

# Department of Human Services

## Child Welfare Programs

### Strengthening, Preserving, and Reunifying Families (SPRF)

*Laurie Price, Interim Child Welfare Director*

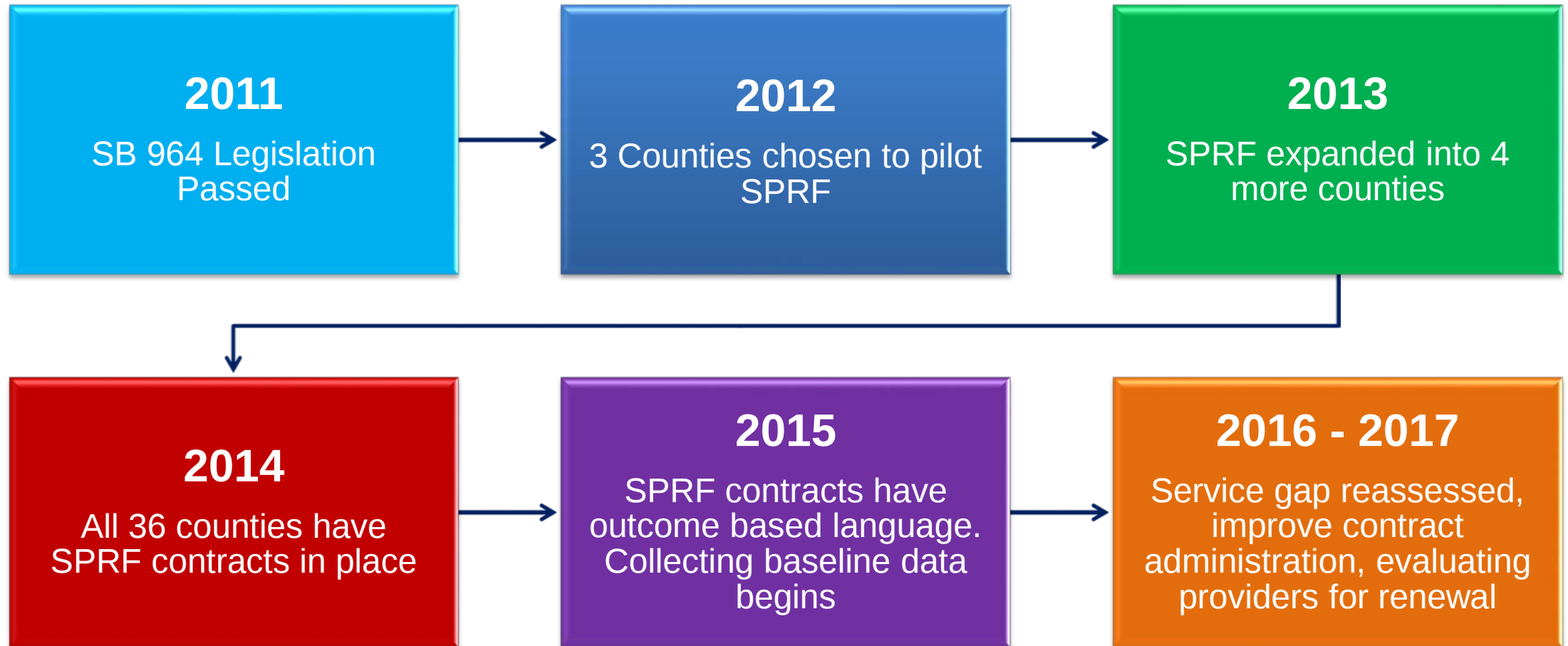


# What is Strengthening, Preserving, Reunifying Families (SPRF)?

In 2011, Senate Bill 964 was signed into law that provided additional resources and required Child Welfare to provide extensive services to families throughout the life of a case.

- Objectives of SPRF:
  - reduce trauma by maintaining children safely in their home whenever possible,
  - reduce length of stay in foster care,
  - reduce the re-abuse rate, and improving permanency outcomes.

