

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Office of Violence Prevention

Family Assistance Program One Year Report

Civilian Oversight Commission Presentation
November 2025





Family Assistance Program Background

- Established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2019.
- Supports families after in-custody deaths and fatal use-of-force incidents.
- DMH Pilot. Program transitioned to Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) in February 2024.

Family Assistance Program (FAP) Purpose

- FAP provides comprehensive support and services to families grieving the loss of a loved one due to an officer involved shooting or in custody deaths. The program provides both immediate and long-term interventions tailored to meet the unique needs of affected families and communities.
- Provides compassionate support and guidance.
- Assists families with crisis intervention, funeral expenses, counseling, and navigation of systems.





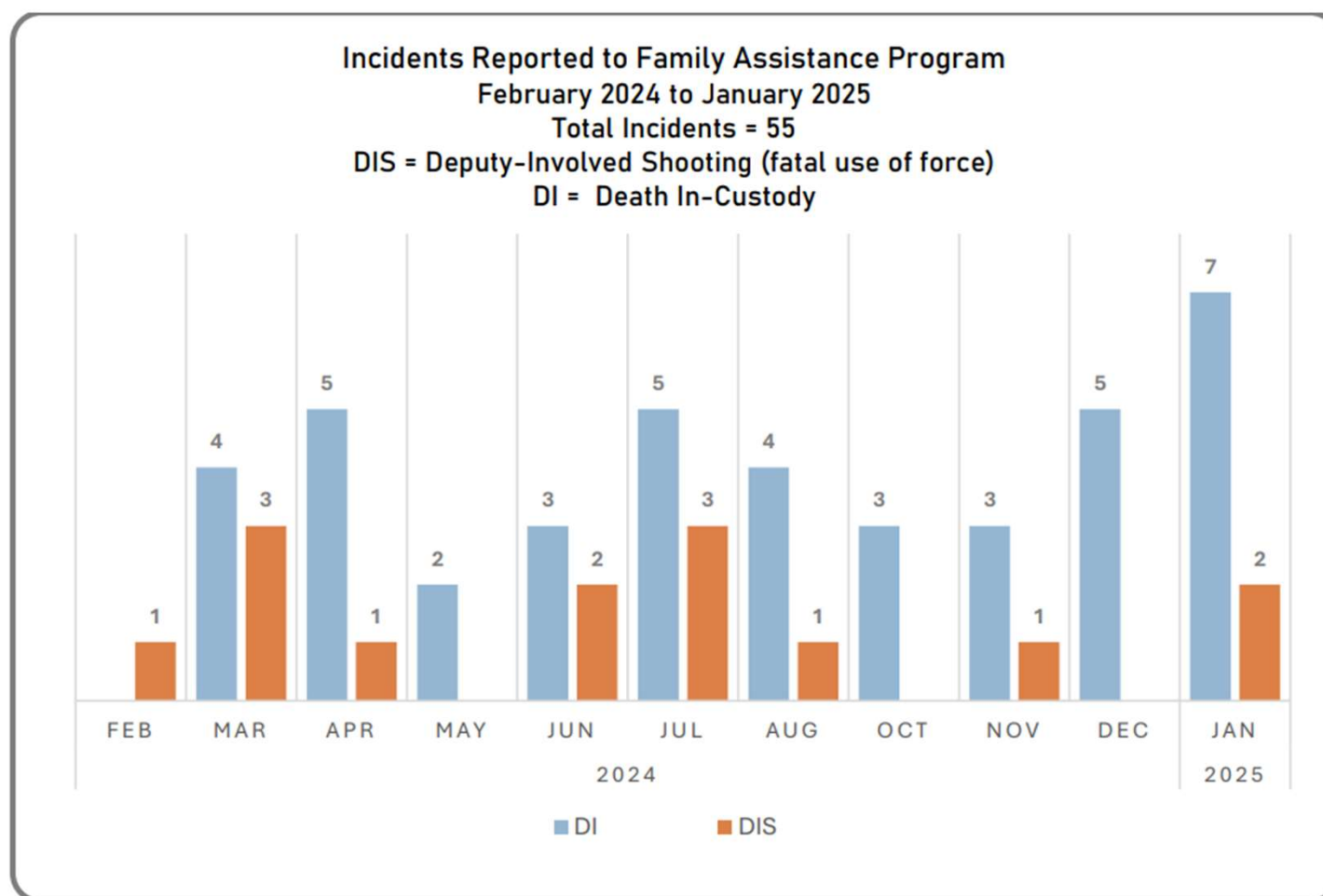
Family Assistance Program Partners

The Family Assistance Program (FAP) is a partnership between OVP and:

- Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Homicide Bureau - Custody Compliance & Sustainability Bureau,
- Los Angeles County Medical Examiner,
- Office of Inspector General,
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health,
- District Attorney Bureau of Victim Services, and
- Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission
- Other County and Community Partners

Death Incidents Reported

Table 1. Incidents Reported to FAP from February 2024 to January 2025





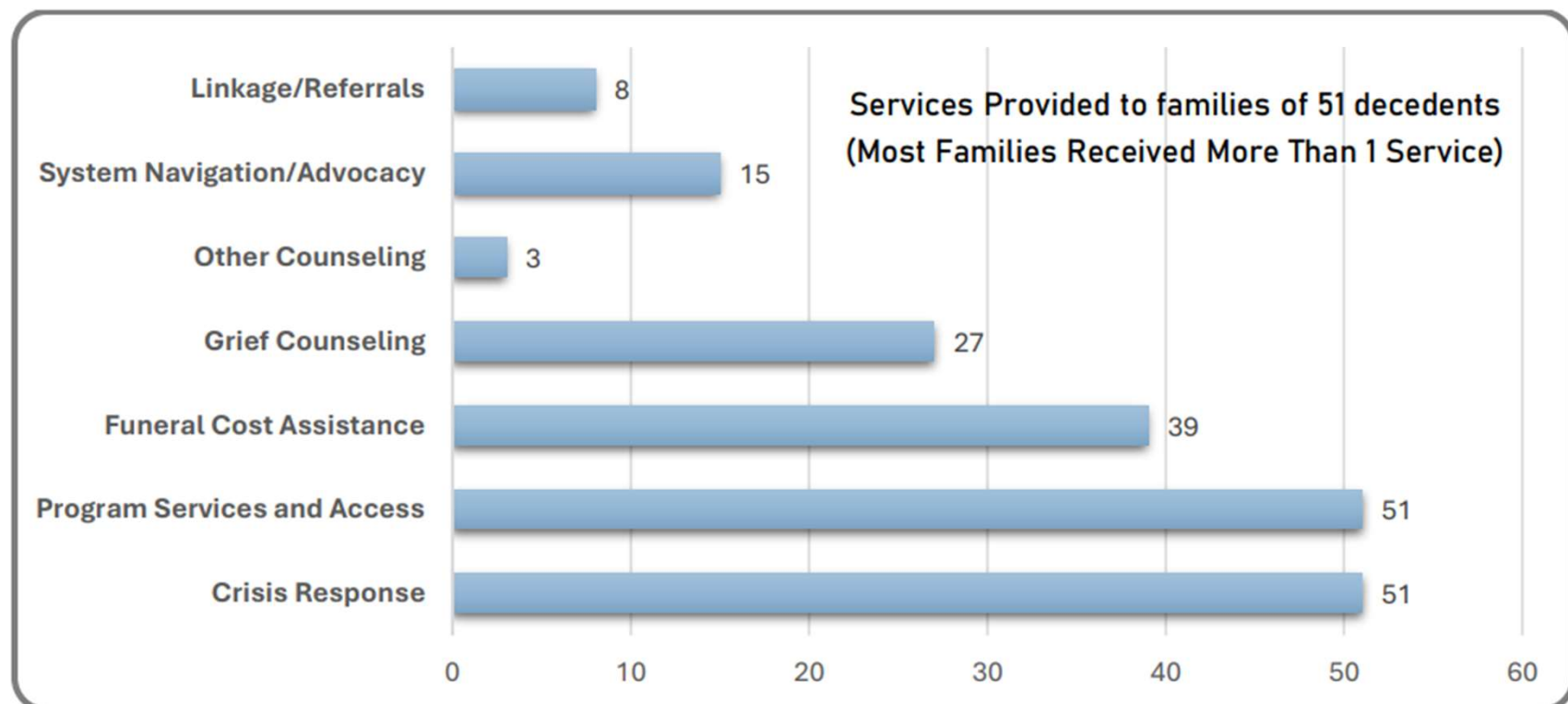
Family Assistance Program Services

- 55 notifications. 51 families received services between February 2024 and January 2025.
- Services included crisis counseling, funeral cost assistance, grief counseling, system navigation.
- 39 families received funeral assistance. Total expenditures \$209,756. Average funeral amount received per family was \$5378.



