

OPWDD Medicaid Data

Progress Report
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Goals for today's session

- By the end of today's meeting, attendees will know:
 - Where to find the latest OPWDD data
 - That some long-standing questions can now be answered
 - That substantial gaps remain
 - And that they must be a cautious consumer of data and charts.
- In the months (and years) to follow, attendees will push for:
 - Answers to the data questions they have
 - More of those answers presented in the standard reporting
 - Easier access to analysis
 - More data sources
 - And action to address issues revealed by the data.

Agenda

- Goal for today's session
- Example analysis
- What is now possible, and what is not
- A quick tour
- Your questions



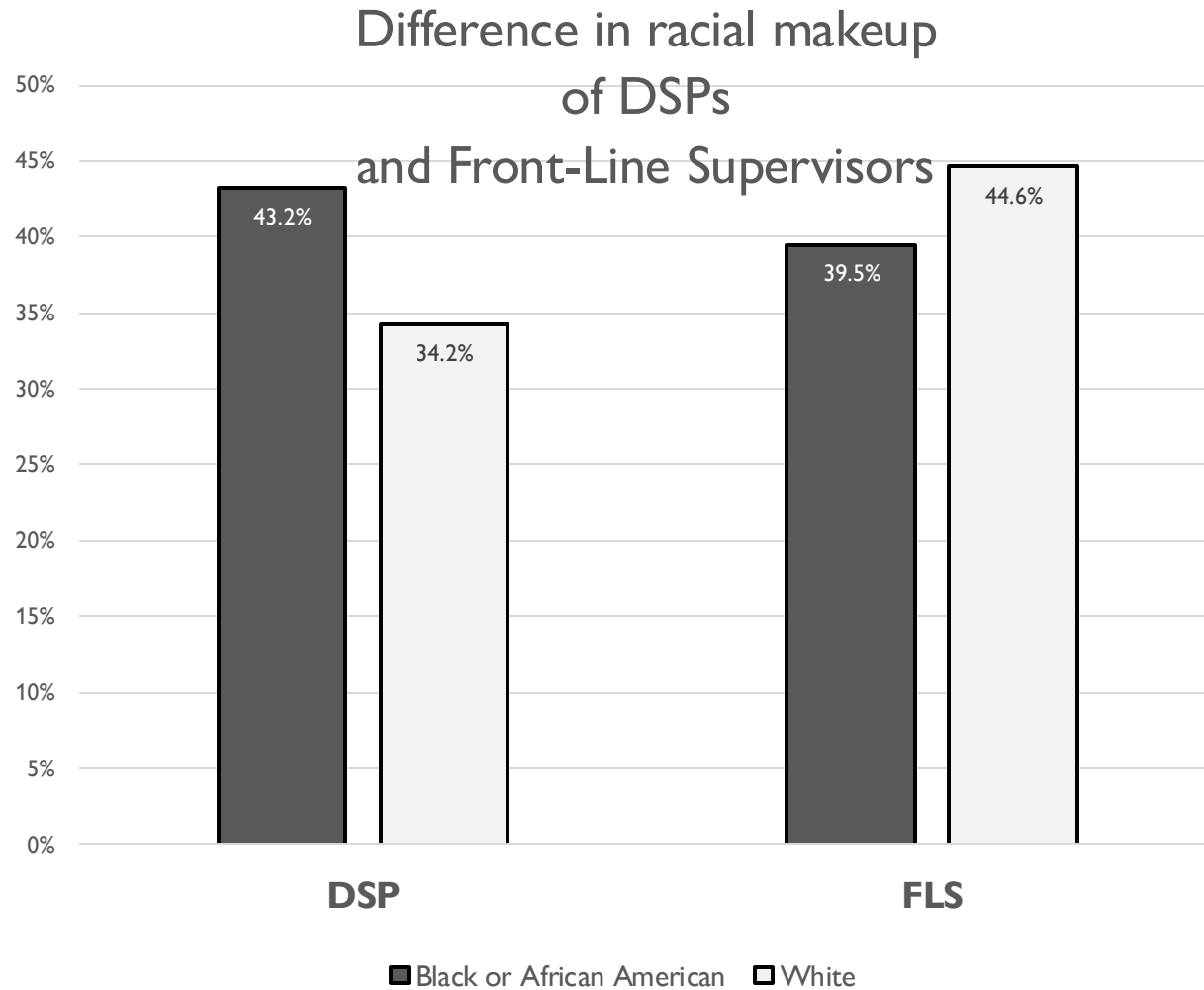
Example Analysis

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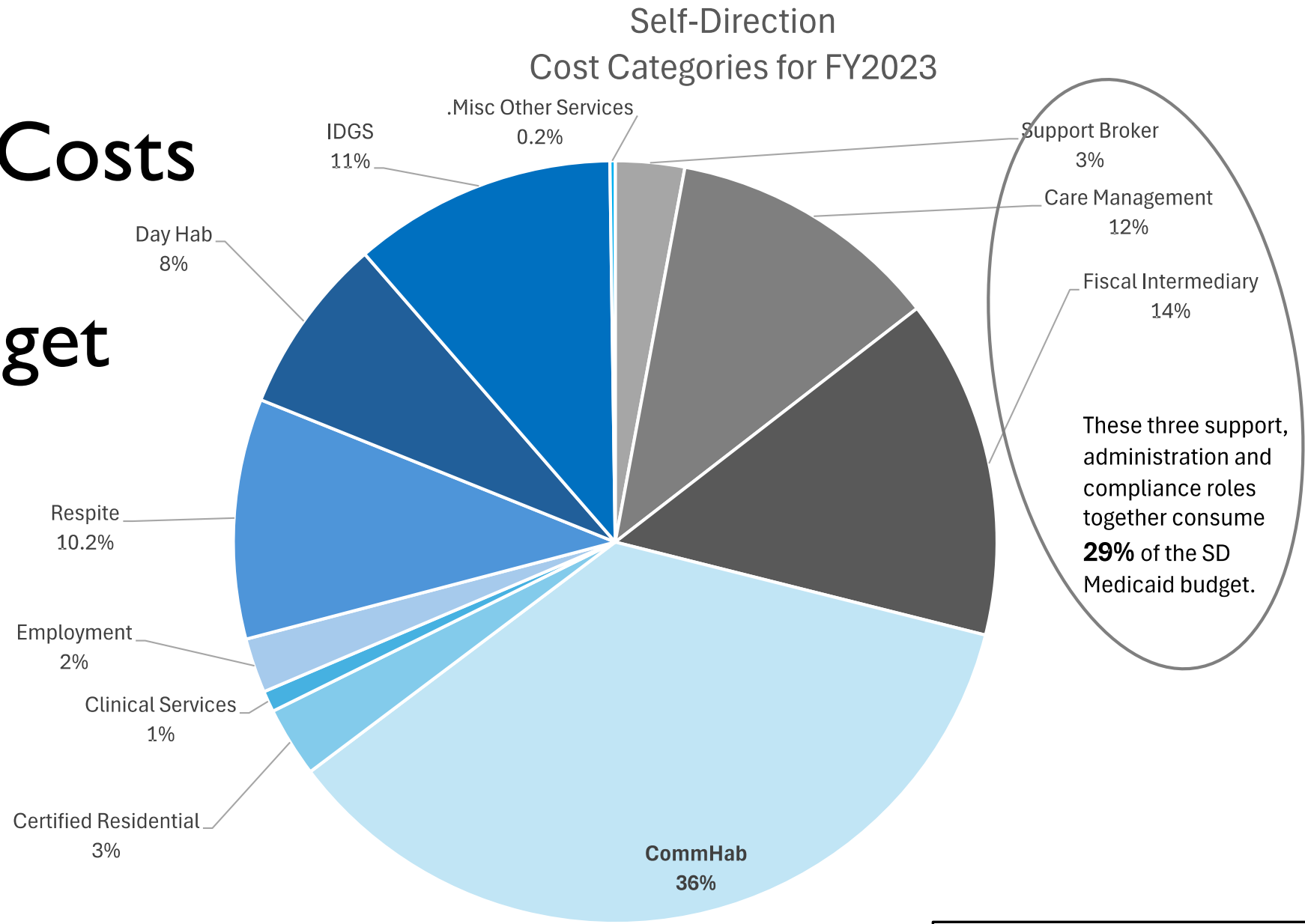
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DSP workforce at non-profit providers