# History of SPRF



# SPRF Implementation

**Navigators:** Specialists to help navigate social service agencies.

**Parenting:** Specialists to reinforce parenting behaviors, supportive services.

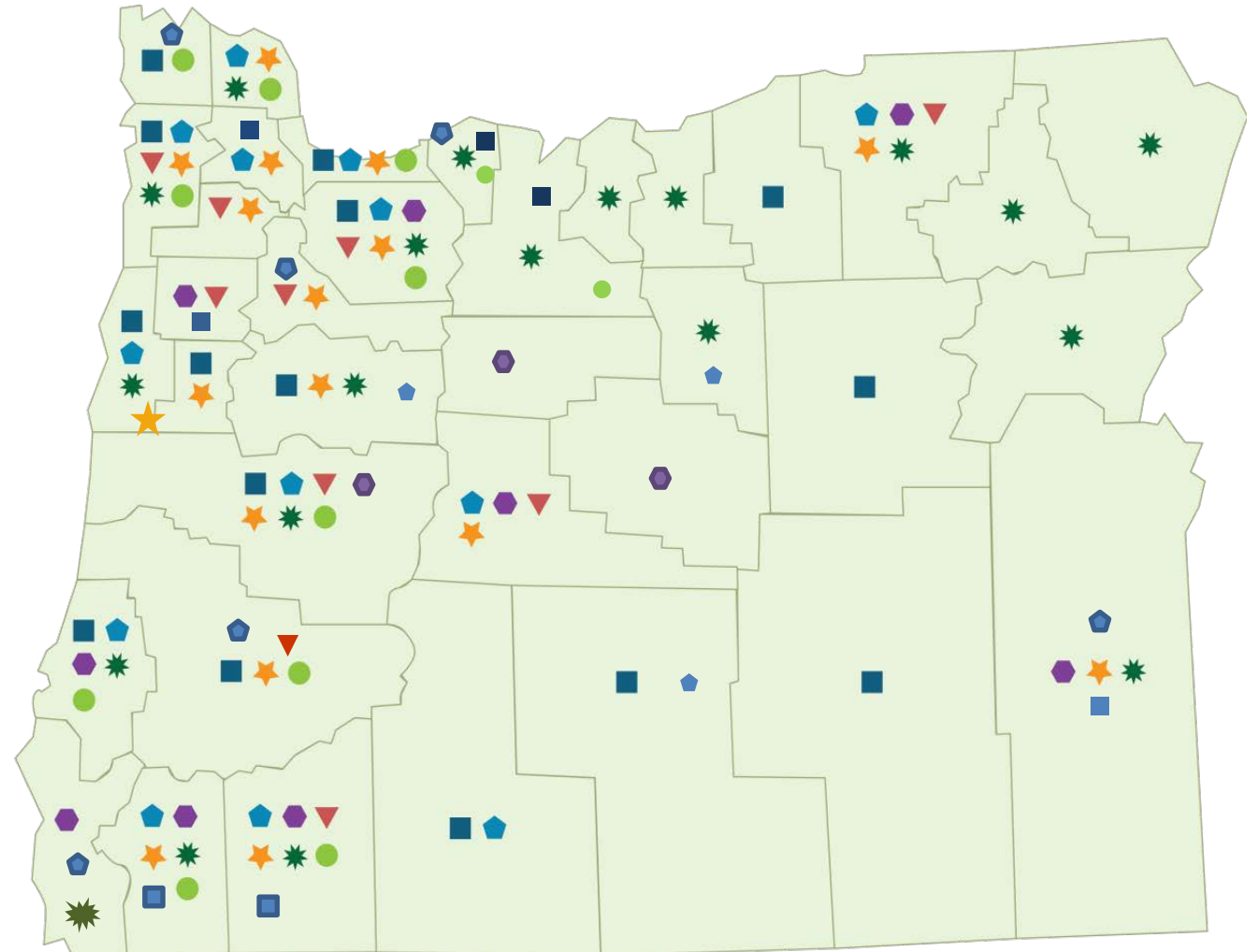
**Relief Nursery:** Daycare, parenting, support services.

**Alcohol and Drug Treatment:** Inpatient services that focus on multi-dimensional issues such as parenting and other recovery services.

**Front End Interventions:** Specialists (Alcohol and Drug, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, and human service generalists) responding with CPS workers.

**Housing:** Short-term, Long-term, Emergency

**Trauma Services and therapeutic services:** Intensive services to trauma affected families and children.



# Impact of SPRF

**43%** (9,971) of children statewide with active **Child Welfare involvement** have received ongoing services funded by SPRF since January 1, 2015.

