

UNDERSTANDING THE EARLY INTERVENTION LANDSCAPE



WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)

- Federal entitlement program administered by the State Health Department and by the New York City Department of Health in NYC
- Provides therapeutic and educational services to children with developmental delays and disabilities age 0 -3 and their families
- Engages families in the home, childcare, or wherever the child and family are most comfortable
- Services are confidential, free of cost, and available to all NYC residents who who qualify.



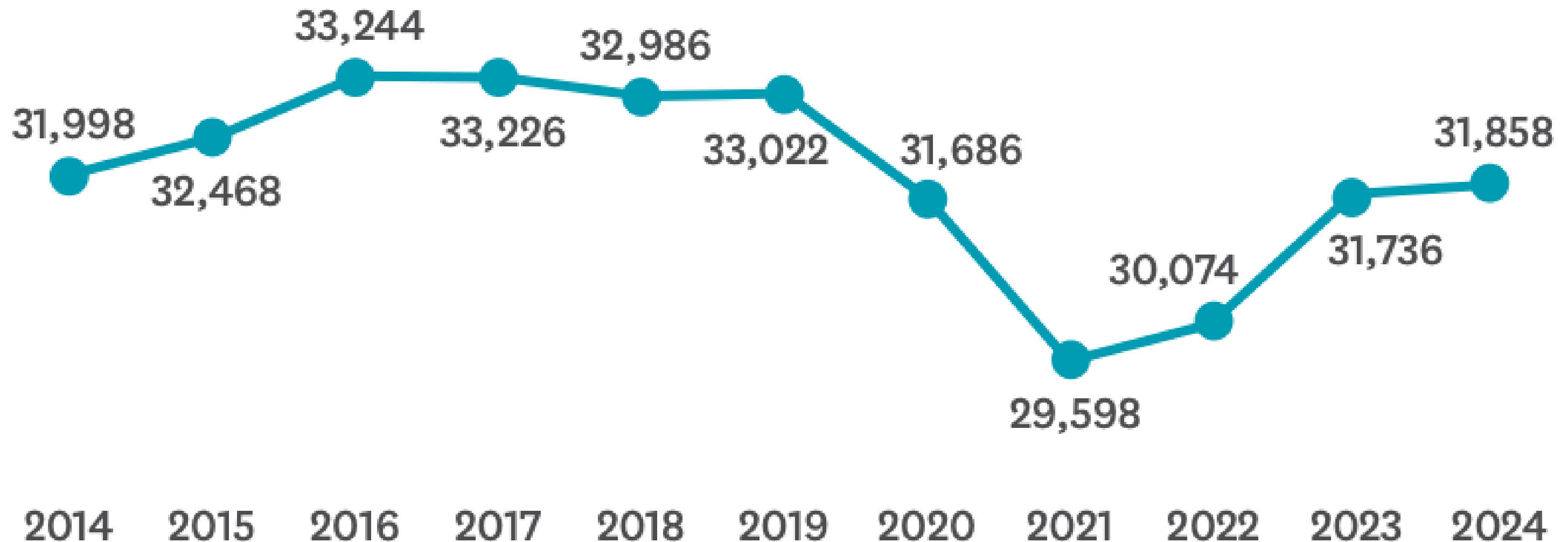
WHY INTERVENE EARLY?

- The first three years of life are a critical period of brain development
- Early intervention leads to cognitive benefits, improvements in communication and language interactions, improvements in motor, social, and cognitive functioning, and acquisition of age appropriate skills -
- Early Intervention services in NYC have led to demonstrable academic benefits later in childhood.



