

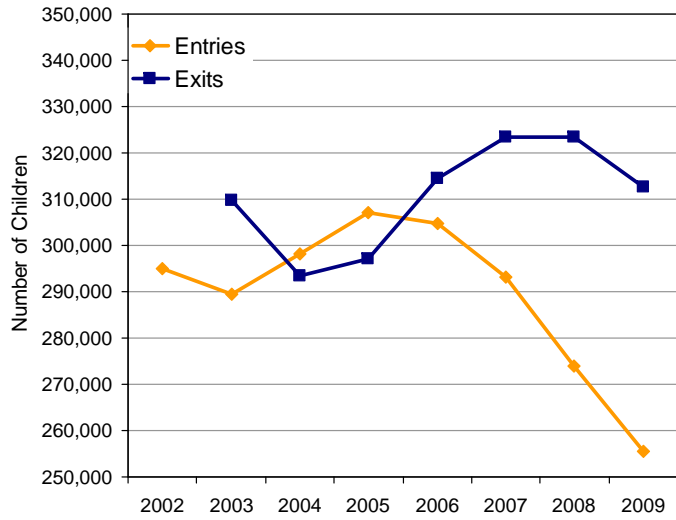
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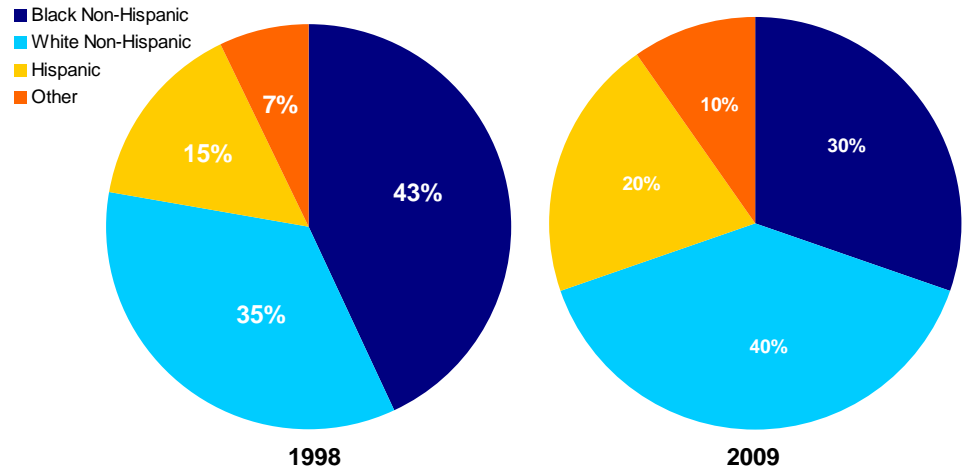
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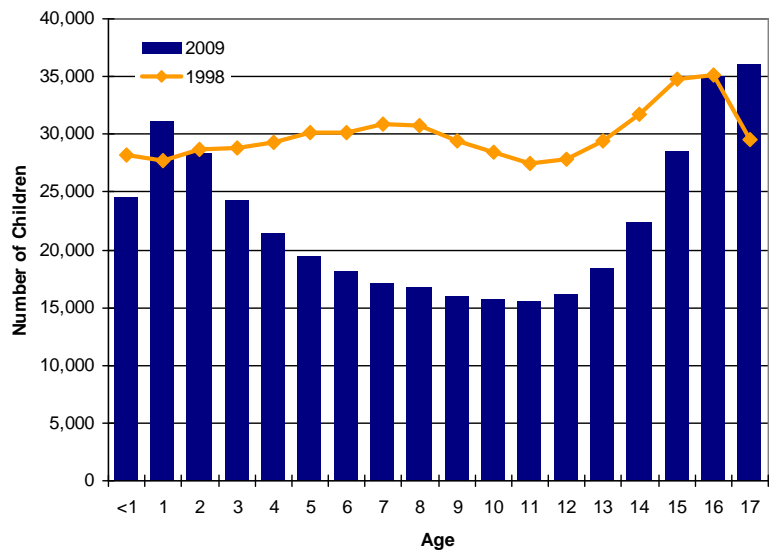
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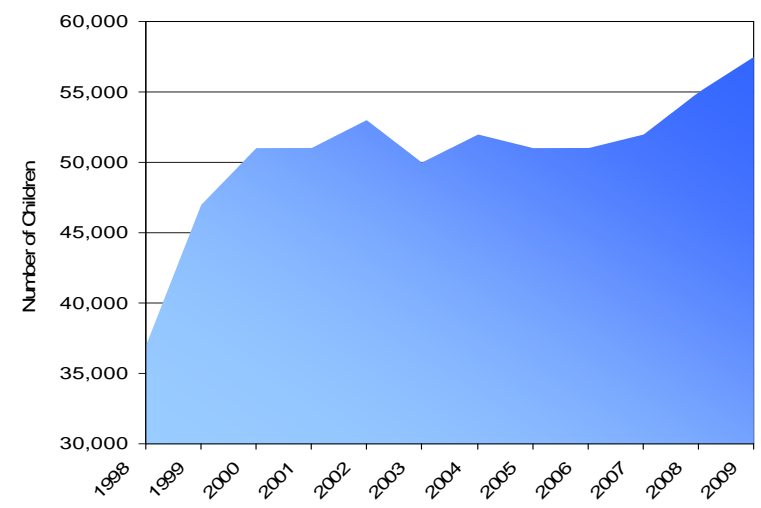
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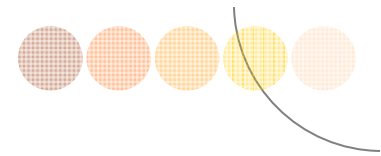


