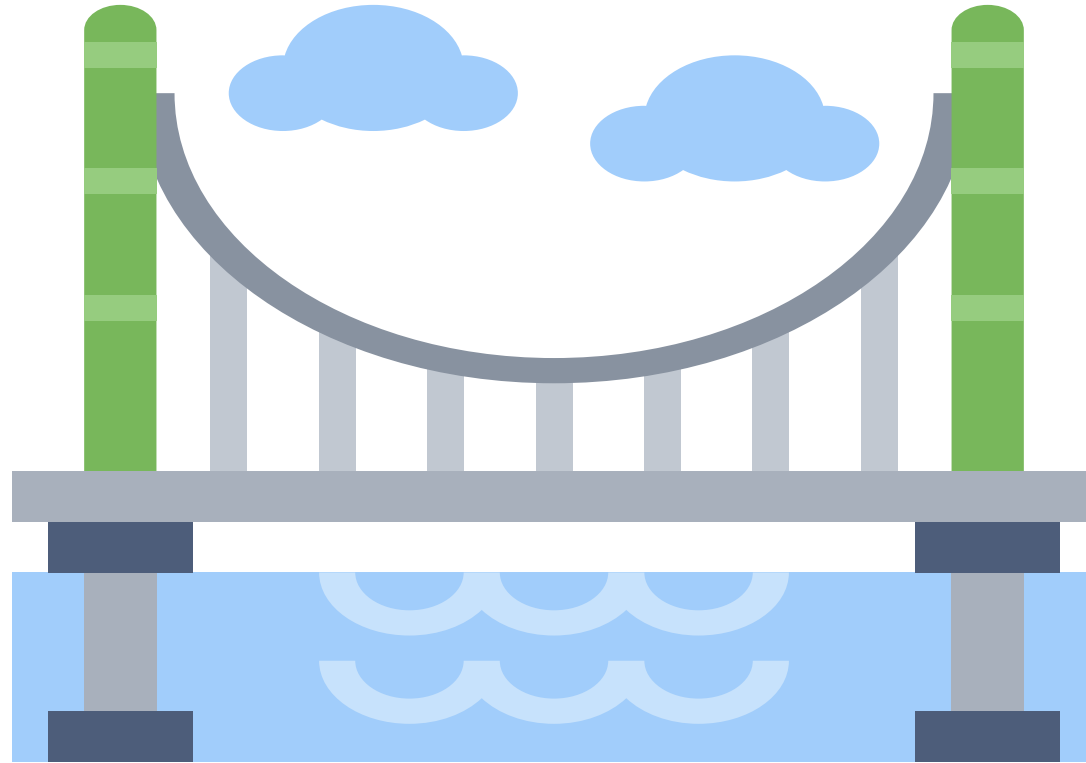


# Seattle Developmental Bridge



For the Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board

January 17, 2020

# What is Seattle Developmental Bridge?

- ❖ **A Program**—Supporting children 0 through 4 years and their families
- ❖ **A “Pilot”**—Started in December 2018 in Seattle
- ❖ **A Partnership**—City of Seattle + King County’s Developmental Disabilities & Early Childhood Supports Division



**Seattle** Department of  
Education & Early Learning



**King County**

# Funded by Seattle Sweetened Beverage Tax

Evidence-based programs that **improve the social, emotional, educational, physical health, and mental health for children**, especially those services that seek to **reduce the disparities in outcomes for children and families based on race, gender, or other socioeconomic factors** and to **prepare children for a strong and fair start in kindergarten.**

# Who falls through the cracks?

Children who are not eligible for Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT)...  
**but still have needs!**



# Bridge Group 1

- ✓ Child 0-3 years
- ✓ Evaluated for ESIT and Did Not Qualify, but....



- A. Mild developmental concern *OR*
- B. Family member impacted by disability

~ 3 %



# Bridge Group 2



✓ Child aging out of ESIT but....