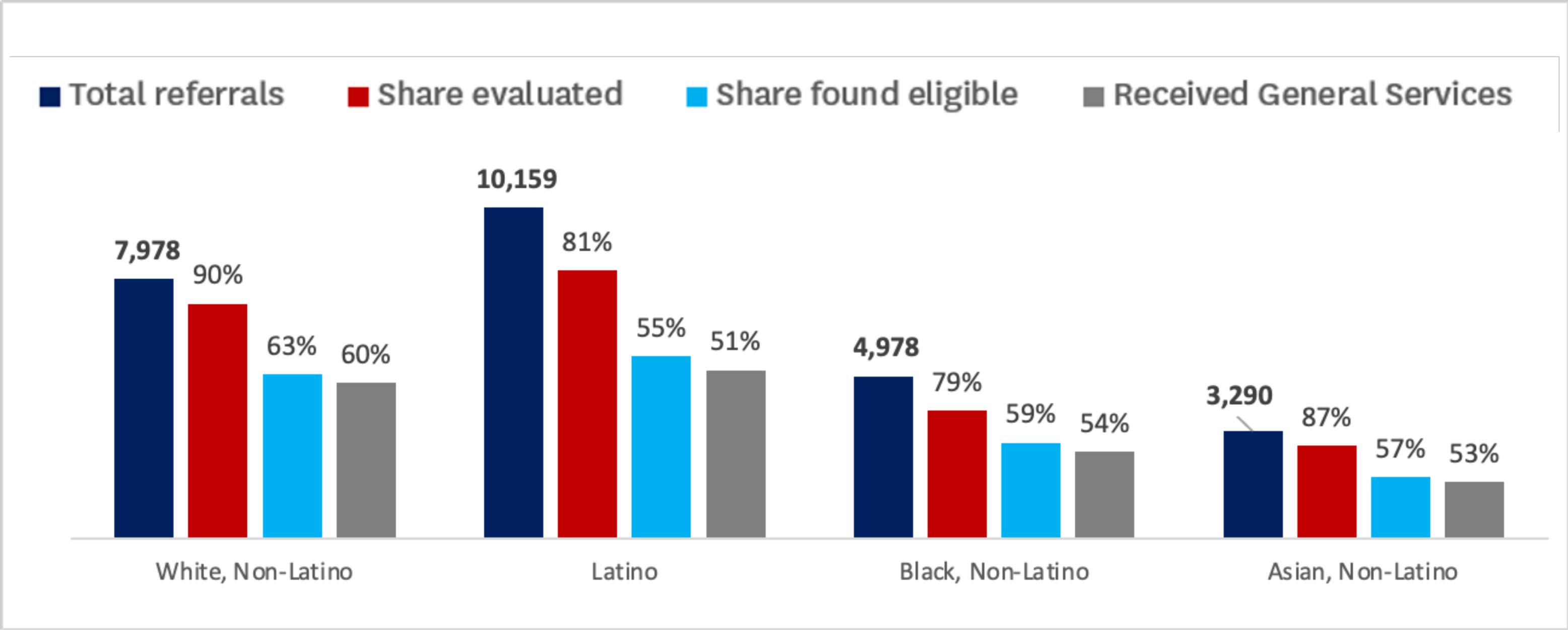
HOW MANY CHILDREN RECEIVE EI SERVICES IN NYC?

Children Under 3 Receiving EI Services



Source: Citizens' Committee for Children of New York. Keeping Track of New York City's Children: 2026.

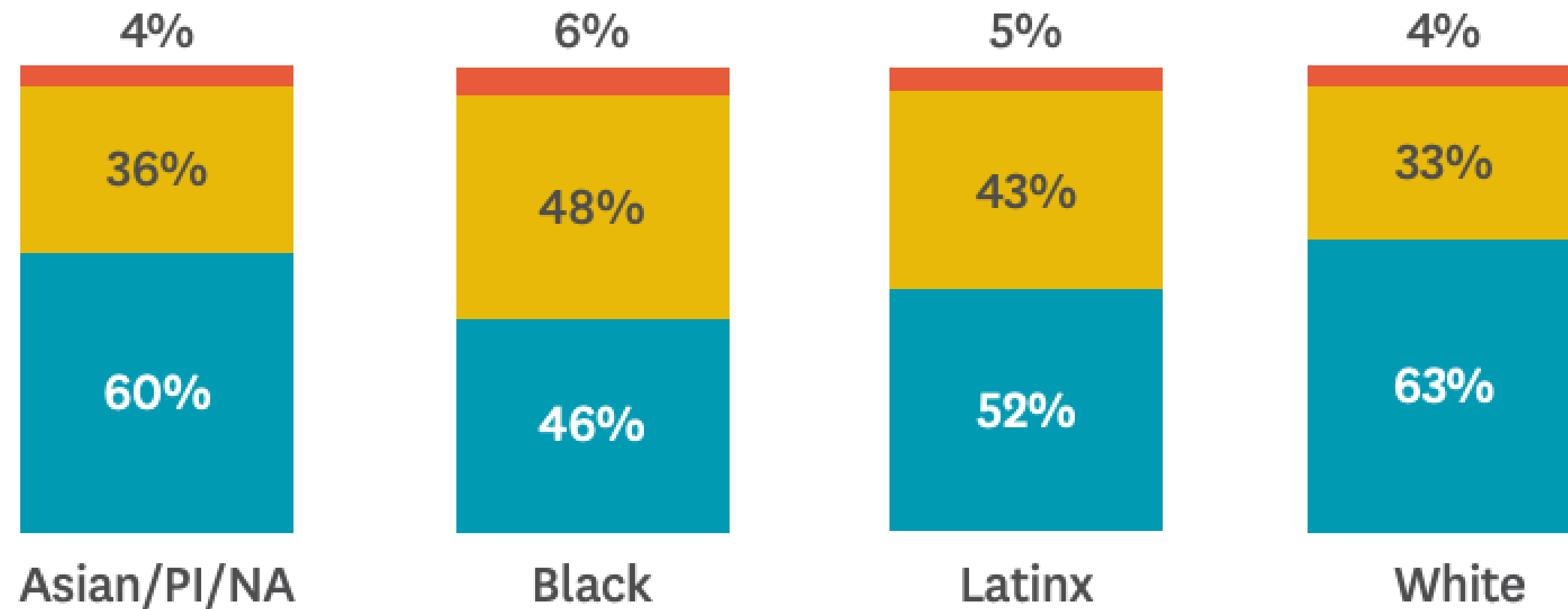
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Share of Children Who Received All, Some, or None of their EI Services within 30 Days by Race/Ethnicity, FY 2024