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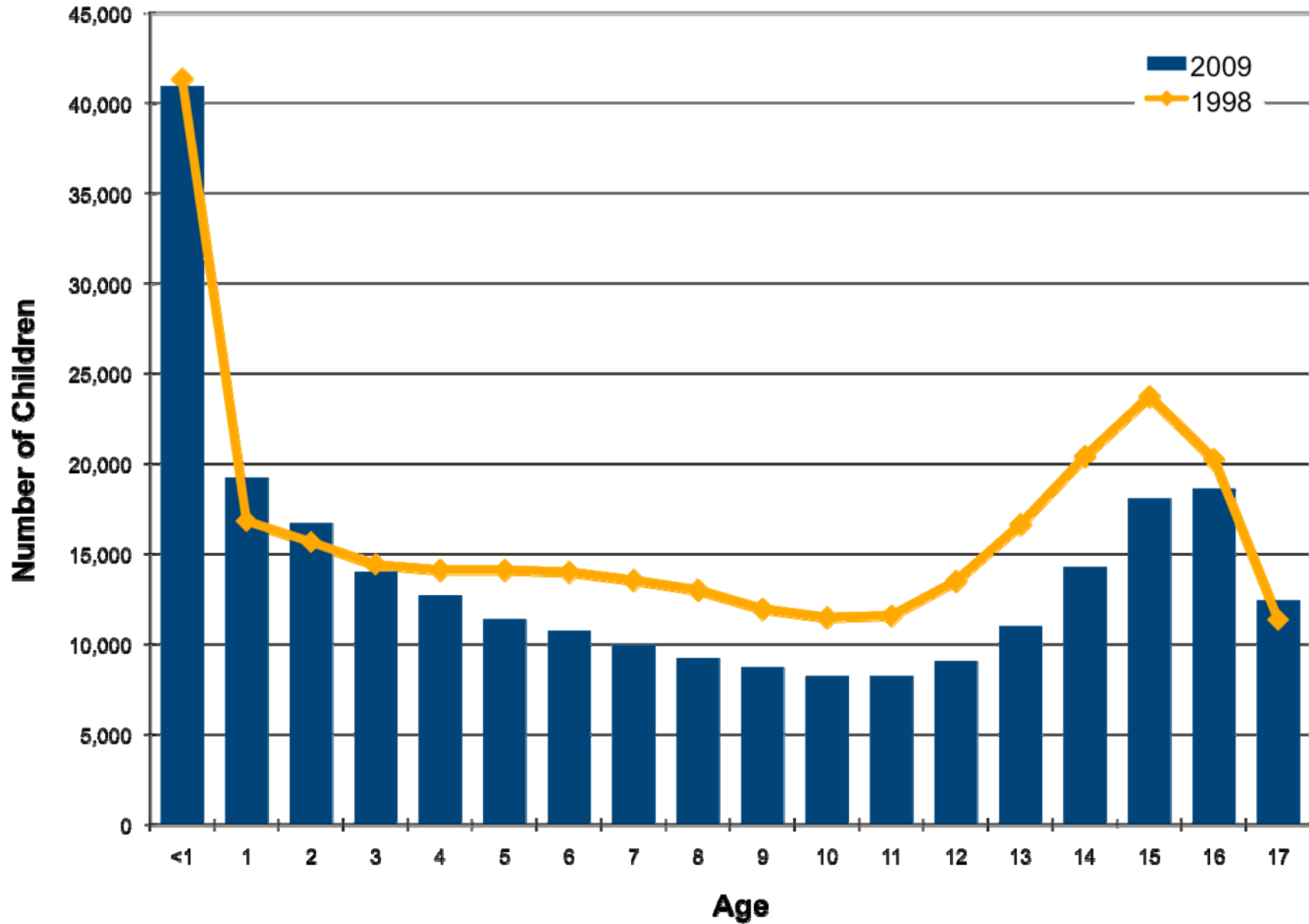