**5 years old** - Average age of a child receiving first SPRF service

**7 years old** - Average age of children served by SPRF statewide



# Why Children are in Foster Care

|          |                                           |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| 43.5%    | Alcohol and drug issues                   |
| 33.7%    | Domestic violence                         |
| 25.2%    | Parent/caregiver involvement with LEA     |
| 17.5%    | Family financial distress                 |
| 15.5%    | Parent mental illness                     |
| 13.1%    | Parent history of abuse as a child        |
| 11.4%    | Child mental/physical/behavior disability |
| 9.9%     | Inadequate housing                        |
| 9.5%     | Head of household unemployed              |
| 8.7%     | New baby/pregnancy                        |
| Under 3% | Others                                    |

\*Families may have more than one stressor



# Interdependent System



# Contract Management

- Biennial review of needs and gaps
- Informed and collaborative decisions to adjust service array
- Share success stories district to district
- Ongoing provider outcome review and feedback
- Focus on increasing positive outcome measures



# Contract Outcomes

- **Navigator:**

Achieved: Client accessed all necessary, available resources & services.

Partially Achieved: Client accessed one or more necessary, available resources & services.

Not Achieved: Client did not access any necessary, available resources & services.

- **Long Term Housing:**

Achieved: Client transitioned to agency approved living situation.

Partially Achieved: N/A

Not Achieved: Client did not transition to agency approved living situation.

- **Parent Educate & Coach 1:1:**

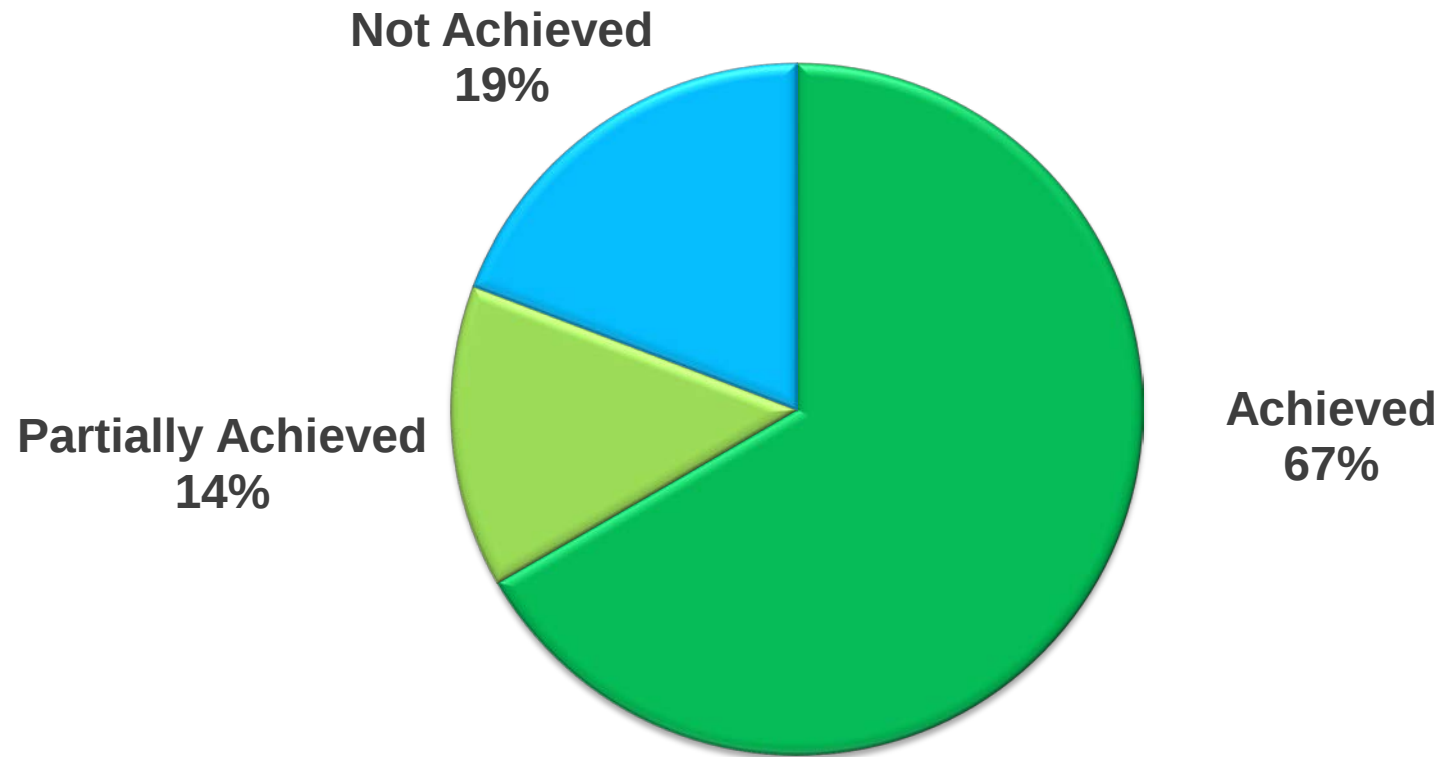
Achieved: Client met all agreed upon service goals.

