

Support Our Foster Children & Youth And Those that Care for Them

House Bill 580 and Senate Bill 636

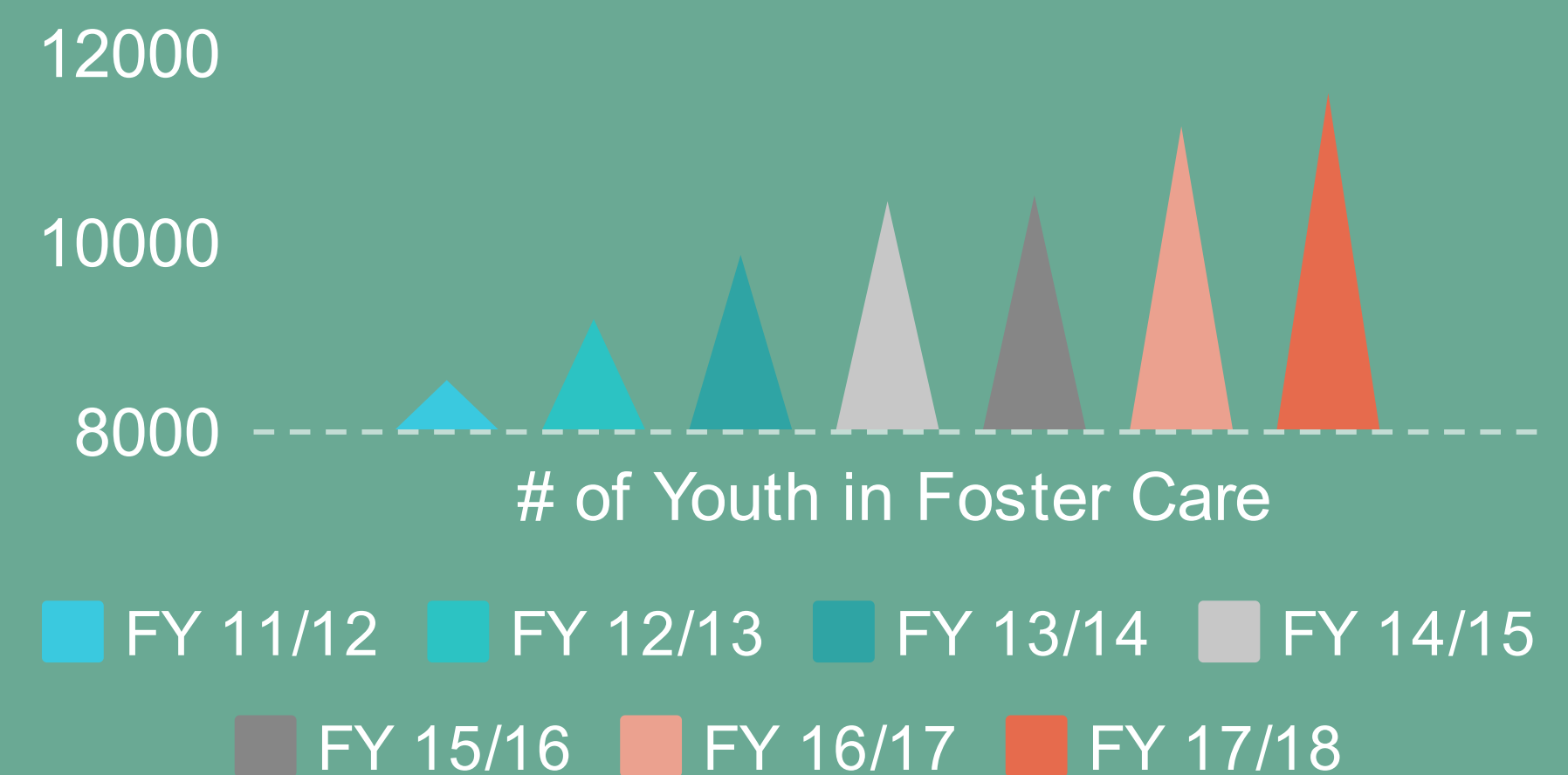
Background:

In North Carolina, there are now over 3,000 more children in foster care than there were in 2011. Part of the increase is the result of the opioid epidemic as children are often removed from their homes due to the parents' substance use disorder. While the number of children coming into care is rapidly increasing, the number of available foster homes is decreasing. As a result, the child welfare system is under enormous pressure to find safe and stable placements for children.

The pressure to add foster homes will increase significantly in 2021 when a new federal law, the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), goes into effect limiting funding for our current placement system.