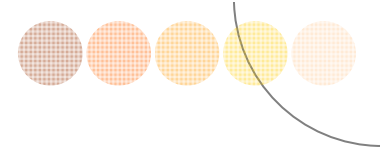
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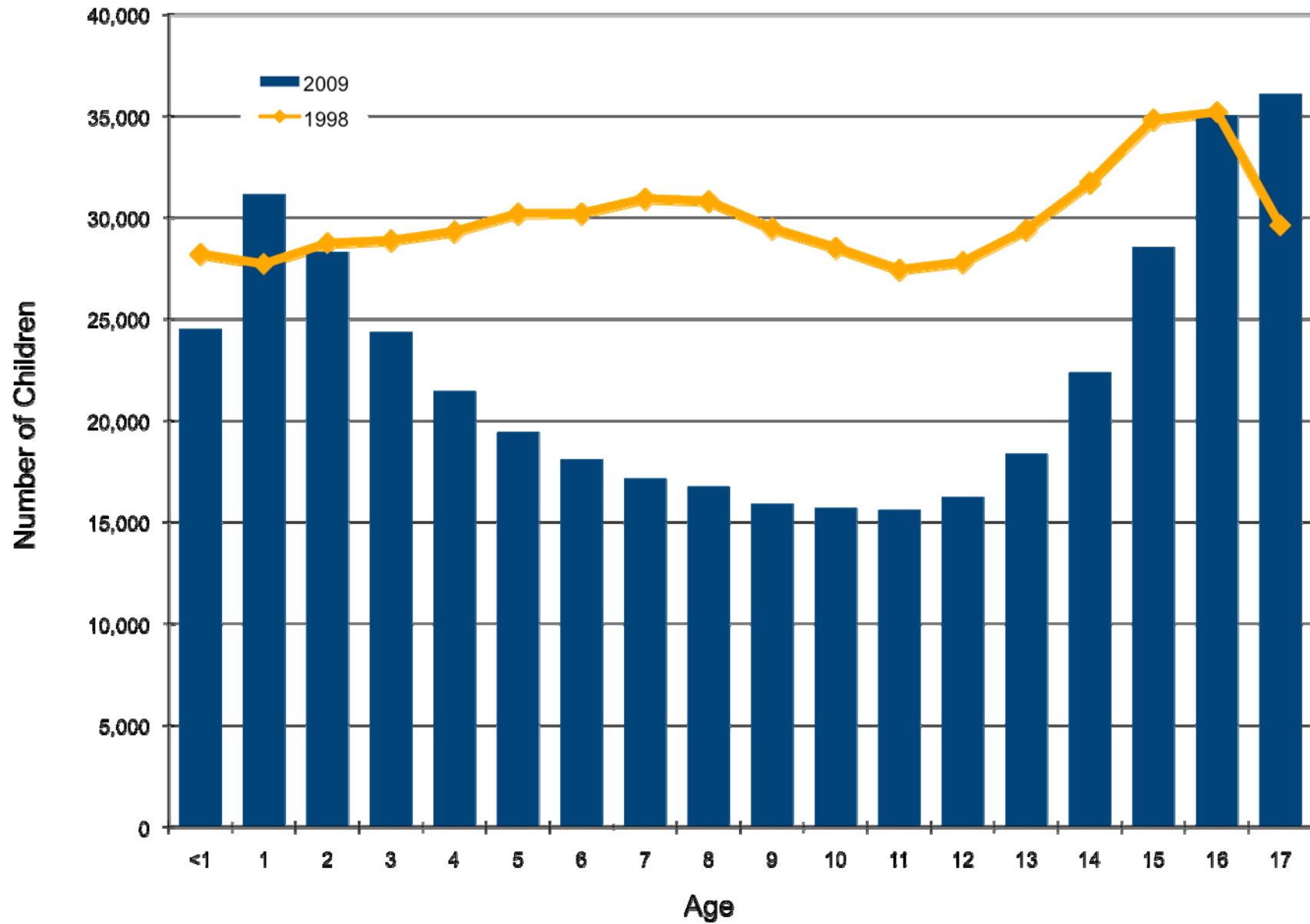


