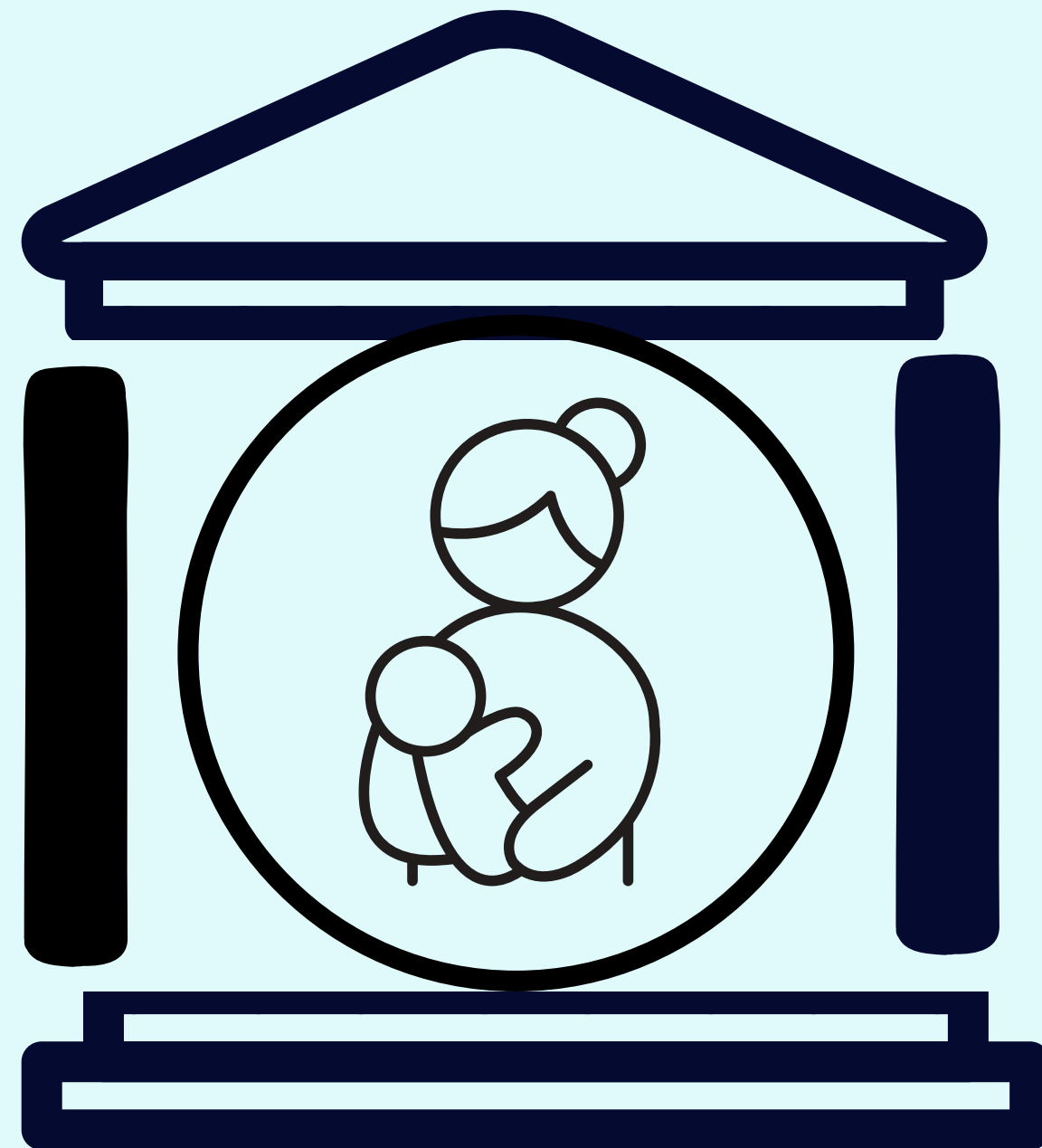


# ***Rhode Island Family Court Safe and Secure Baby Court Calendar (SSBC)***



# SSBC Inception

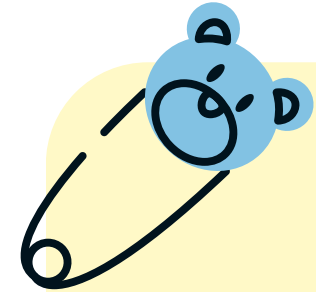


THE SAFE AND SECURE BABY COURT (“SSBC”) IS A SPECIALTY CALENDAR WITHIN THE EXISTING RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT SYSTEM WHICH WAS CREATED BY CHIEF JUDGE MICHAEL B. FORTE IN MARCH OF 2017 IN AN EFFORT TO RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS THE CYCLICAL AND GENERATIONAL ASPECTS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH DCYF. THE CREATION OF THIS SPECIALTY COURT WAS ALSO BASED ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE CRUCIAL ROLE THAT EARLY BONDING AND STIMULATION PLAY IN THE BRAIN DEVELOPMENT OF INFANTS IN CONSULTATION WITH DR. SUSAN DICKSTEIN, WHO IS AN INFANT MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST AND PRESIDENT OF THE RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH

THIS SSBC INITIATIVE BY CHIEF FORTE REPRESENTS THE FIRST TIME A PROJECT IN RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT HAS FOCUSED EXCLUSIVELY ON INFANTS.



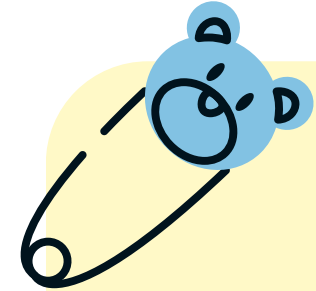
# SSBC Mission



**SSBC focuses on putting an end to the generational involvement in the child welfare system through intensive services for parents with children 0-18 months old**



# SSBC Model



**Front load services for the family**  
**Reunify successfully and SAFELY at a faster pace**  
**Closely monitor the families**  
**Community partnerships and oversights**



