

Need

There is a need to prevent mental and physical trauma in individual foster care children, in Worcester.

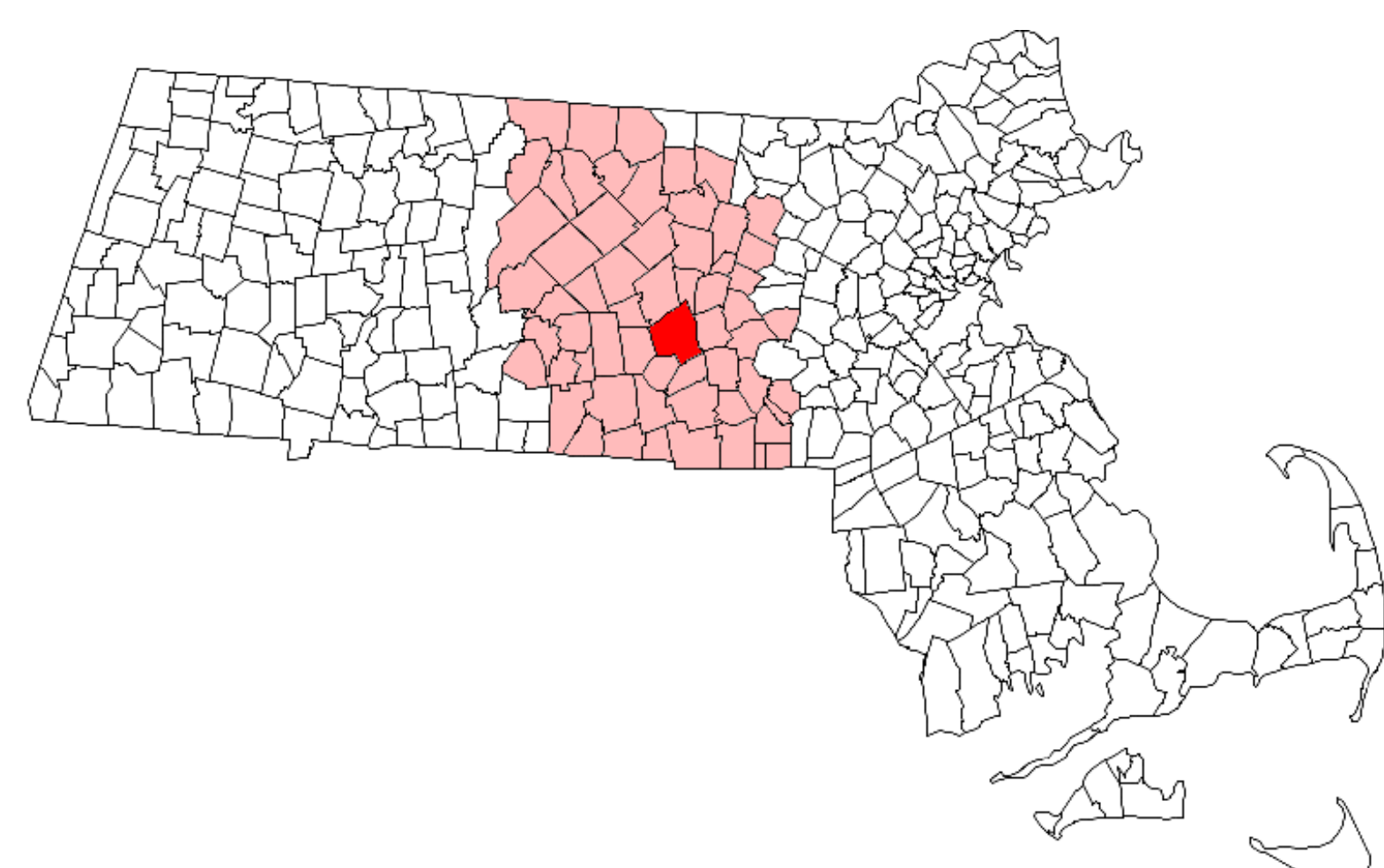
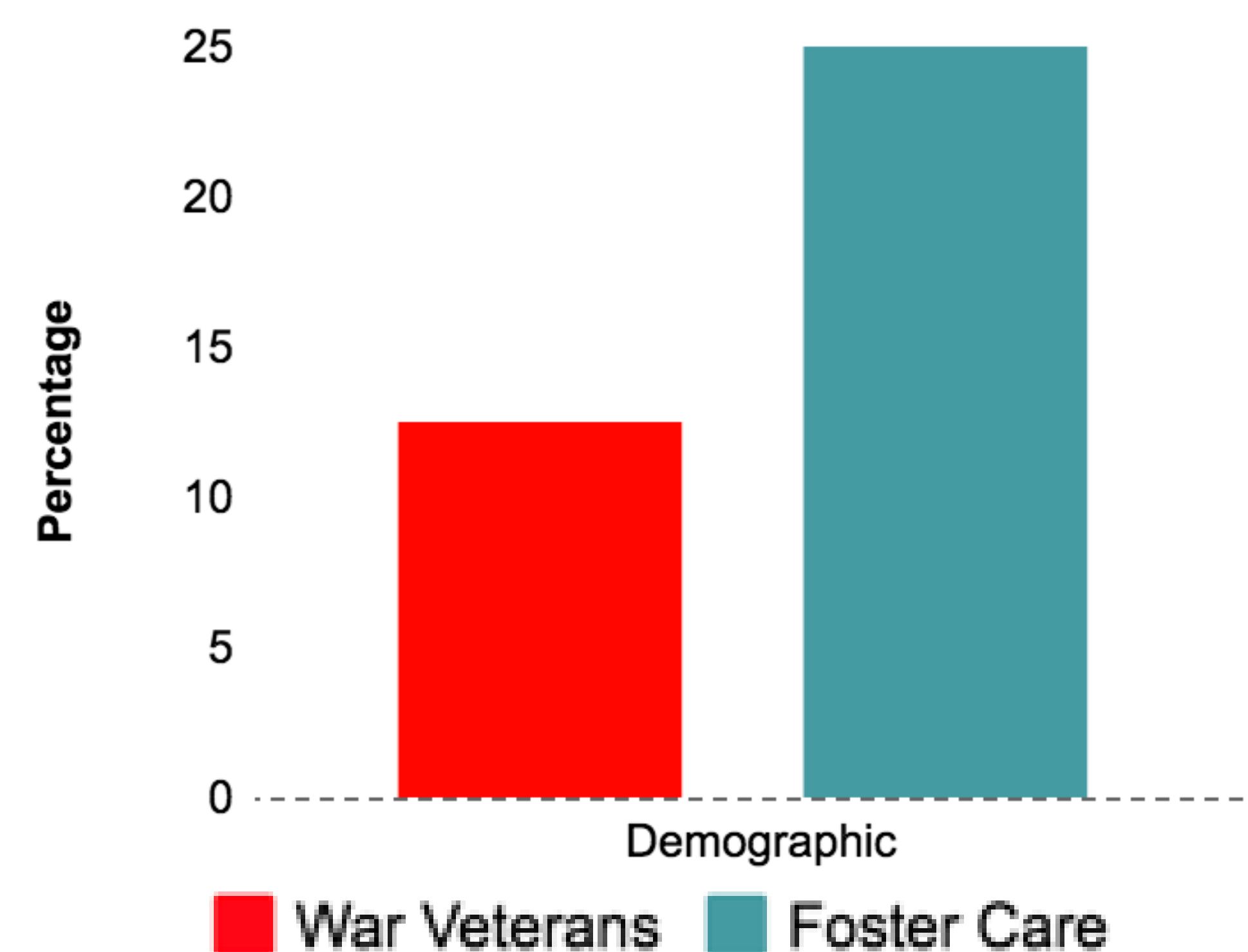
Approach