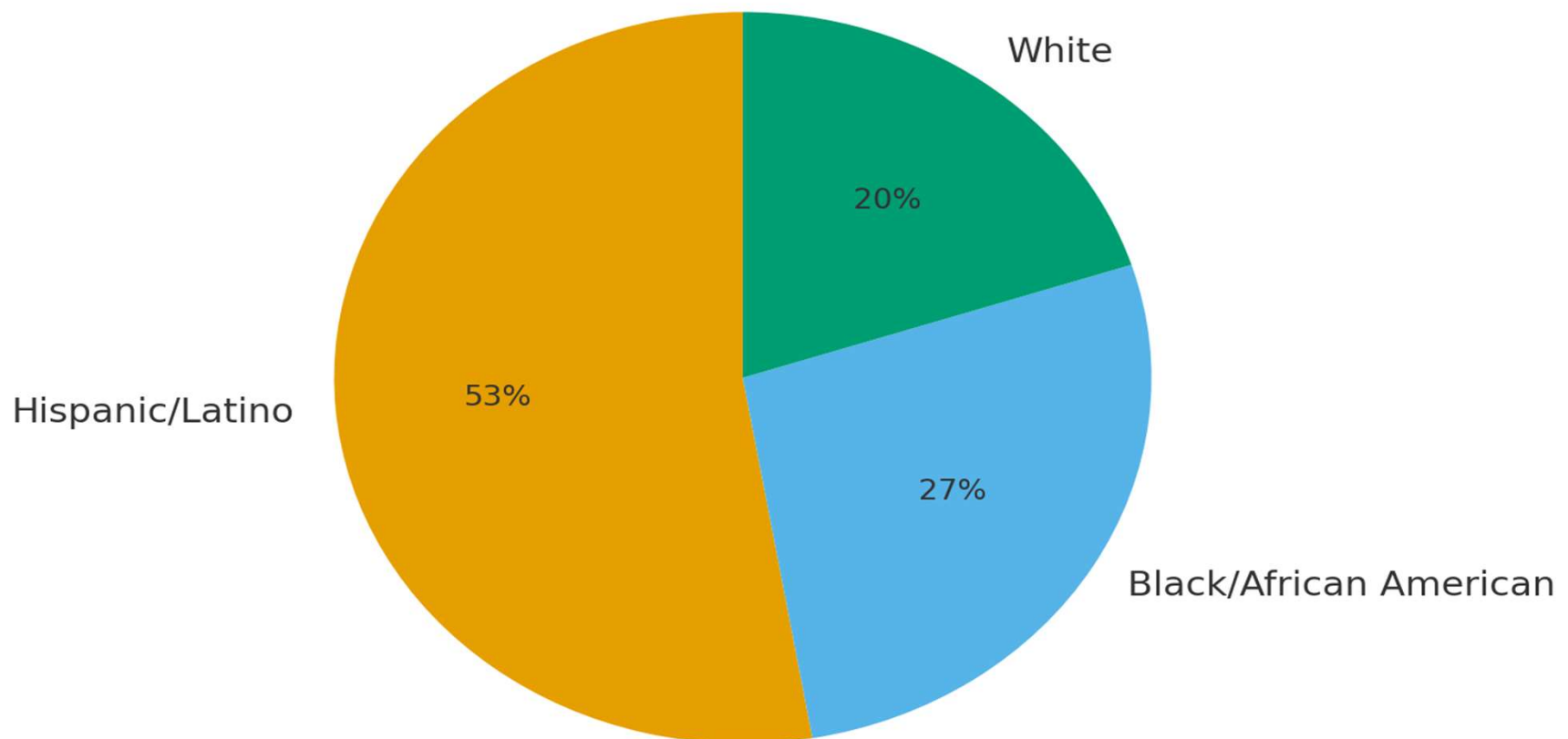
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Table 2. Services Provided to Decedents' Families from February 2024 to January 2025



Demographics of Decedents

Decedents by Race/Ethnicity



93% Male, 7% Female

Most between 25–44 years of age



Year One Highlights

- Smooth transition from DMH to OVP
- Hired and onboarded core FAP team
- Developed bilingual pamphlets and webpage
- Standardized protocols with partners
- 93% family engagement rate
- \$209,756 in funeral assistance disbursed
- Payments processed within 2 weeks



Lessons Learned & Recommendations

- Increase burial assistance to \$12,818 (to align with California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB)).
- Establish \$50,000 hardship fund for urgent family needs.
- Implement new electronic data collection system.



Summary and Next Steps

- Year 1 under OVP marked by transition, collaboration, and progress.
- 93% of families reached and received services.
- Commitment to compassionate, timely, and comprehensive support.
- Ongoing work to improve services and meet family needs.



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