# SSBC Participants

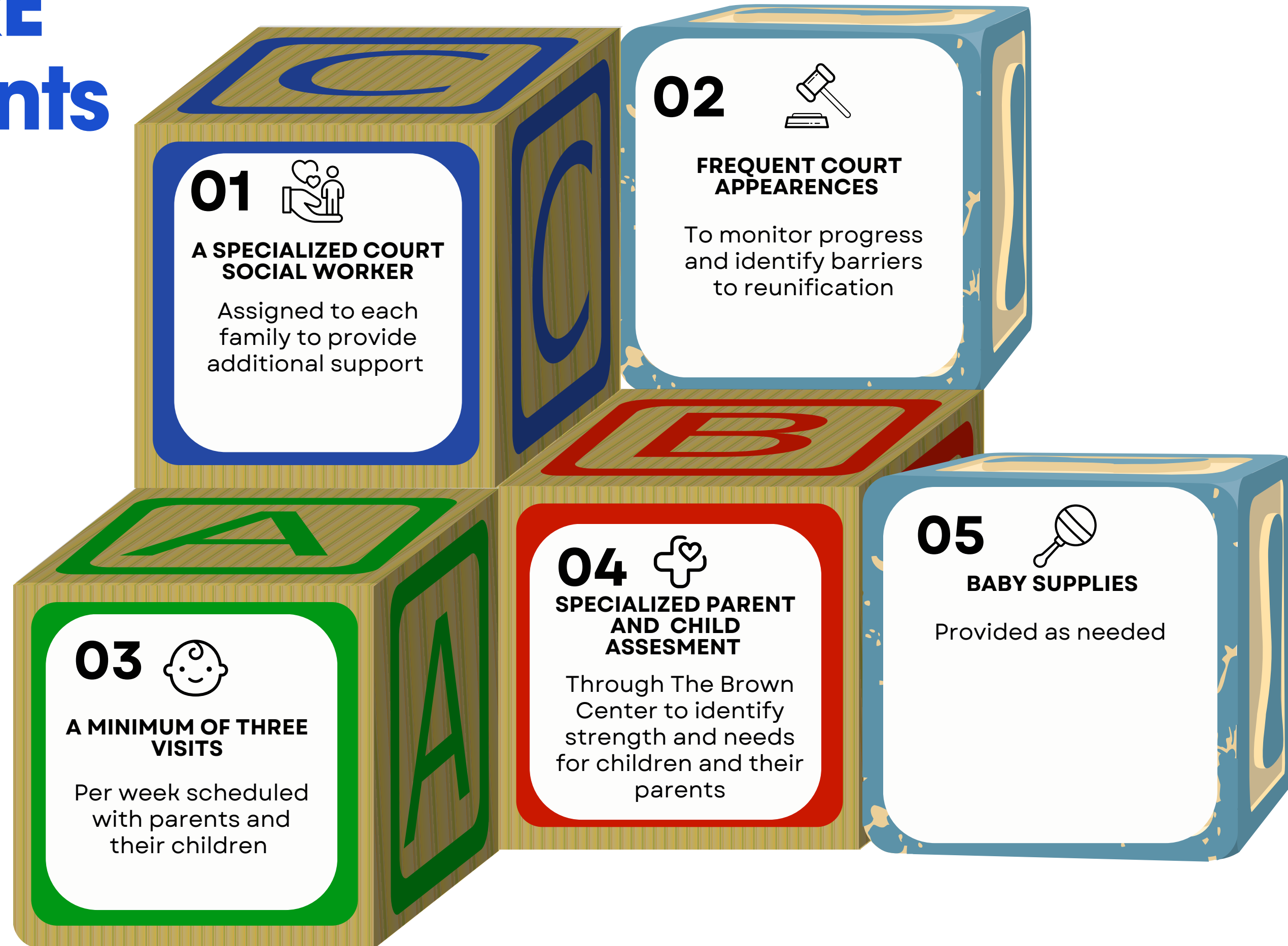


Calendar was initially geared towards families with children ages 0-3 years of age

Scope narrowed to serve children ages 0-18 months due to calendar overflow, showing the positive impact SSBC had since inception on court involved families



# SSBC CORE Components



# SSBC Eligibilities

1

**Juvenile  
involvement in  