We plan on distributing pager-like devices and setting up a system to provide children with daily check-ins to ensure their well-being and access to immediate help.

Background

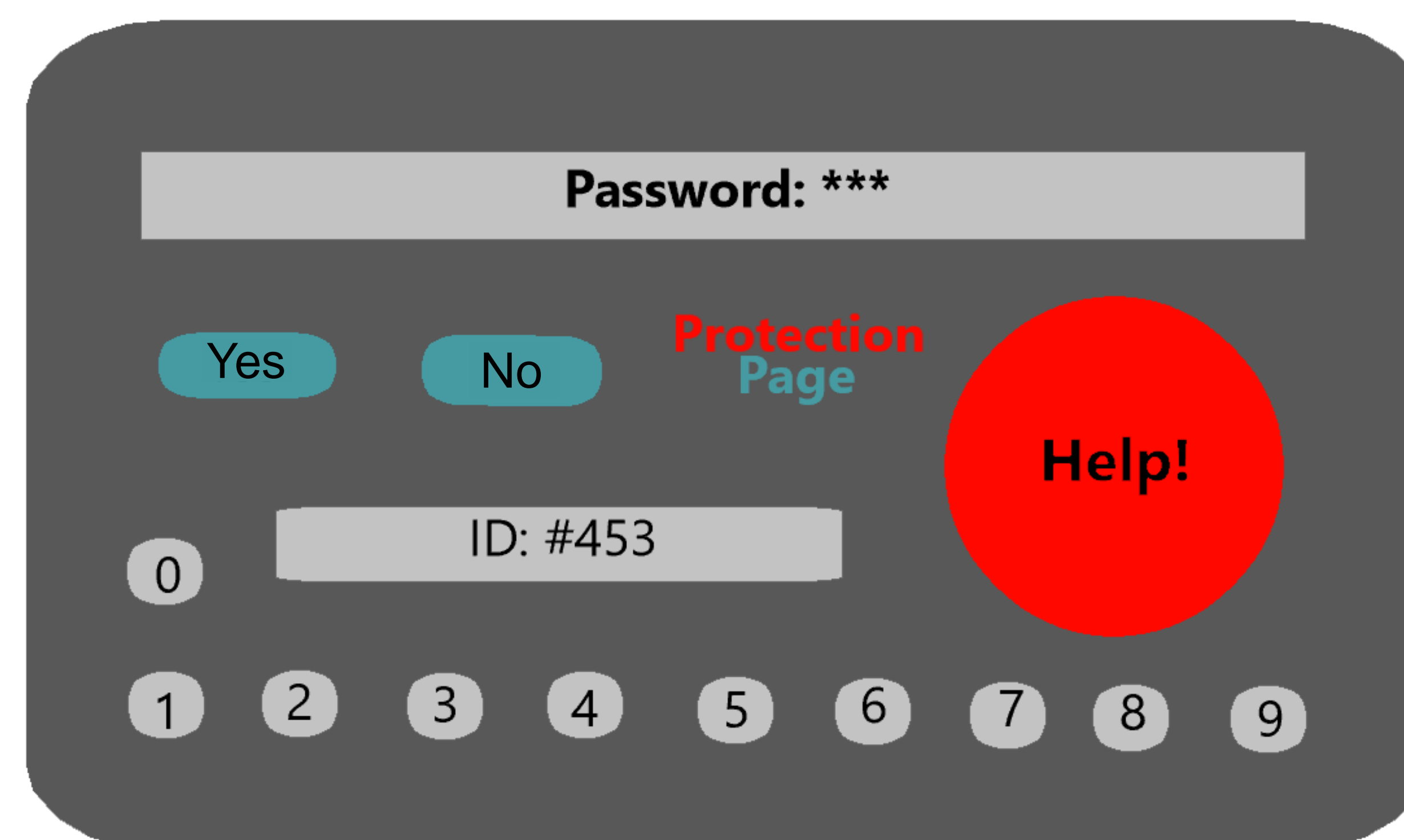
- Partnering with Department of Children and Family Services (DCF)
- DCF: keeps children safe, runs foster care system
- MA ranked 38th in case worker visits to children