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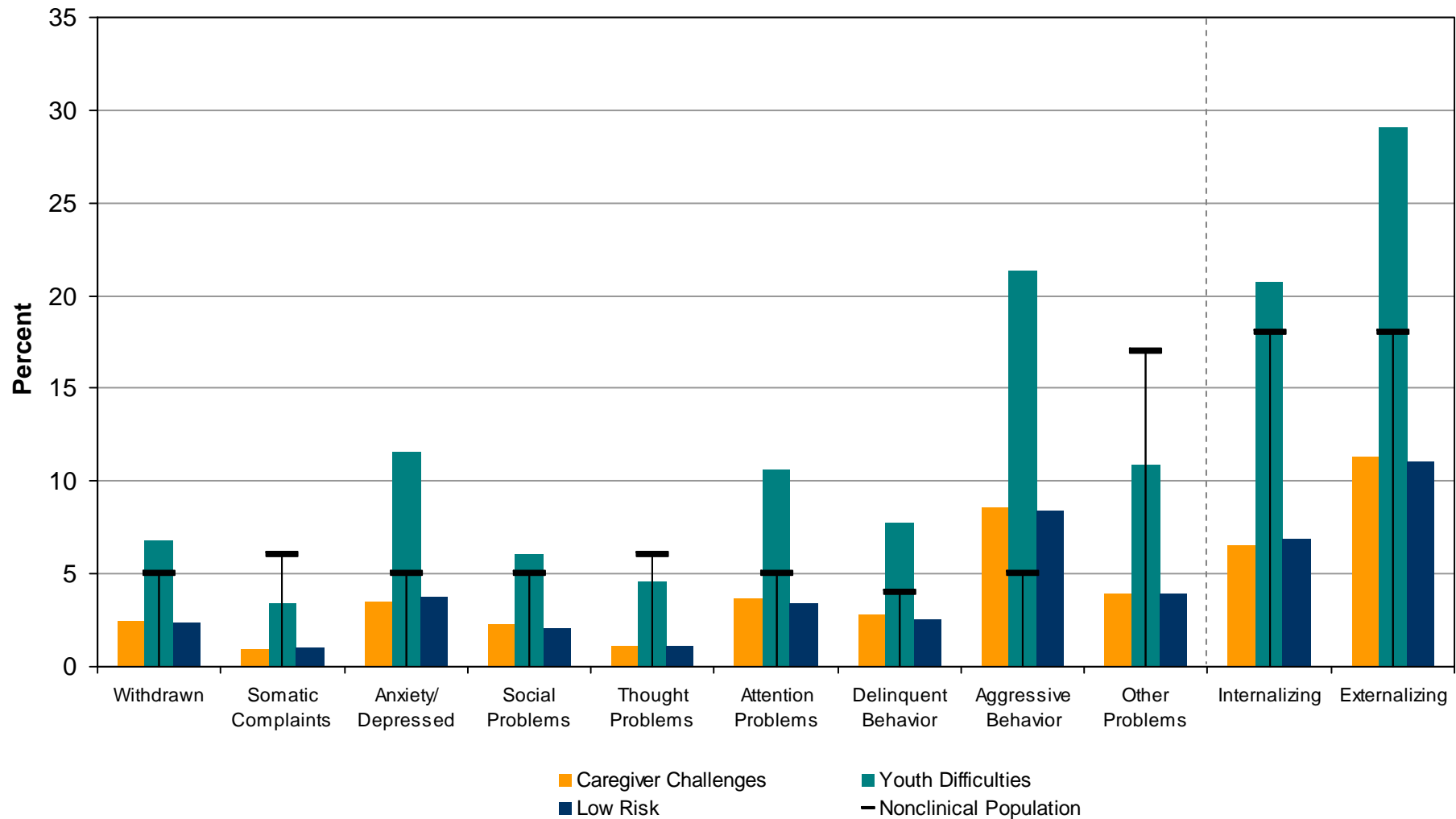
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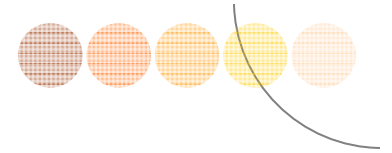