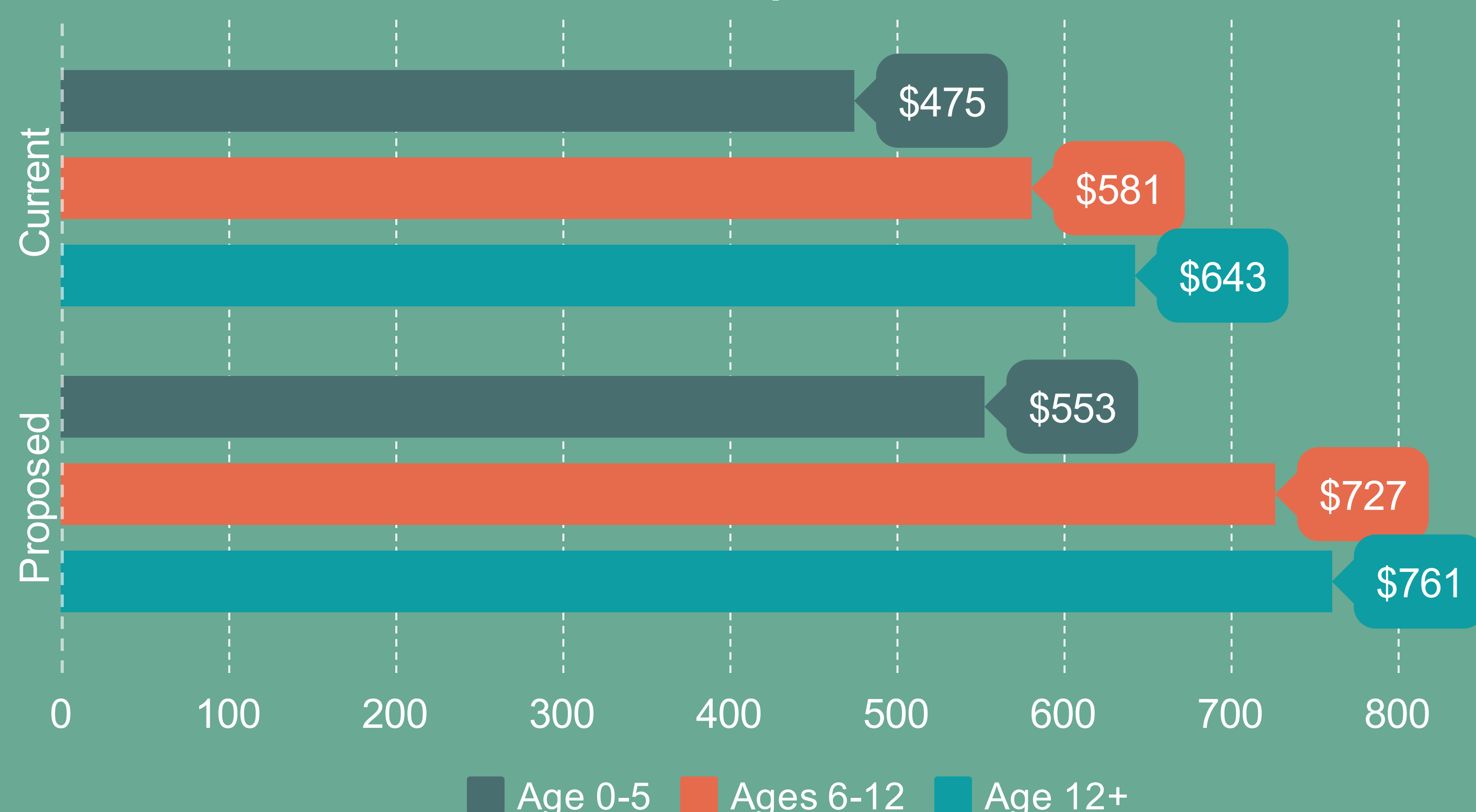
It has been more than 10 years since the last reimbursement rate increase for foster families. The families continuously pay out of their own pocket to cover the needs of the children in their home. We need your help to reduce this financial burden to better recruit and retain families.

Over 3,000 More Children In Foster Care



Request: Reimbursement Rate Increase Based on Cost of Living Estimates

Current Rates vs. Proposed Rates Per Month



Transition Plan Timeline

- 2020/2021- 50% of the rate increase so counties have time to plan for the change in their budget;
- 2021/2022- 100% of the rate increase, allowing time for counties to absorb the increase of the county share.

Please support \$6.8 million in FY 2020-2021 to care for our youth in foster care.

Full Members

- ACI Support Specialists, Inc.
- Alexander Youth Network
- American Children's Home
- Amos Cottage (Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center)
- Anuvia Prevention and Recovery
- Center Bailey's Respite Care, Inc.
- Baptist Children's Homes of N.C.
- Bethany Christian Services
- Better Connections
- Black Mountain Home for Children Youth & Families
- Boys and Girls Homes of NC
- Cape Fear Group Homes
- Carolina Outreach (ncg CARE)
- Catawba County DSS Residential Services
- Children's Hope Alliance
- Children's Center of Surry, Inc.
- Children's Home Society of NC
- Children's Homes of Cleveland Co.
- Children's Homes of Iredell Co.
- Church of God Children's Home of NC
- Coastal Horizons Center
- Crossnore School & Children's Home
- Easter Seals UCP
- Echelon Care
- Eckerd Caring for Children
- Eliada Homes
- Elon Homes and Schools for Children
- Falcon Children's Home
- Family Preservation Community Services
- Family Preservation Services of NC, Inc.
- Family Services of the Piedmont
- Florence Crittenton Services
- Free Will Baptist Children's Home
- Haven House Services
- Integrated Family Services PLLC
- Lutheran Services Carolinas
- Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
- Maxim Healthcare
- Meridian Behavioral Health Svcs, Inc.
- Methodist Home for Children
- Monarch
- Nazareth Child & Family Connection
- October Road, Inc.
- Omni Family of Services
- Pride in North Carolina, Inc.
- Primary Health Choice, Inc.
- Progressive Care Services, Inc.
- Residential Services, Inc.
- Riverbend Services, Inc.
- Shine Light
- Sipe's Orchard Home
- SouthLight Healthcare
- Southmountain Children and Family Services
- Strategic Behavioral Center
- The Bair Foundation
- Thompson Child and Family Focus
- Timber Ridge Treatment Center, Inc.
- Universal Mental Health Services, Inc.
- Waynesboro Family Clinic, PA
- Yelverton's Enrichment Services, Inc.
- Youth Focus
- Youth Haven Services, Inc.
- Youth Unlimited, Inc.
- Youth Villages

Affiliate Members

- AmeriHealth Caritas
- Centene Corp
- Foster Care to Success
- Foster Family Alliance
- Healthy Blue
- Leslie Kellenberger Consulting
- Rapid Resources for Families
- Tara Larson, Individual
- UnitedHealthcare
- WellCare Health Plans, Inc.