- <https://opwdd.ny.gov/data/state-workforce-survey>

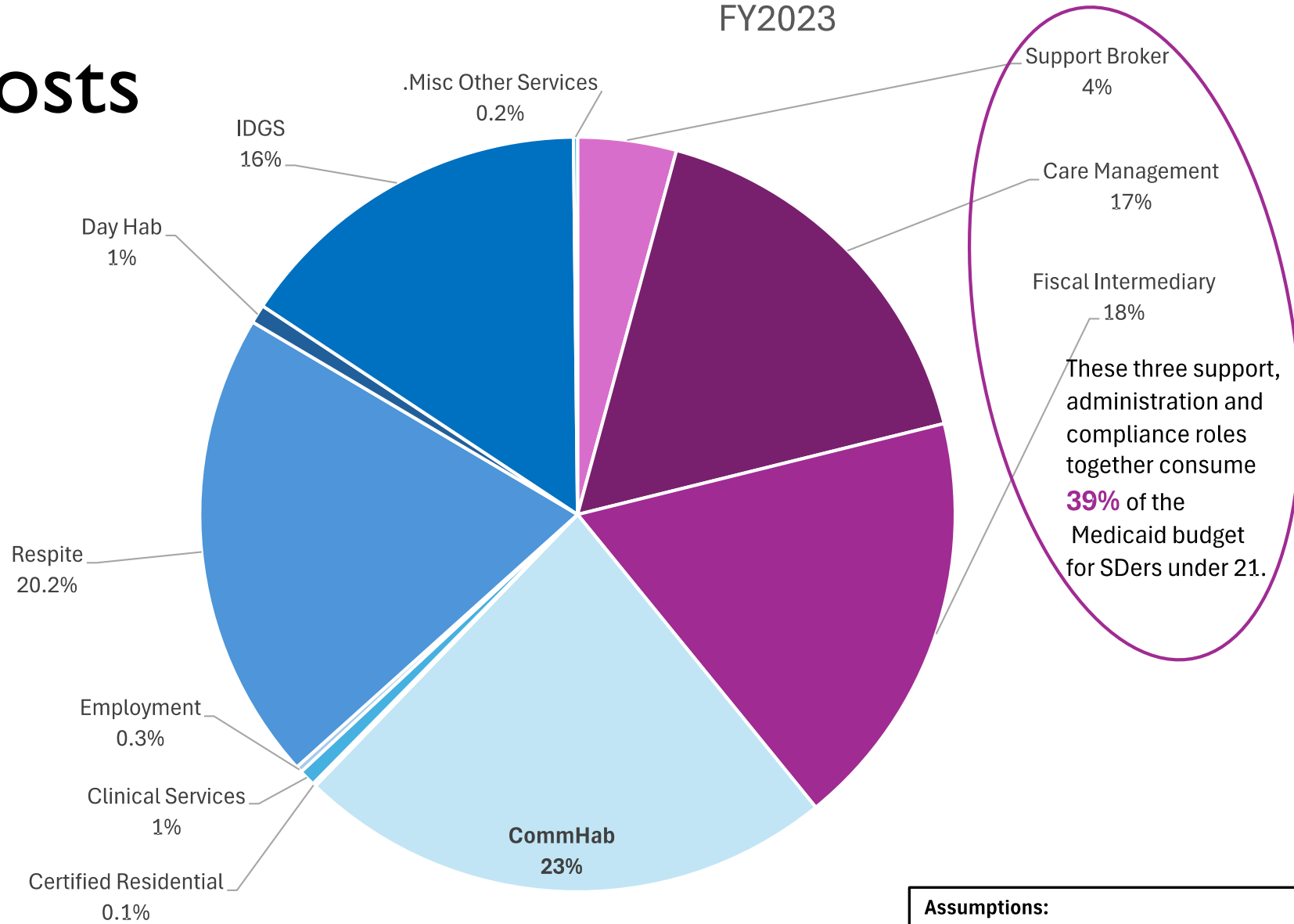
Distribution of Medicaid Costs for SDers with full budget authority (SD w/FBA)



Assumptions:
None. All dollar figures are directly from OPWDD databook.

Distribution of Medicaid Costs for SD w/FBA age 20 and below

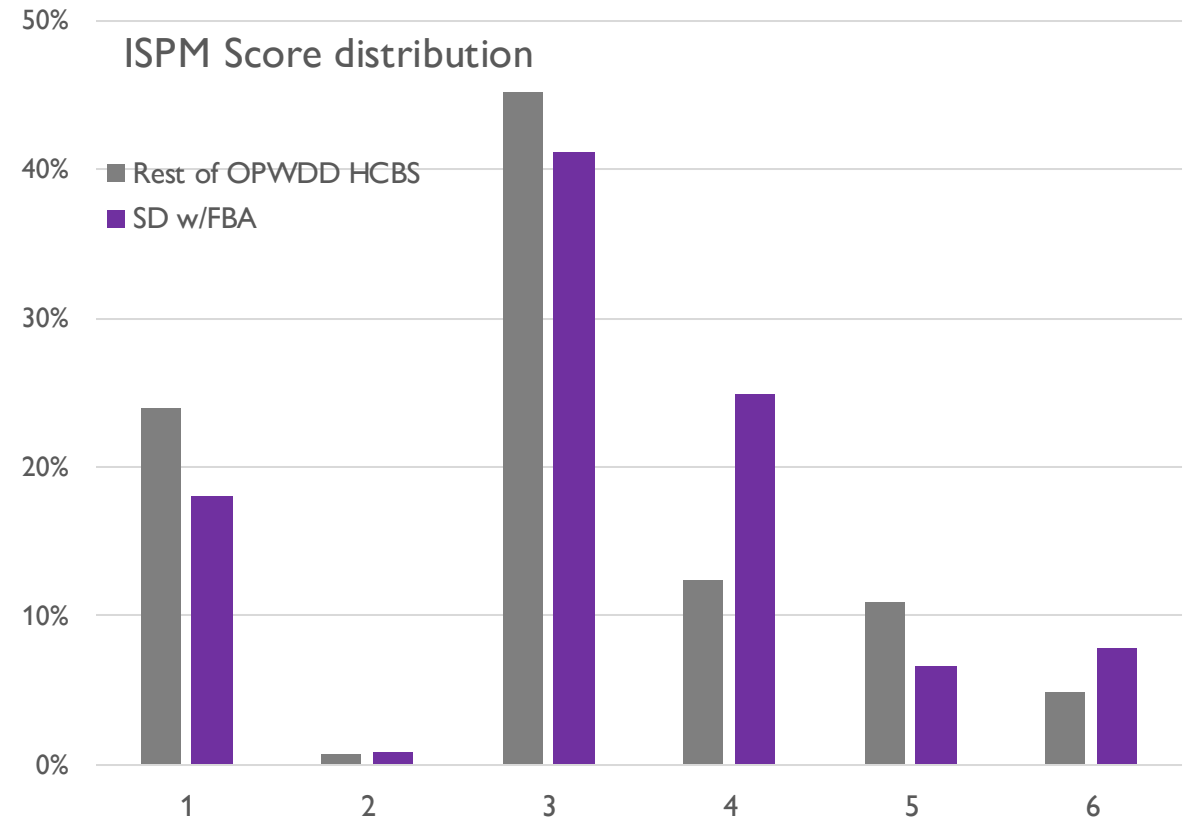
Self-Direction
Cost Categories for people below age 20
FY2023