the system**

2

**Mental Health  
Issues**

3

**Housing  
insecurity**

4

**A substance use  
history with no  
present use**

5

**Domestic  
violence exposure**

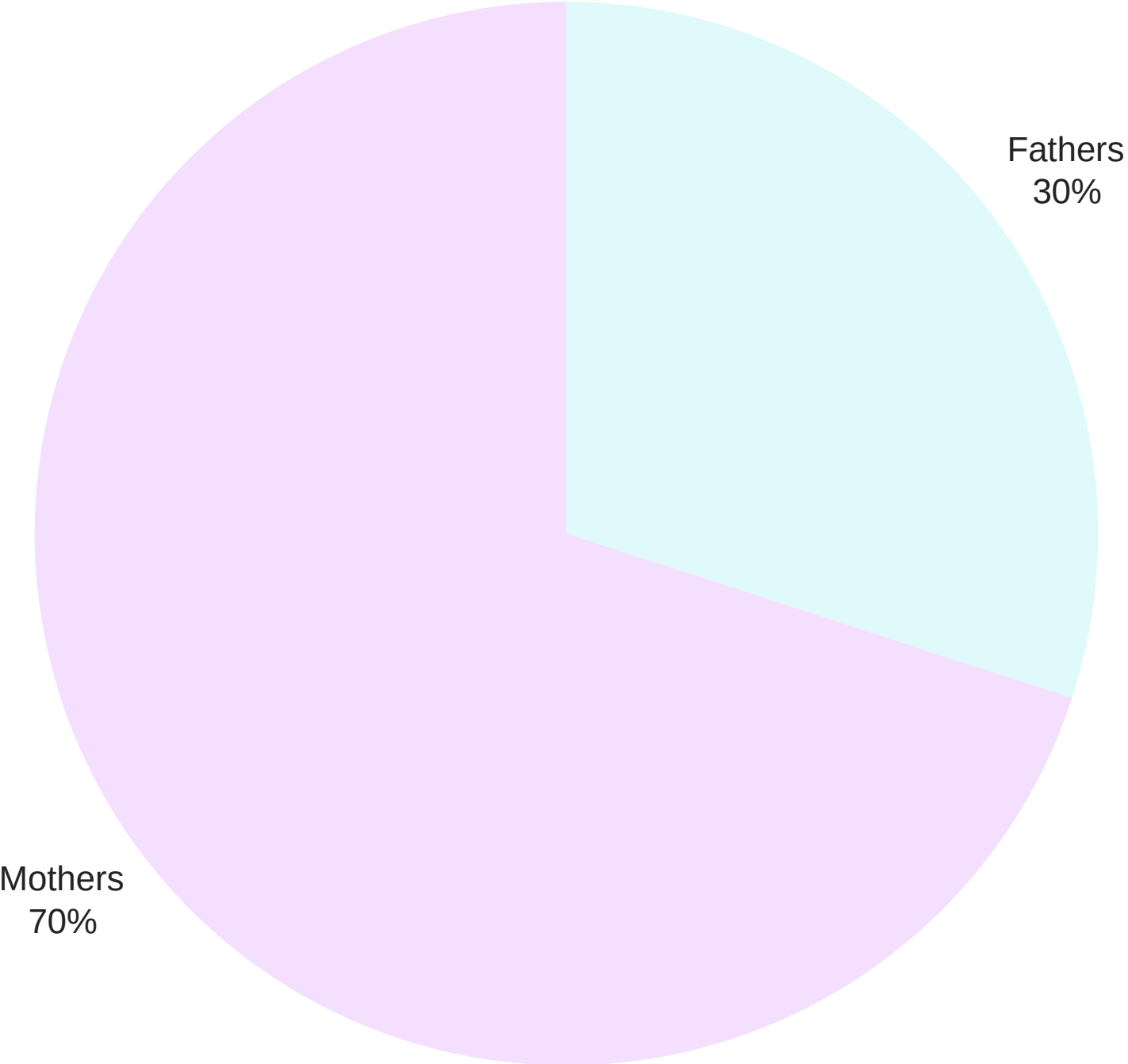
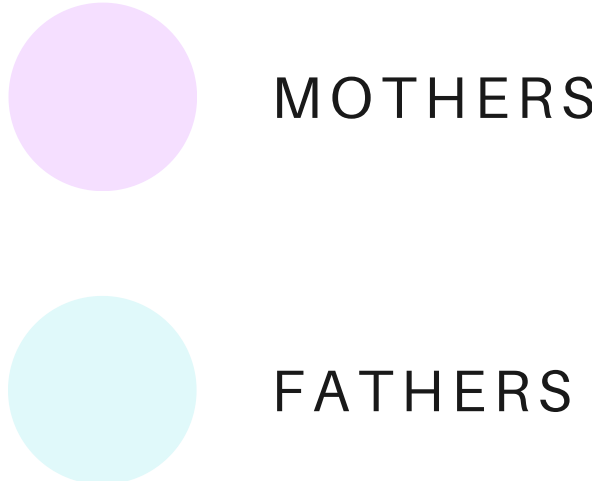
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**Lack of parenting  
skills and natural  
supports**