Partially Achieved: Client met one or more agreed upon service goals.

Not Achieved: Client did not meet any agreed upon service goals.



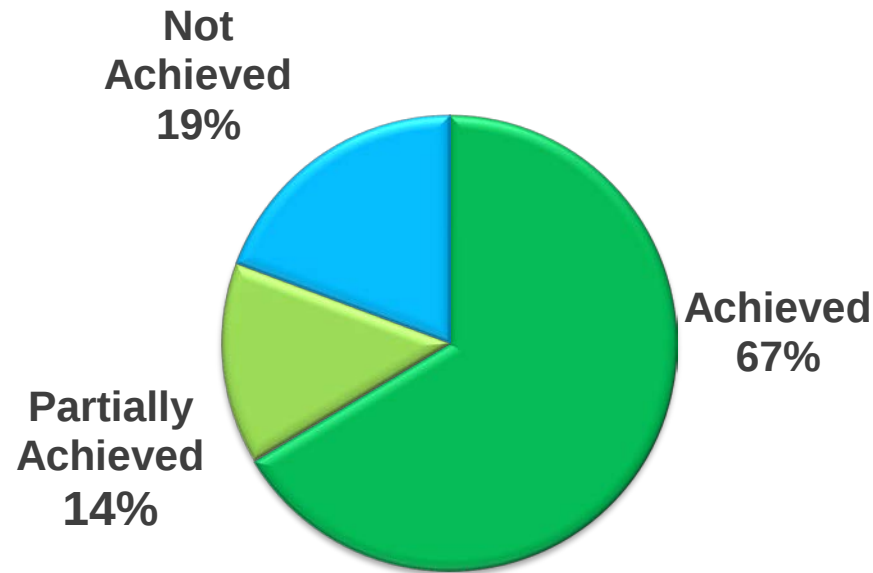
# SPRF Achievement Goals



■ Achieved ■ Partially Achieved ■ Not Achieved

\*Percentages Rounded

# SPRF Achievement Grades

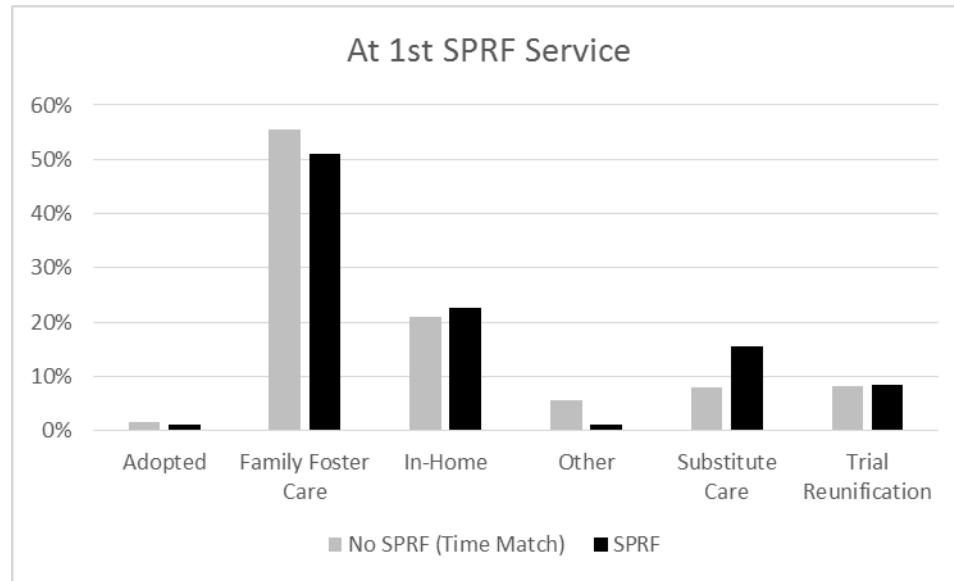


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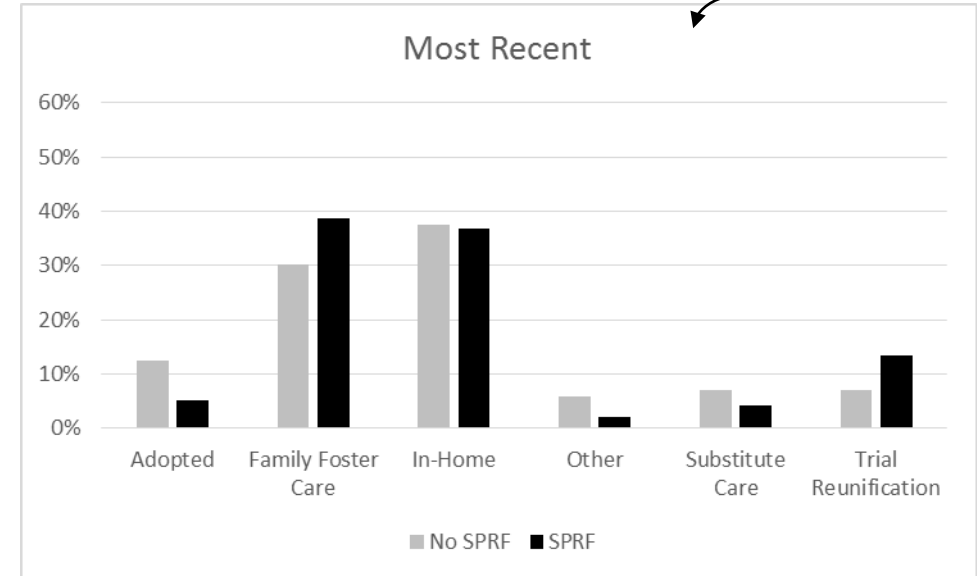
| SPRF Service Type             | Achieved              | Partially Achieved    | Not Achieved          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Enhanced Meeting Facilitation | 93.7%<br>553          | 4.7%<br>28            | 1.5%<br>9             |
| Front End Intervention        | 49.9%<br>1297         | 24.9%<br>646          | 25.2%<br>656          |
| Housing                       | 70.5%<br>642          | 9.1%<br>83            | 20.4%<br>186          |
| Mental Health Therapy         | 41.7%<br>20           | 16.7%<br>8            | 41.7%<br>20           |
| Other                         | 84.4%<br>1410         | 6.1%<br>102           | 9.5%<br>158           |
| Parent Training               | 64.1%<br>1689         | 13.1%<br>346          | 22.7%<br>599          |
| Reconnecting Families         | 67.6%<br>73           | 13.9%<br>15           | 18.5%<br>20           |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>66.4%<br/>5684</b> | <b>14.3%<br/>1228</b> | <b>19.3%<br/>1648</b> |

# Where are they now?

Placement when kids/family receive SPRF services



Where kids ended up