■ All ■ Some ■ None



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SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES TO THE EI SYSTEM

- Stigma
- Lack of awareness of developmental milestones and available services
- Fragmented systems that are difficult to navigate and trust
- Underfunding and provider shortages
- Bias and inequitable access to services





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FLASHBACK TO 2018 -19: UB FORMS ITS IDENTITY ON EI

Family Advisory Board (FAB)

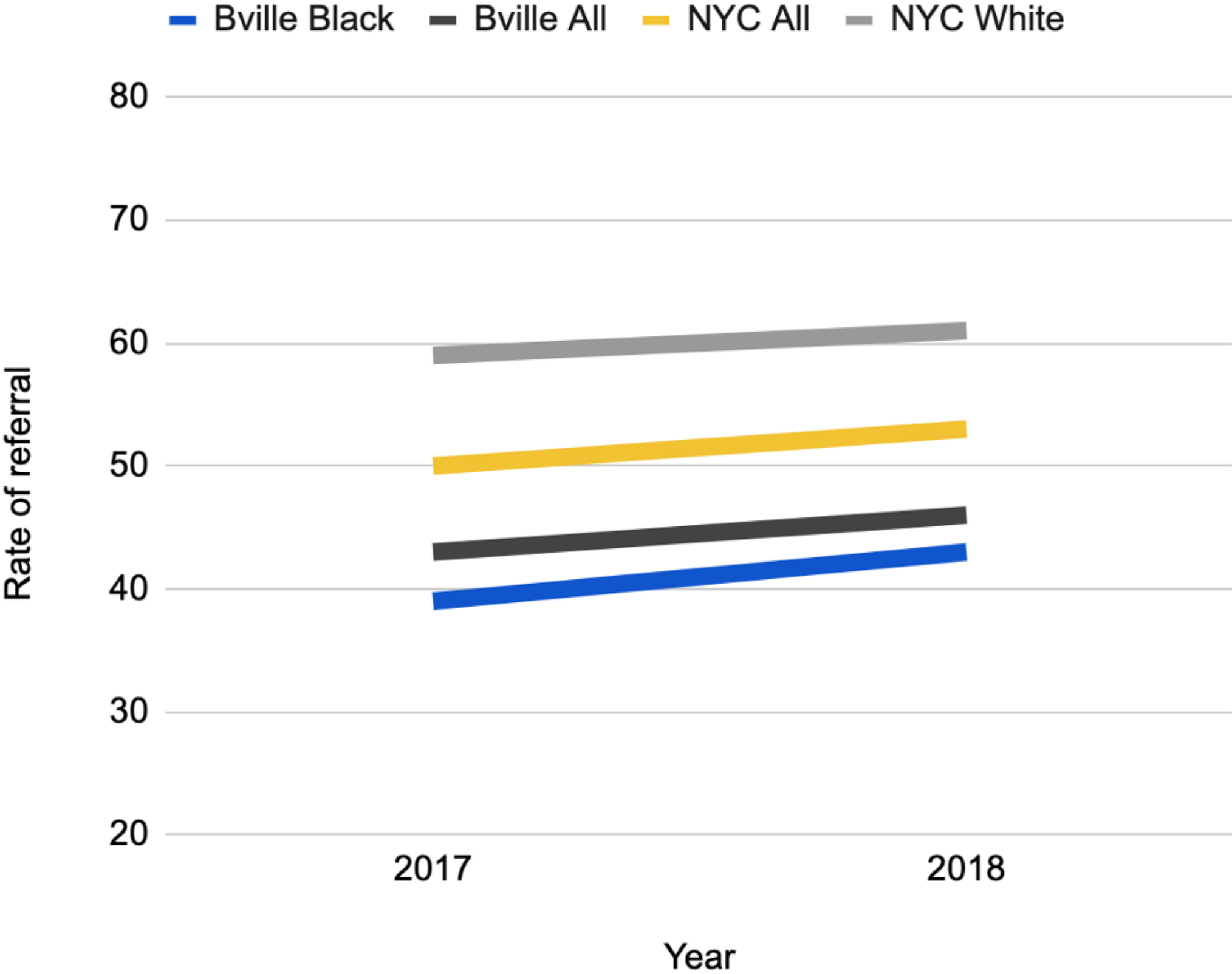


Provider Action Team (PAT)