**A.** Not eligible for School District & needs short bridge to next steps

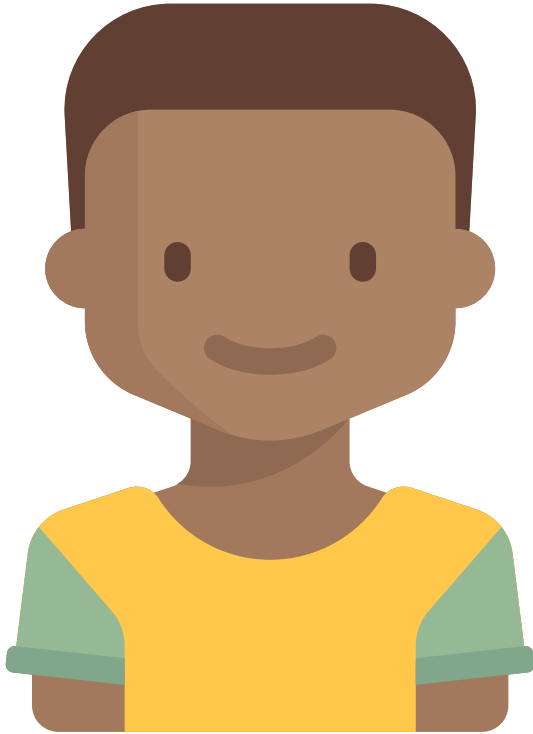
*OR*

**B.** Eligible for School District & needs short bridge until services start

65%



# Bridge Group 3

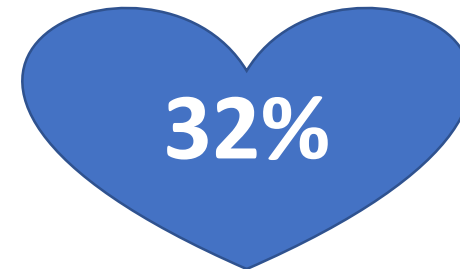


✓ Child too old for ESIT + developmental concern

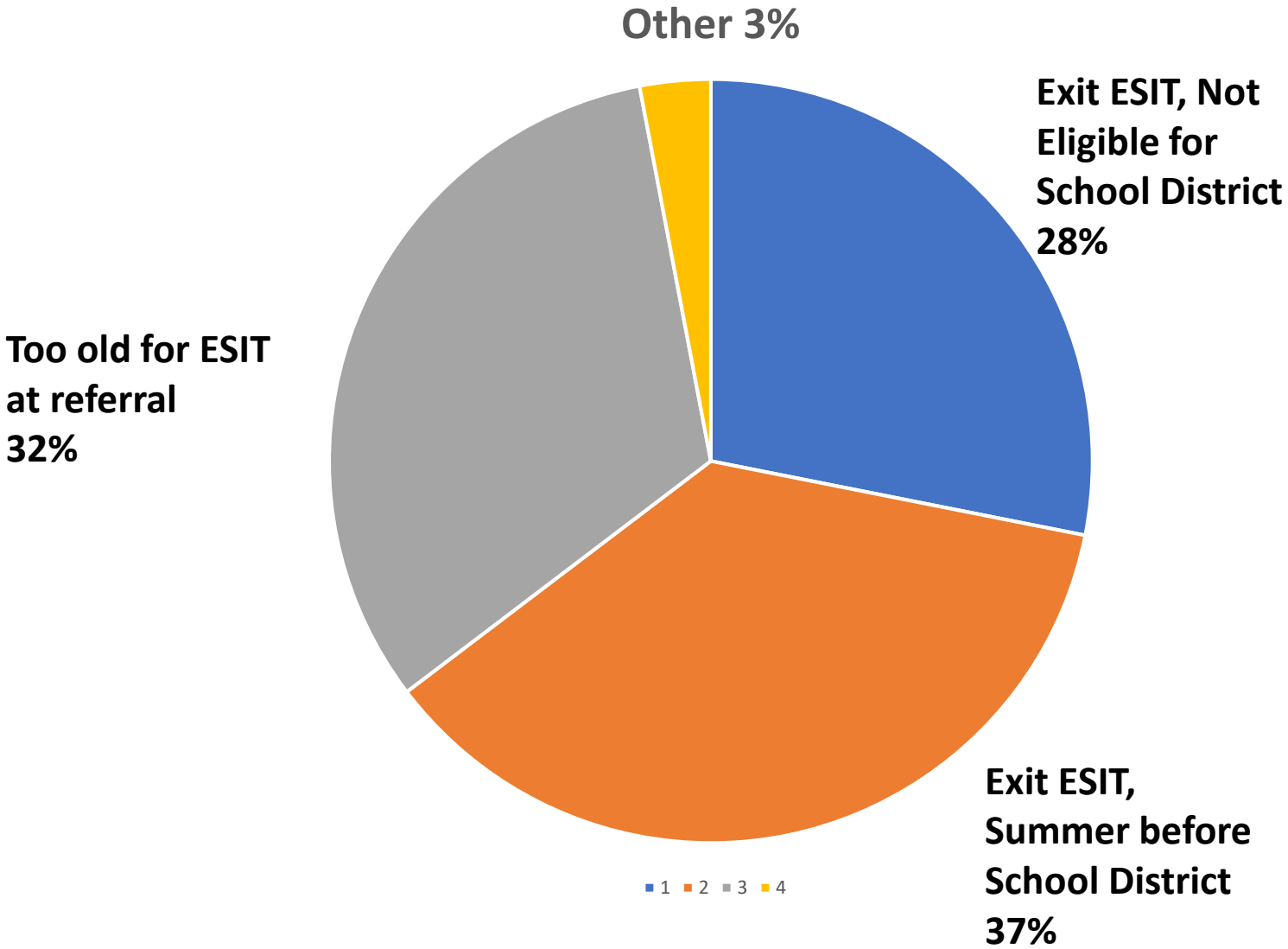
❖ 34.5 months through 47 months at referral

❖ Developmental concern identified via parent report & *screening*

❖ Support connecting to School District Evaluation & until services start



# Who is in Bridge?



71 children



# Who is in Bridge?



<b>Race/Ethnicity *</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>
Asian	11	15%
Black	24	34%
Hispanic, Latinx, Central American	8	11%
White	31	44%

*\*may choose more than one, so percentages add up to more than 100%*

# Bridge Connects Children and Families

Tailored, Supportive Services



Warm Handoff

## ALL:

Bridge Service Coordination  
Developmental screening & supports  
Flexible frequency, setting

## MAY Include:

Promoting First Relationships  
Parenting Supports, Social Work  
Education, Therapies



# Overall impact

*If Bridge is successful:*

- More children with services during period of brain plasticity
- More children ready for school
- More children served overall
- Scale up



# Who are Bridge Providers? How do we connect?

## Connect to Bridge

Via Boyer **(206) 325-8477** or

Via WithinReach **(206) 204-3536**

or,

[bridge@boyercc.org](mailto:bridge@boyercc.org)



Or contact Juliette Escobar at: [jescobar@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jescobar@kingcounty.gov)

Thank you!!!

