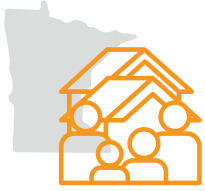




# KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

## Thriving Families, Thriving Children



### BENTON & SHERBURNE COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

#### GOALS

The goal of Benton Sherburne KFT is to decrease child removal and increase family reunification by providing supports and services to increase housing stability for families with child welfare involvement.

#### HOUSING

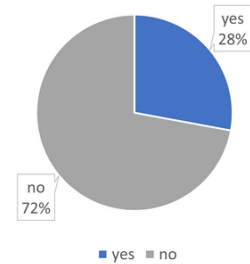
Benton Sherburne KFT is using a scattered site housing model. KFT partners are accessing a mix of state flexible services funding and state homeless prevention rental assistance to break down barriers for families to access affordable housing and to keep the family housed. To date, 43 referrals have been made to the KFT program (24 from Sherburne and 19 from Benton). This represents 55 adults and 104 children served.

#### WHAT'S DIFFERENT

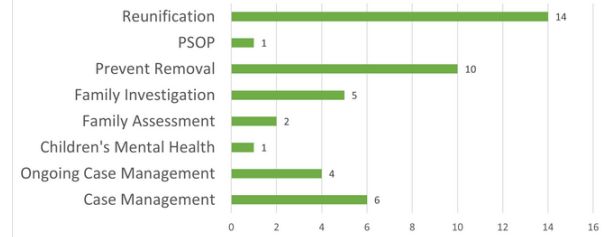
Benton Sherburne KFT partners are working together in new ways:

- Parent Advisory Board provides regular feedback on KFT program and processes that is incorporated into programming
- Targeted housing support to families allows child welfare staff to focus solely on reasons for involvement in the system. One Child Protection Social worker stated, "I Love KFT, they are a huge stress relief!"
- New cross-sector intervention with county child welfare and housing providers working together to strategically partner on supporting families

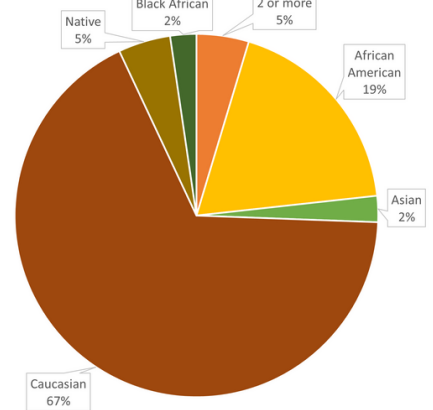
History of contact with Homeless System (HMIS) at time of referral



Child Welfare Case Type at time of referral



Race of Head of Household



#### OUR PARTNERS



\*Data points from February 1, 2024 representing 35 families served at that time.