Rate of EI Service Receipt Rate: Brownsville & NYC

Per 1,000 children aged 0-2. Source: NYC DOHMH

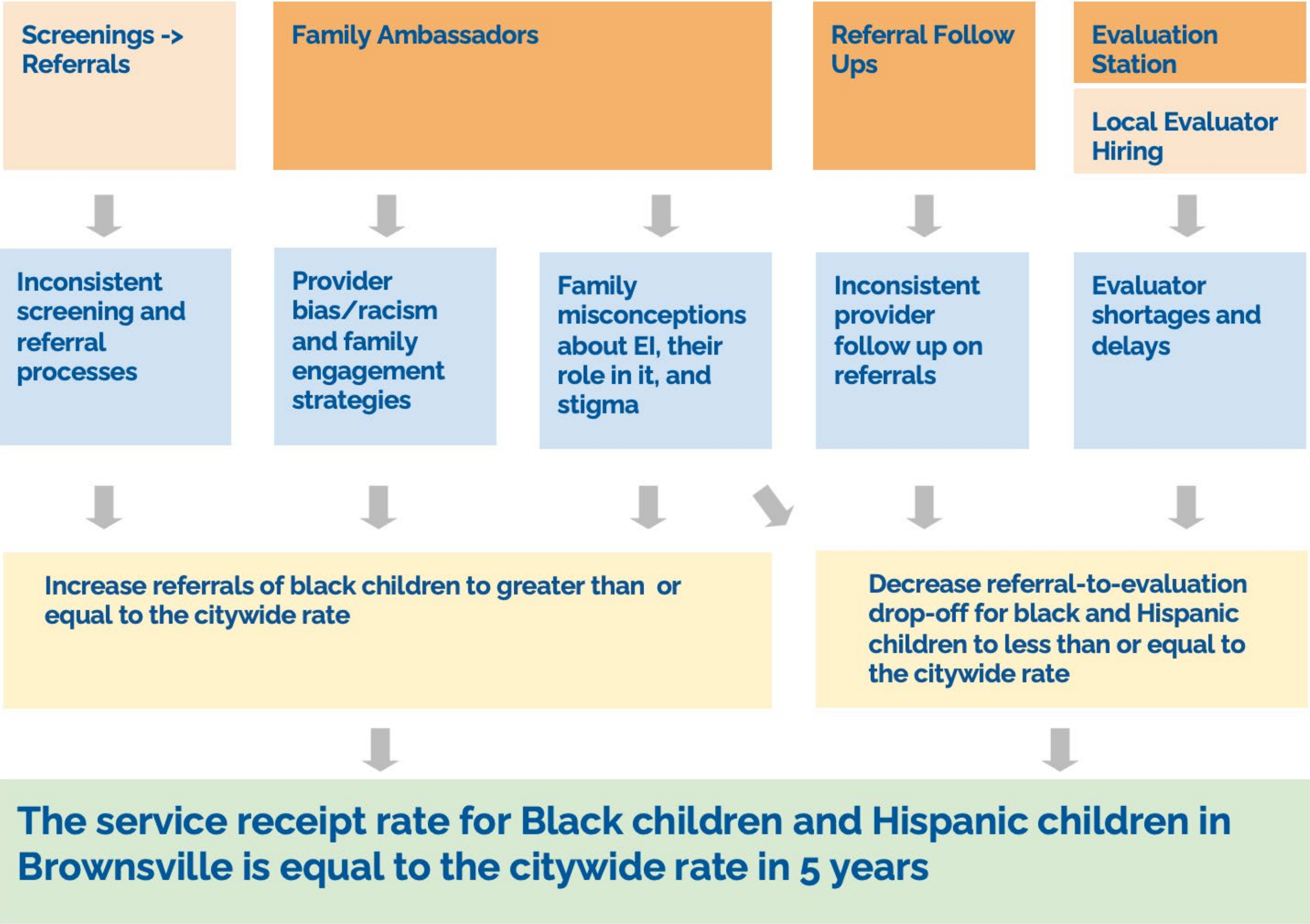


Projects
