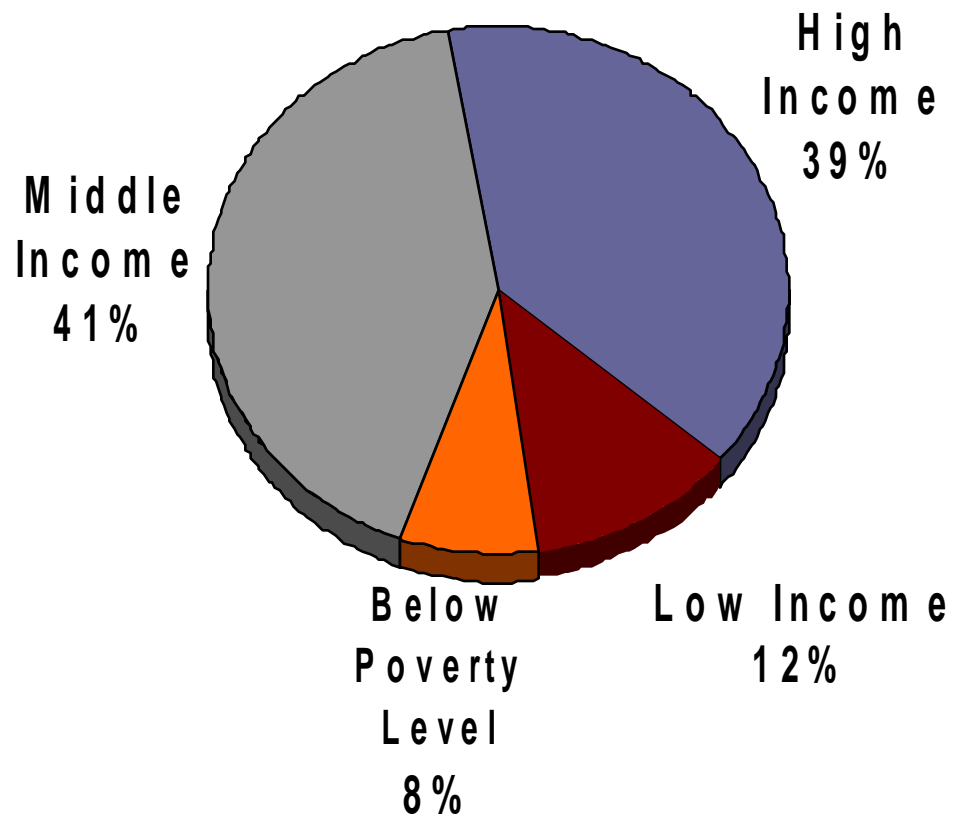


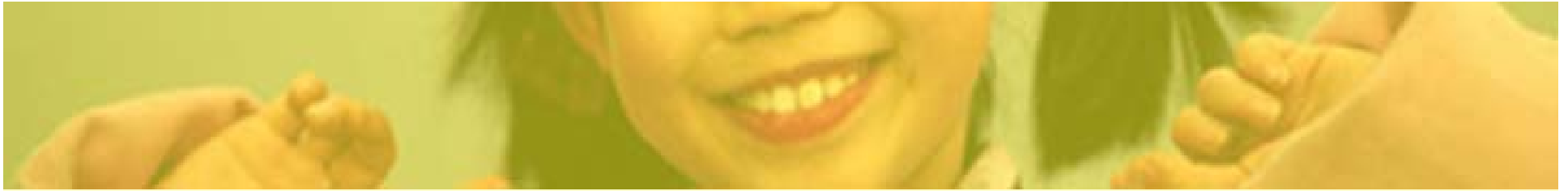
Employment Profile

- 68% of working age residents are in the labor force, including 65% of women with children under 18 years.
- 75,500 was the county's family median income in 2004, compared to the state median of 58,327.