Youth Behavioral Risk Factors among Older Children Coming to Attention of Child Welfare

Rates of Behavior Problems among Youth 11-16 in NSCAW

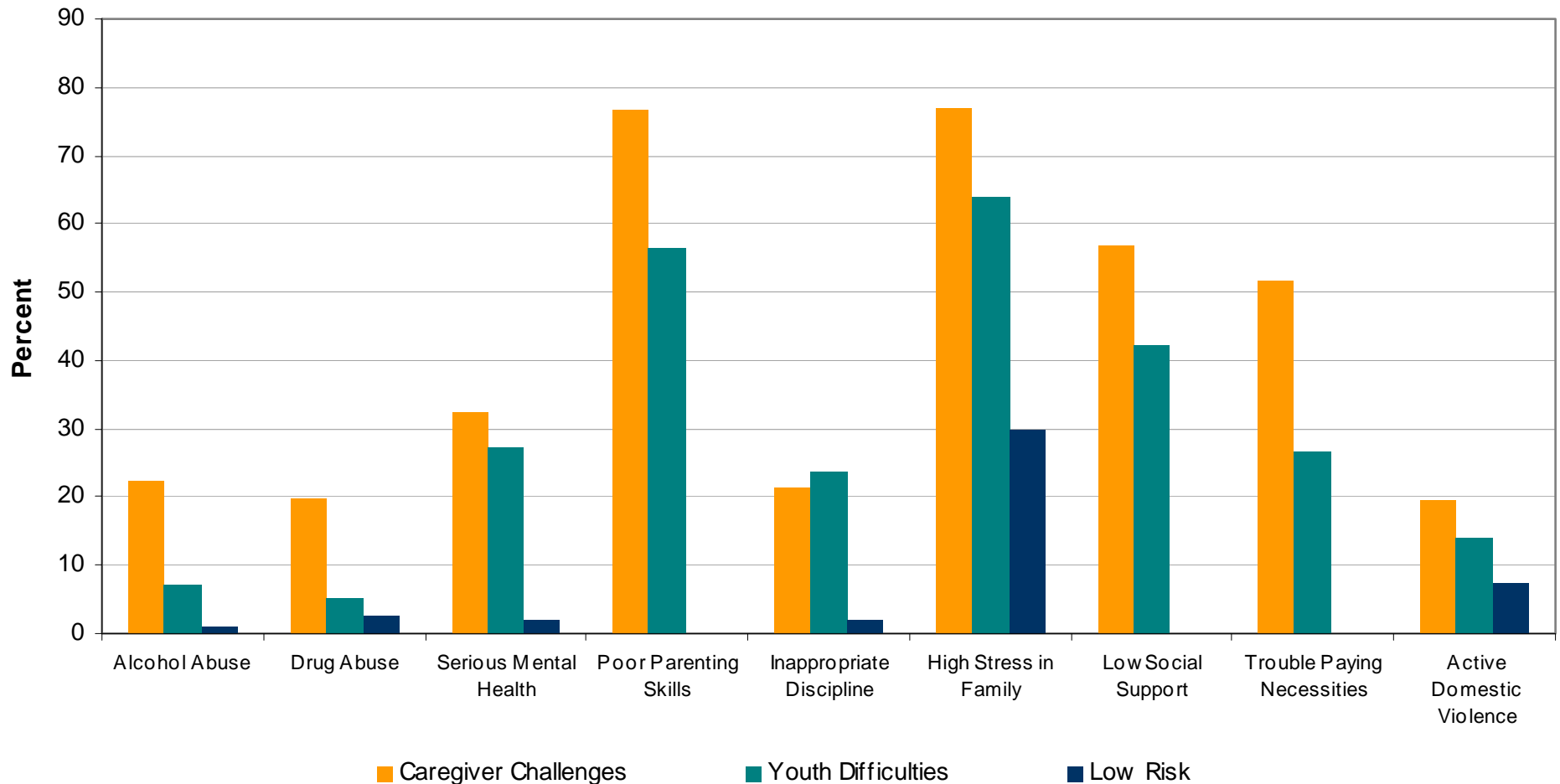


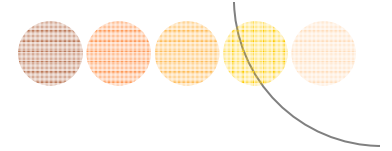
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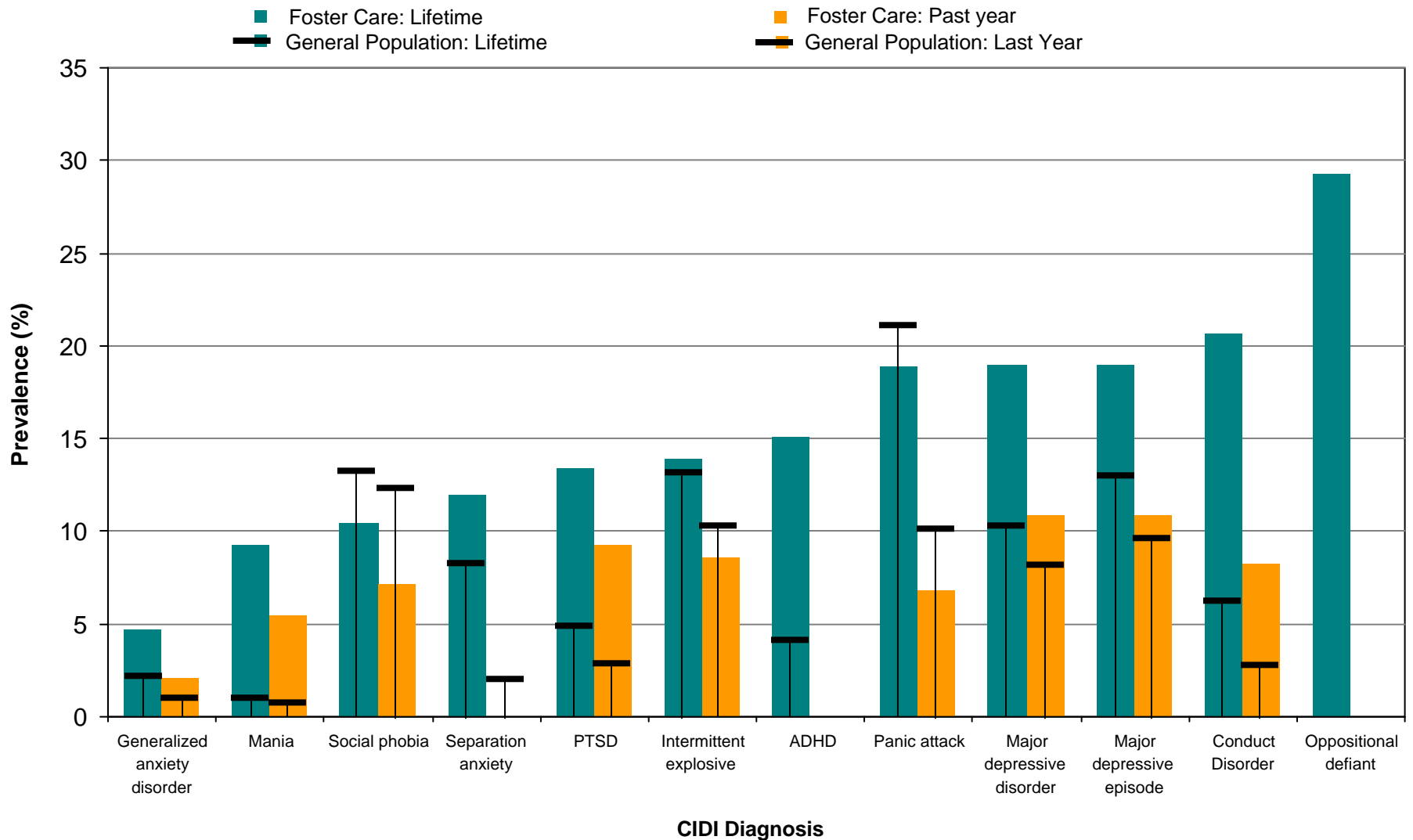
Biological Caregiver Risk Assessment Factors among Older Children Coming into Child Welfare

Caregiver Risk Assessment Percentage Scores





Mental Health Problems for Youth in Out-of-Home Care: Lifetime and Past 12 Months



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Mental Health Needs of Adults Placed w/ Kin