# SAFE AND SECURE BABY COURT STATISTICS

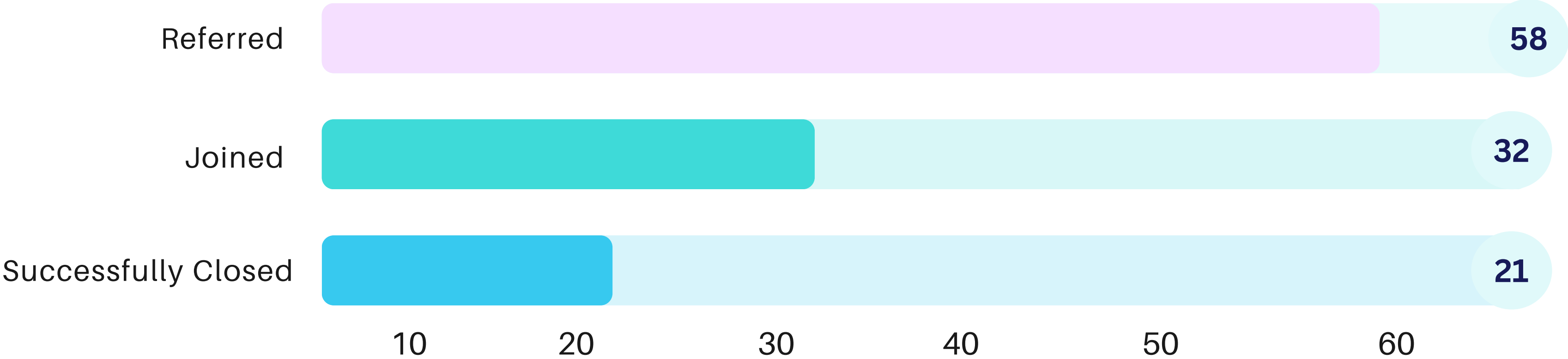
Seven Years of SSBC Overview





# SAFE AND SECURE BABY COURT STATISTICS

Minors in SSBC



# SAFE AND SECURE BABY COURT STATISTICS



**10 MONTHS**

Average Age of Child Served



**26**

Average Age of Parent Served



**7.5 MONTHS**

Average Case Length: Open to close





**RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT**



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