- No-SPRF and SPRF represent two groups which differ on many dimensions (apples / oranges)
- Cannot confirm whether a change over time was due to SPRF

...SPRF  $n = 7515$ , No SPRF (Time Match)  $n = 8970$

...Time Match = Non-recipients at approx. episode duration when SPRF most often starts (110 days)

# General Fund and SPRF

**\$8,992,636** 2015-2017 biennium general fund expenditures

**\$4,496,318** Annual state general fund expenditures average



# What does success look like?

SPRF services provided \*Erin and her children the support and services she needed to escape domestic violence, transition to a life as a single mother, complete her divorce and continue her pursuit of a college degree in a career that allows her to independently meet her family's needs.

*-Success story, Washington County*

*\*Name changed*



# What Families Say About SPRF



- Recovery
- Hope
- Safety
- Stability
- Employment

- Escape domestic violence
- Improved parenting skills
- Sobriety
- Encouragement
- Housing
- Improved Mental Health
- Improved Physical Health
- A college degree
- Independence

# What Providers and Staff Say About SPRF

We had staff from each of our agencies trained to teach and facilitate weekly classes after we discovered our community didn't offer this service.

*-Lincoln County Service Contractors*

SPRF has greatly benefited our communities, creating new services that actually help our families become successful!"

*– DHS Contract Administrator & Business Expert,  
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