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Distribution of ISPM Scores

Direct Support Needs	Behavioral Support Needs	ISPM Score	% of OPWDD HCBS	% of SD w/FBA
Low	Low	1	24.0%	18.0%
Low	High	2	0.7%	0.9%
Medium	Low	3	45.2%	41.2%
Medium	High	4	12.4%	24.9%
High	Low	5	10.9%	6.6%
High	High	6	4.9%	7.9%





**What is Now
Possible**

And what is not!

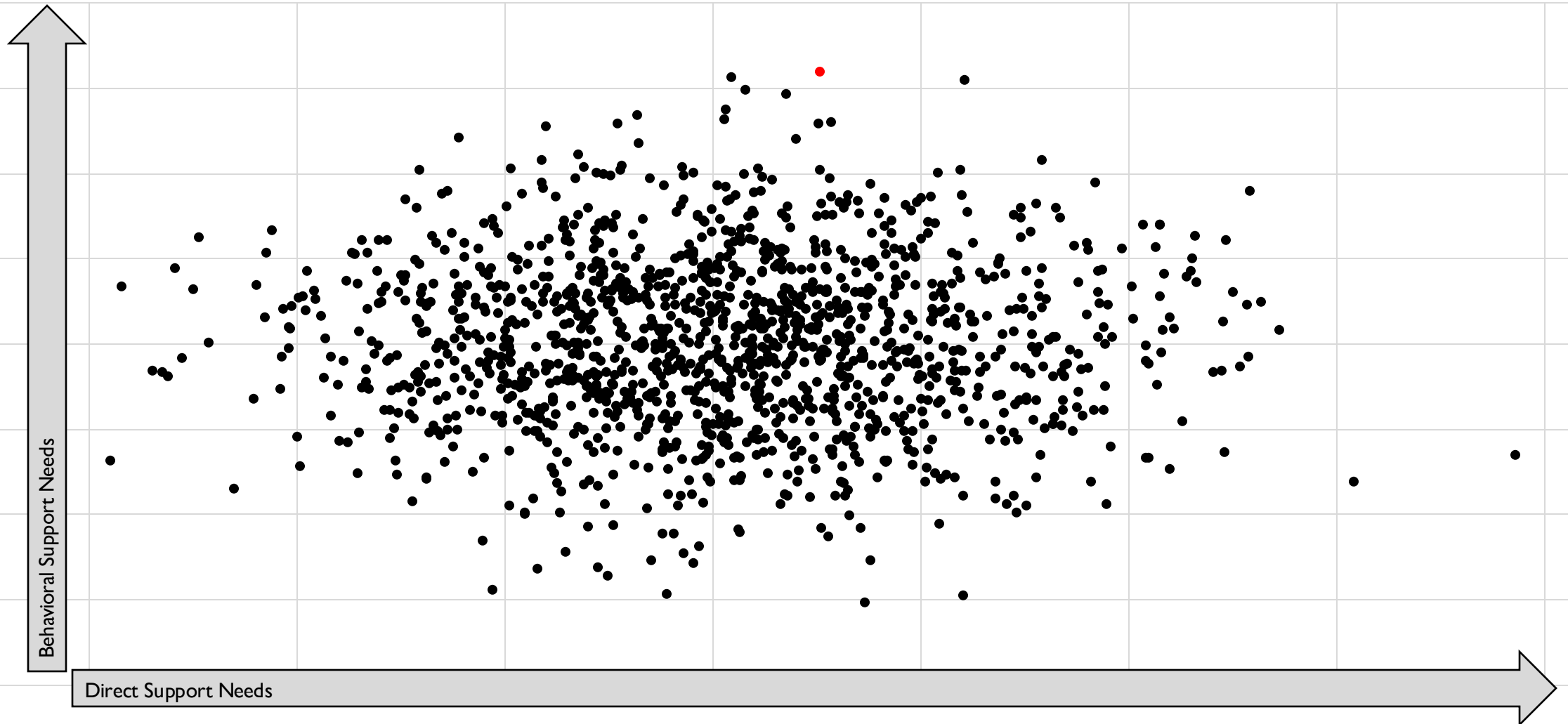


Progress, and more is needed

- We now can answer questions about
 - distribution and costs,
 - by age, by ISPM scores, by geography
 - Split based on whether SD was selected.
- We still do not have data about
 - Services delivered compared to services authorized
 - Higher needs funding
 - Non-medicaid spend
 - Medical spend