We think these interventions will address secondary drivers

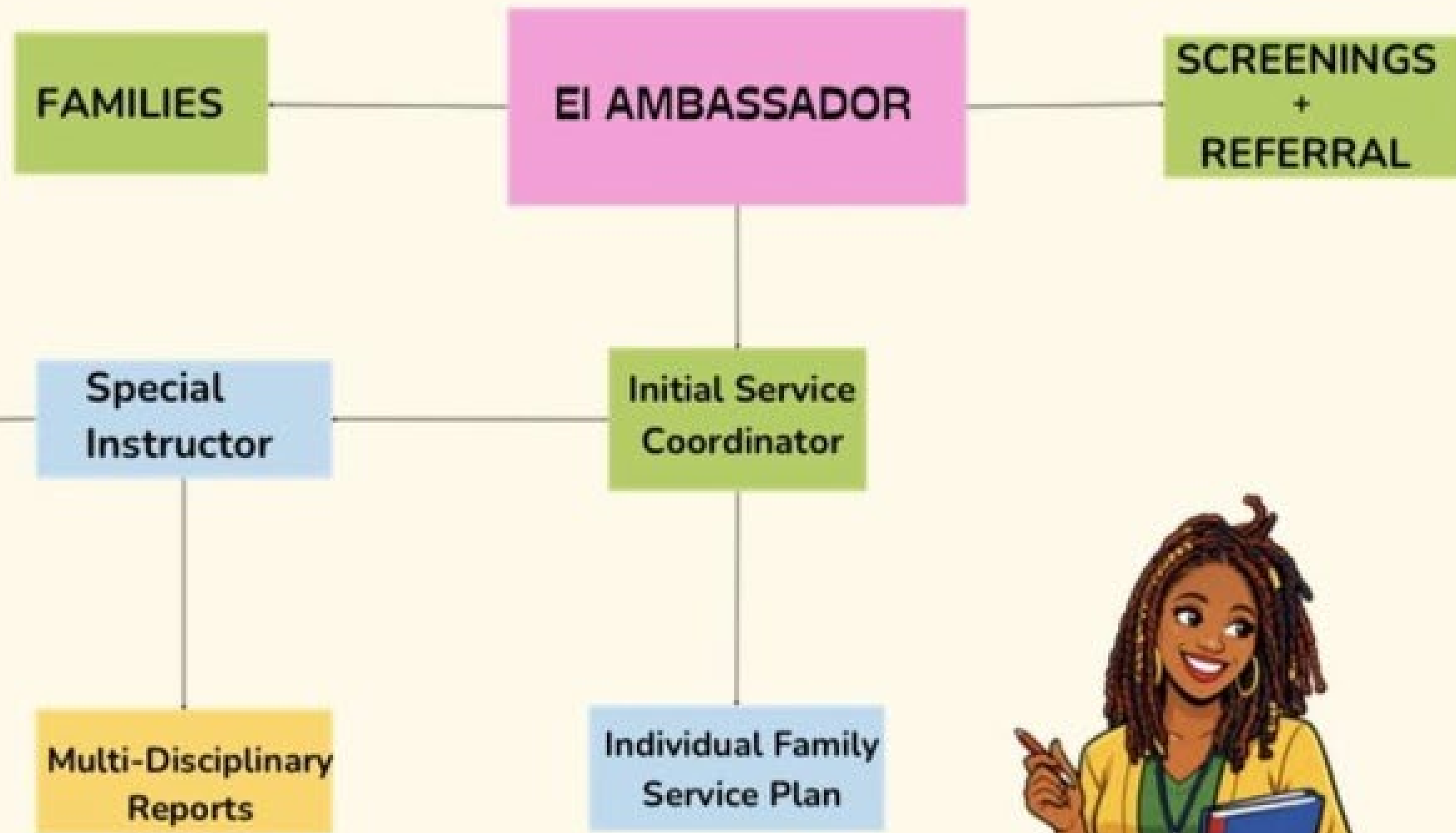
Secondary Drivers
If we address the following we can affect the primary drivers