Cases of PTSD



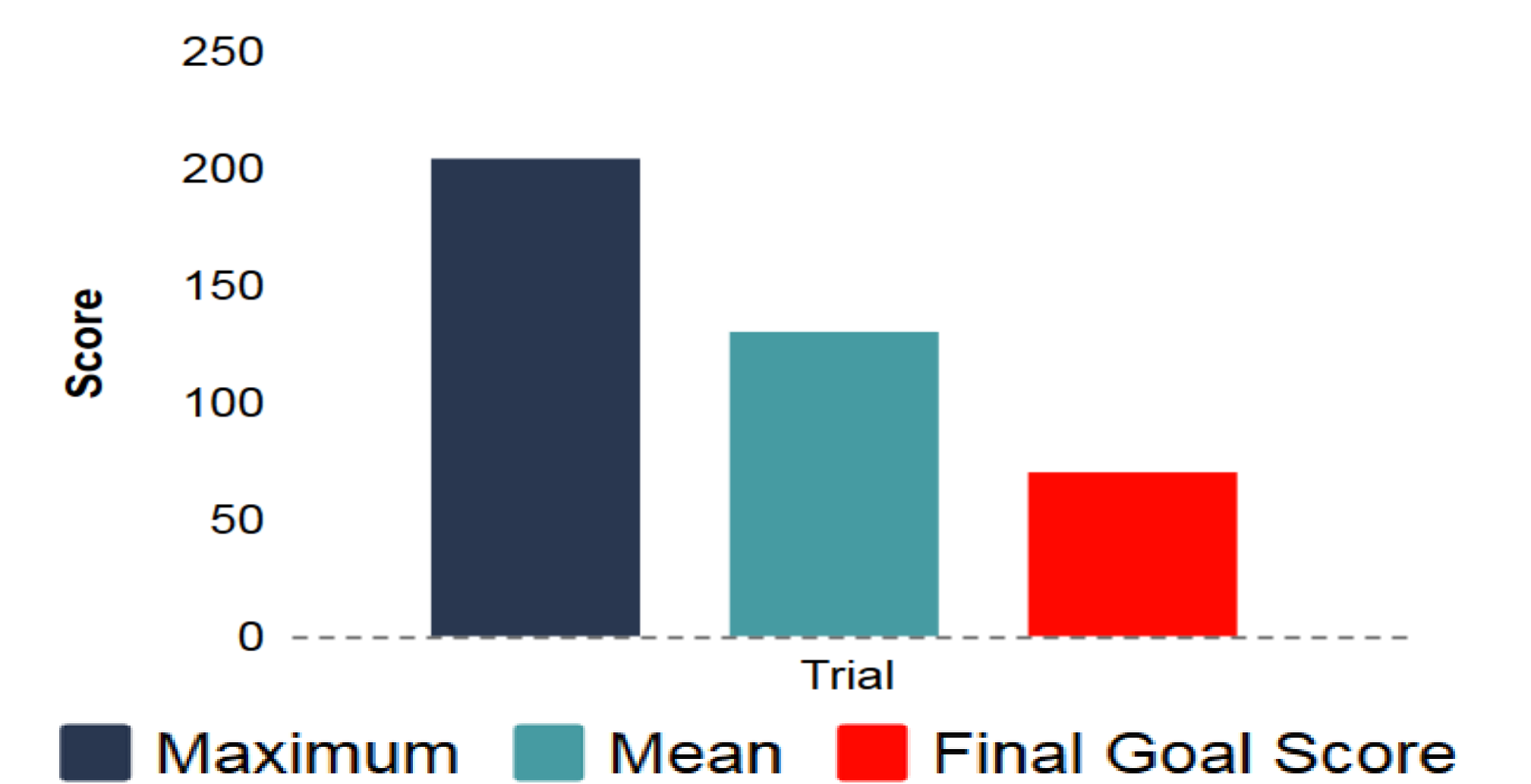
Method

- Pagers distributed to foster children ages 5+
- Education on proper device usage
- Automated check-in 1x per day
- Database tracks and stores pages to profiles
- Surveys for children and teachers
- Information from pagers and surveys analyzed