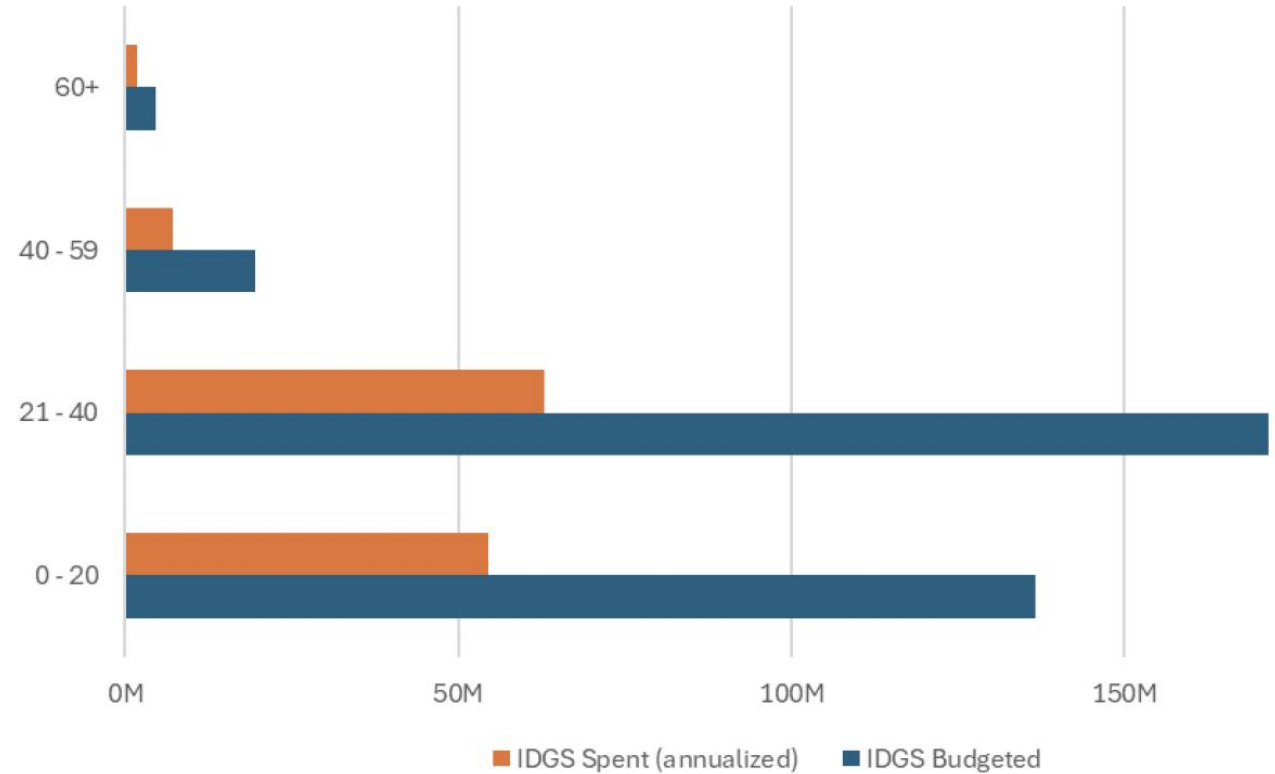
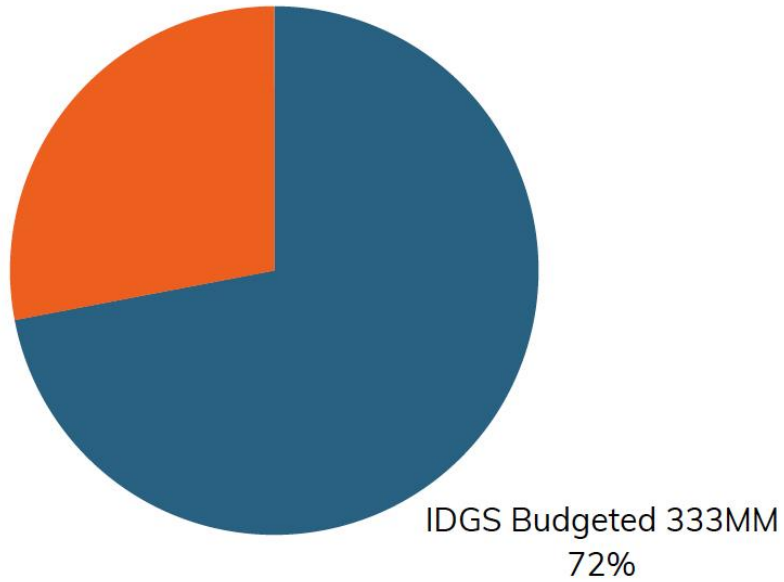
Higher Needs Funding

- CY 2023 Applications: 121
- YTD 2024 Applications: 117
 - Approved: 85
 - **One** approval per 1,407 people served by OPWDD