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20% Poverty Level

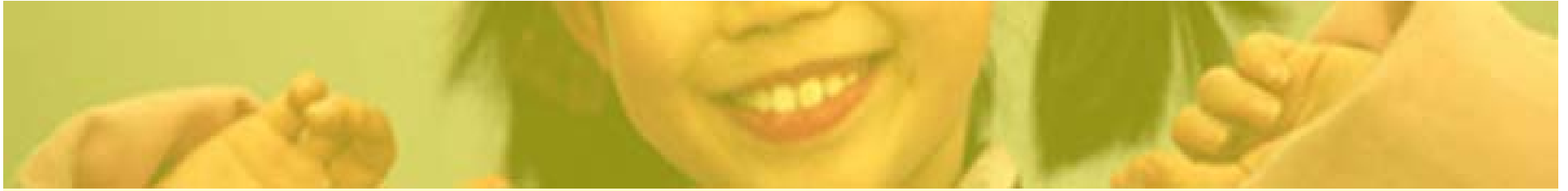




Family Violence Profile

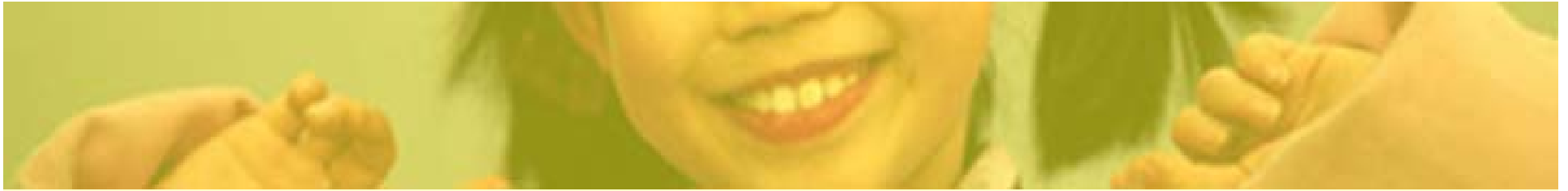
- Child Abuse referrals
 - Referrals 2,959
 - Substantiated 772
- Domestic violence calls
 - 6,479
- Child Removal Rate
 - Avg 30/month
- DV filings:
 - Felonies 344
 - Misdemeanors 870

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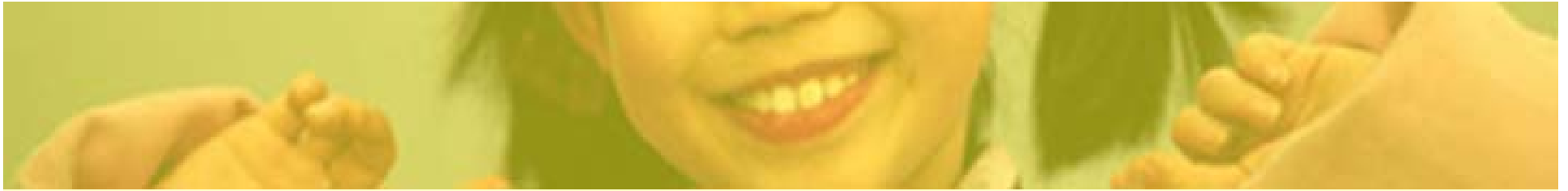
- Began October 2005
- Collaborative effort between HSA, PH & Juvenile Justice
- Funded by Cal Endowment, MCAH, HSA
- 6 nurses
- Referrals received primarily from CFS, courts & probation



Program Goal

Prevent child abuse and neglect and reduce recidivism rate in juvenile facility

- PHN home visitation services to children and families who are at risk for violence and abuse.
- Providing preventive education in a variety of community settings.



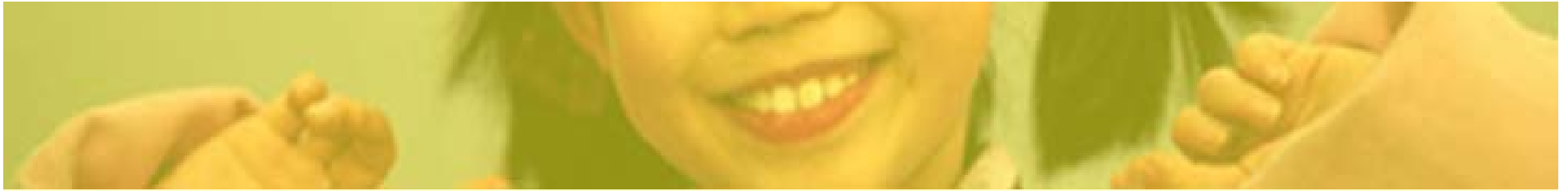
Program Interventions

Individual/Family

- Intensive home visitation
- Linkages to private and public entities
- Referrals to community resources

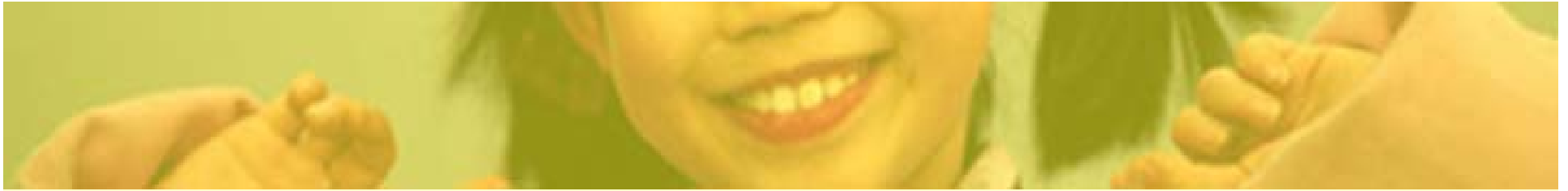
Community

- High Schools
- Outpatient drug rehabs for moms and babies
- Preschools
- Probation



Program Outcomes

- Since October 2005 program has served 2196 clients
- Comments found, “Don’t spank your child 1st” and “I learned how to calm down”
 - Qualitative measures not formalized
- Quantitative measure
 - 96% Remain in the home
 - 4% CFS Removal Rate
- Recidivism Rate
 - 62%



Evaluation

- Justice system values PHN contribution
- PHN's allow for a non threatening atmosphere
- Funding issues
- Standardized interventions
- Formalize qualitative data

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Case Study