- Kinship placements are not predictive of mental health outcomes. When compared to other patterns of placement, kinship care alone did not show significant effects on adult mental health outcomes.

Outcome	Kinship groups					Overall
	1	2	3	4	5	
	(All Kin)				(No Kin)	
CIDI DSM diagnosis	50%	45%	46%	48%	46%	46%
Three or more Diagnoses	12%	18%	12%	18%	12%	13%
Major Depression Episode	12%	17%	14%	18%	15%	15%
Panic syndrome	4%	5%	12%	6%	12%	12%
Modified Social Phobia	12%	14%	10%	13%	12%	12%
Generalized Anxiety Disorder	4%	8%	13%	12%	9%	9%
PTSD	23%	18%	17%	30%	22%	22%

Average age was 30.5 years old, ranging from 20 to 49.

(1) 100% of time in kinship care;

(2) More than 50% of time in kinship care;

(3) 50% or less of time in kinship care with less than 9 placements total;

(4) 50% or less of time in kinship care with 9 or more placements;

(5) No time in kinship care.



Implications for Family Connections Program

- Kinship Navigators
- Family Finding
- Family-Group Decision-Making
- Residential Family Treatment

Future Success in Requires Child Welfare to be:

1. Developmentally Specific
2. Proactive and Anticipatory of Social & Emotional Needs
3. Promote Health Relationships
4. Clinically Competent