Evero Data: Total IDGS Budgeted & Spent by Age

IDGS Spent (annualized) 126MM
28%



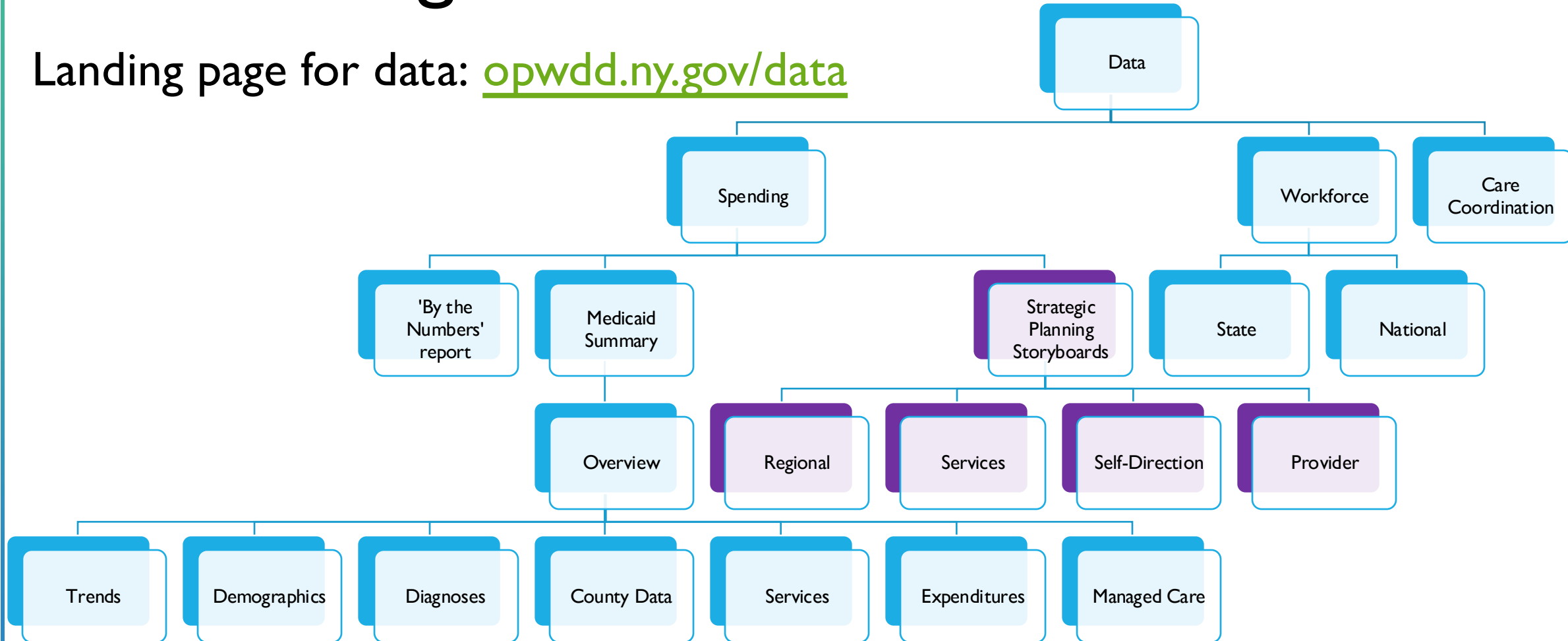


Quick Tour

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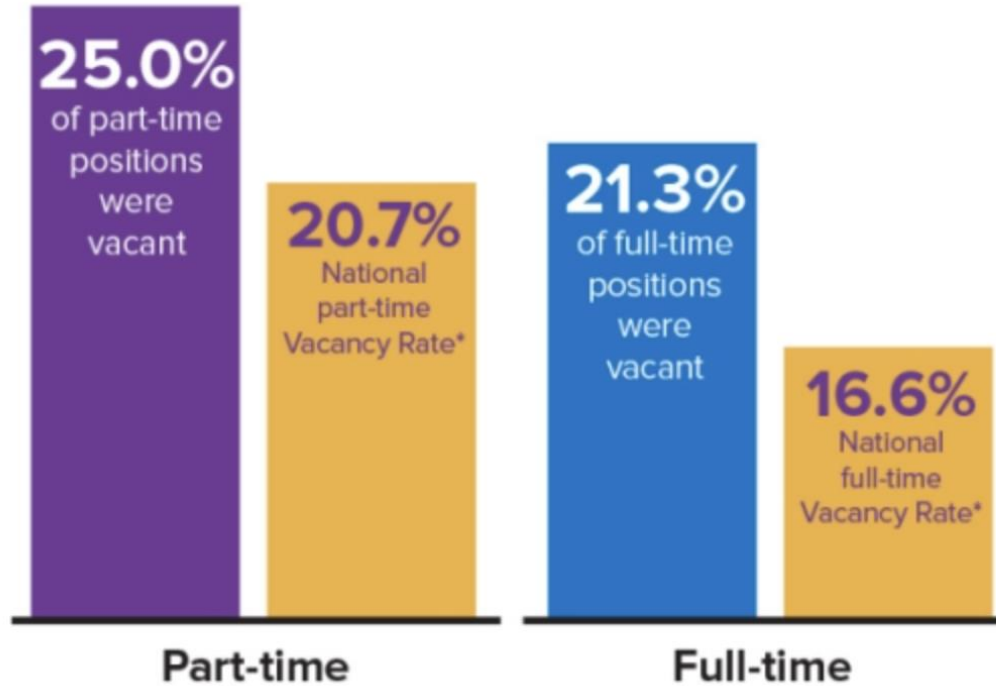
Website organization

Landing page for data: opwdd.ny.gov/data



“By the Numbers”

Vacancy



This table compares agency average hourly wage to the minimum wage of the region.

