



BRUCE GREY
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

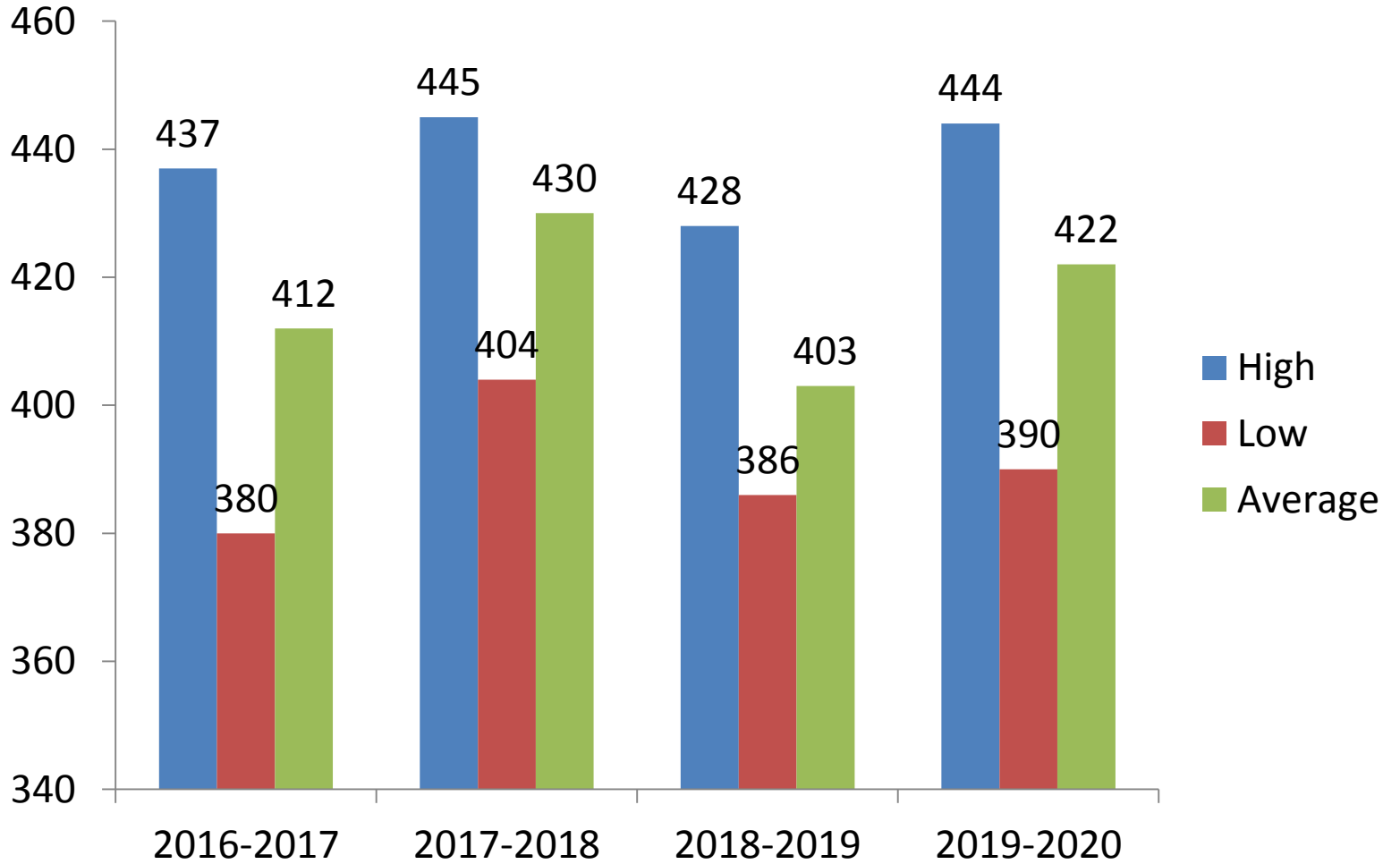


Referrals

- Approximately 1400 referrals per year across Grey and Bruce
 - Most referred families geographically located in (1) Owen Sound and (2) Hanover
 - Top reasons for referrals:
 - Caregiver with a problem creating risk for children
 - Partner conflict and Partner violence
- 23 to 30% of referred families receive longer term supports and services



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Families we Serve

- 98% of children and youth served by our organization live at home with their families
- 75% of families are served on a voluntary basis
- 25% of families are identified to a court and are subject to a court order
- Low incidence of serious physical/sexual maltreatment
- Increasing number of families who are able to offer safe care alternatives to unsafe children
- Customary Care for Indigenous Children



Concurrent Challenges for Parents

- Childhood Trauma
- Poverty
- Precarious Employment
- Housing insecurity
- Transportation challenges
- Mental health and social impact of the pandemic



Challenges for BGCFS

- Lack of adult mental health and addiction recovery services for parents
- Increasing rates of child and youth mental health problems
- Few in home services in a large geographic area with small number of towns/cities with sufficient population density to host a variety of helping services
- Lack of center based day care options for parents



Opportunities for BGCFS

- Connections with community based social supports – faith communities, sports coaches etc
- Unprecedented cooperation among charities
- The Pandemic
- Better municipal connectivity for strategic planning purposes and population data. Do we understand and anticipate the growing and shifting needs of the communities we serve?