Primary Drivers
We can reach our goals if we achieve the following sub goals

End State
We know we will have achieved EI Equity when



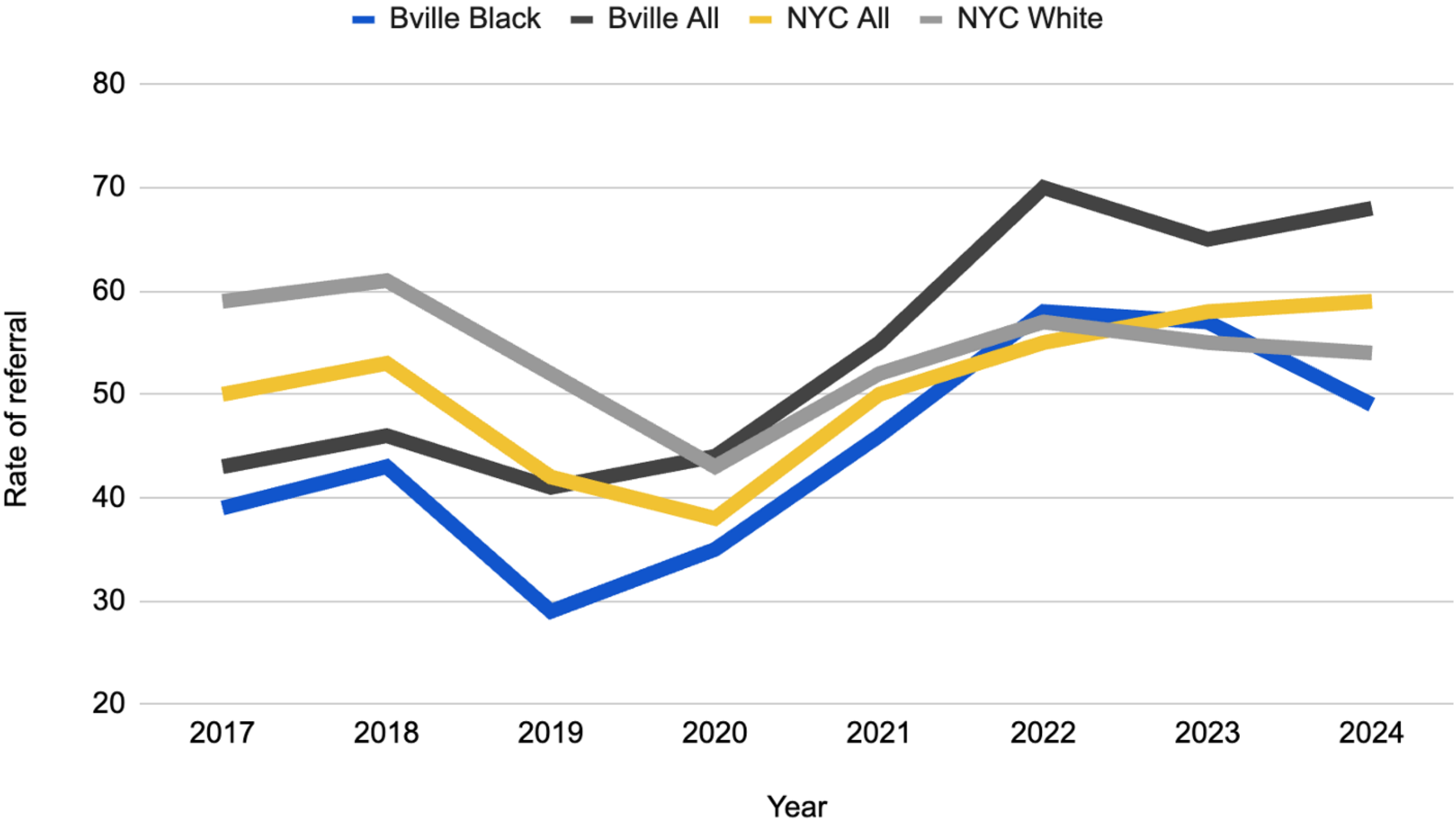
The EI Ambassador Support



The EI Ambassador Bridges the
Gaps In the System

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