Regions	# of agencies whose average hourly wage is equal to minimum wage	# of agencies whose average hourly wage is 1-20% above the minimum wage	# of agencies whose average hourly wage is 21-41% above the minimum wage	# of agencies whose average hourly wage is 41-60% above the minimum wage	# of agencies whose average hourly wage is 61-80% above the minimum wage	# of agencies whose average hourly wage is 81-100% above the minimum wage
Statewide	20	120	44	2	0	0
Region 5	1	16	5	1	0	0
Region 4	14	35	4	0	0	0
Region 3	0	29	14	1	0	0
Region 2	2	21	15	0	0	0
Region 1	3	19	6	0	0	0

Strategic Planning Storyboard: SD

Direct link: opwdd.ny.gov/data/self-direction-data-story-strategic-planning

Self-Direction Type of Service	Service Utilization (FFS)	Service Utilization (2023)	ISPM Score (2023)	Self-Directing With Budget Authority vs All Others	End Notes
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Comparison of Self directing With Budget Authority vs All Others for Year ending June 2023 (OPWDD Medicaid Services Spending for FFS HCBS Waiver Participants)

This Table represents data for all individuals receiving OPWDD Services irrespective of their self-direction status.

Age Group: **Adults (21-39)** || Housing Type: **All** || ISPM Score: **6 - High Direct and High Behavioral Support Needs** ||

OPWDD Service Category: **All**

Housing Type	ISPM Score	OPWDD Broad Service Category
(All)	6 - High Direct and High Behavioral Support Needs	(All)

ISPM 6 and Age 21-39	SD W/FBA	All Others in HCBS
Count	605	1,048
Medicaid spend per person	\$80,890	\$158,334