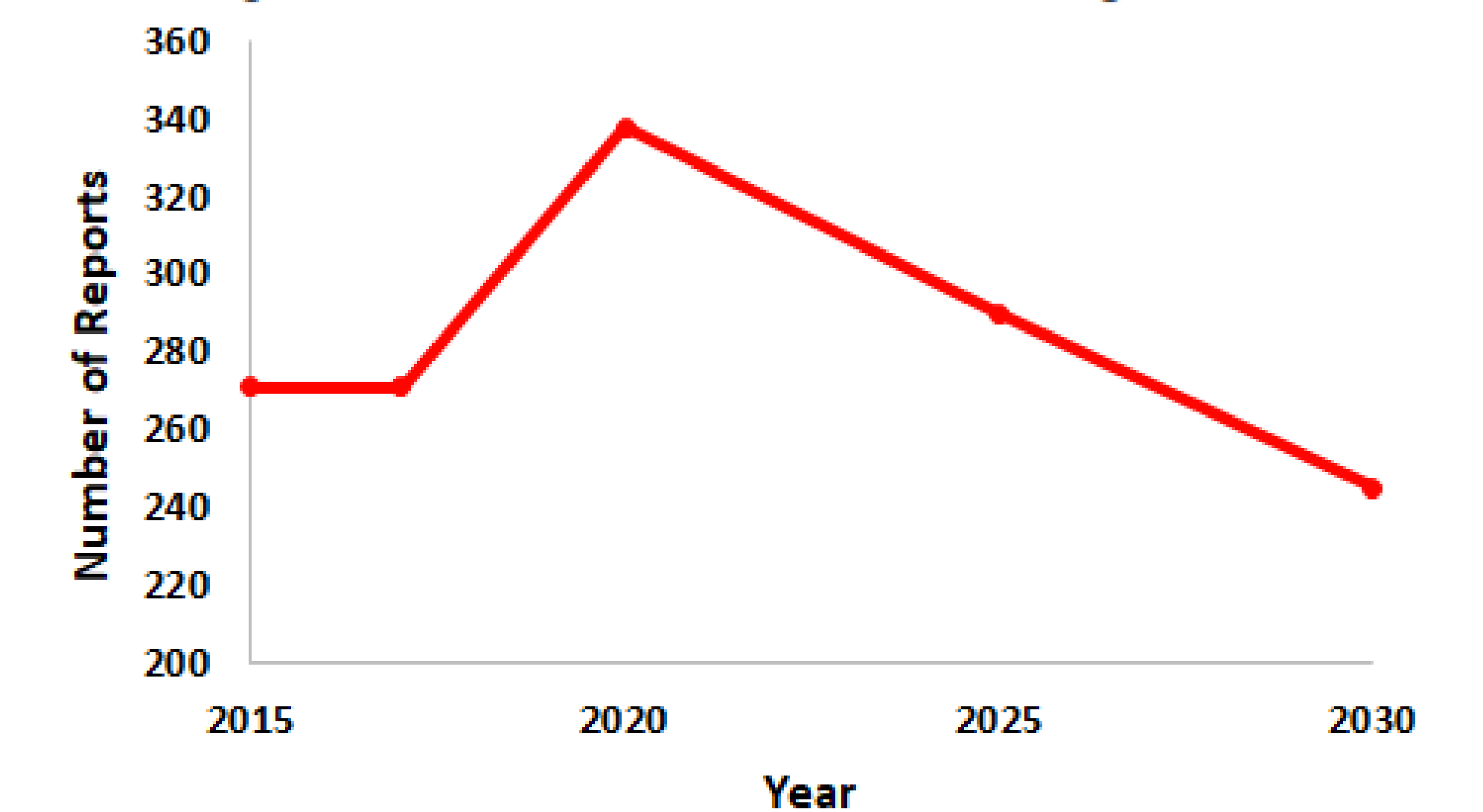


Results

Child Mental Status Survey Distribution (2017-2019)

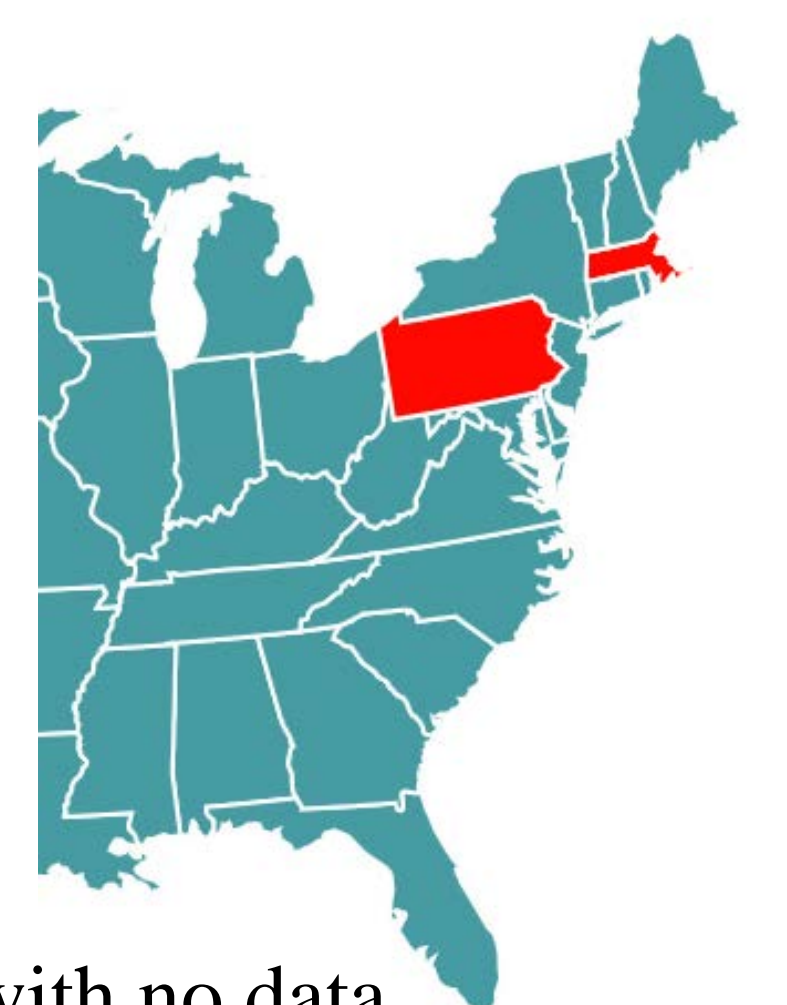


Expected PPP Abuse Reports



Discussion

- Surveillance prevents abuse
- Faster reporting of abuse
- Easier data collection
- Better allocation of limited DCF resources



States with no data on responsiveness to abuse reports

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