# in Certified	7	771
% in certified	1.2%	73.6%

Percent of group	37%	63%
Ratio of cost to rest of HCBS	0.51	1.00

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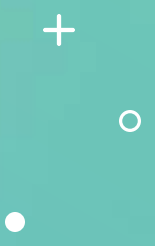
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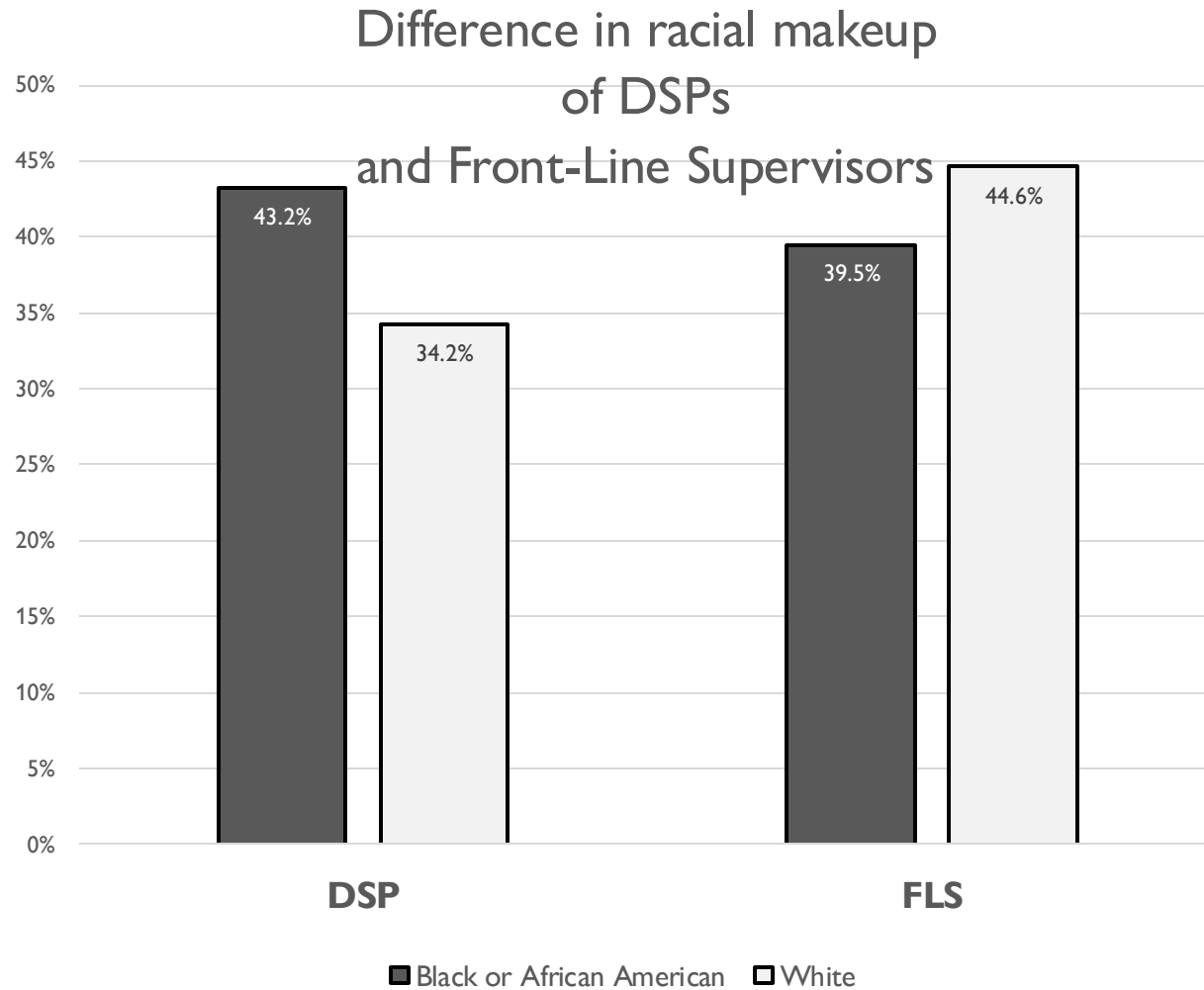
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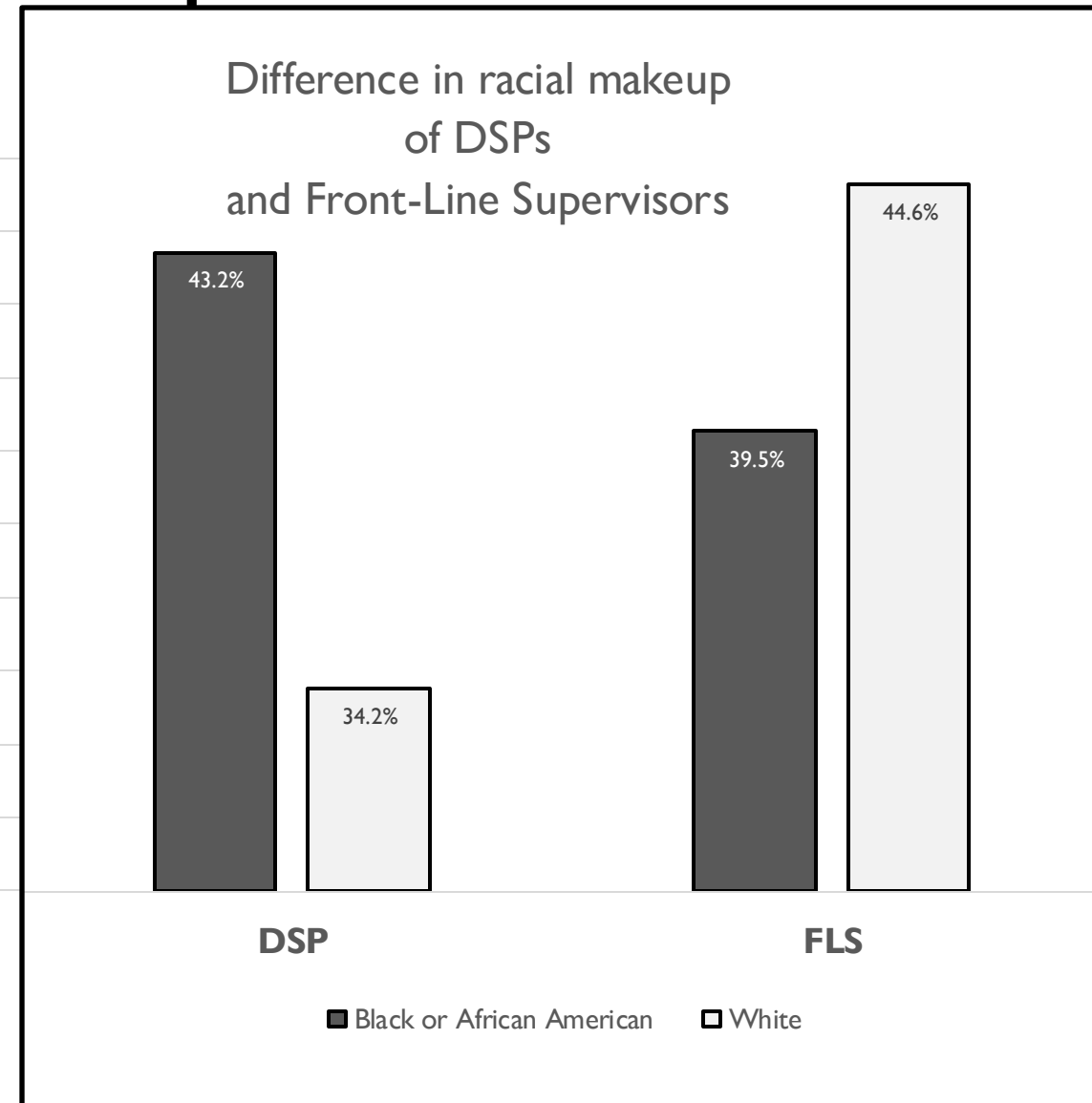
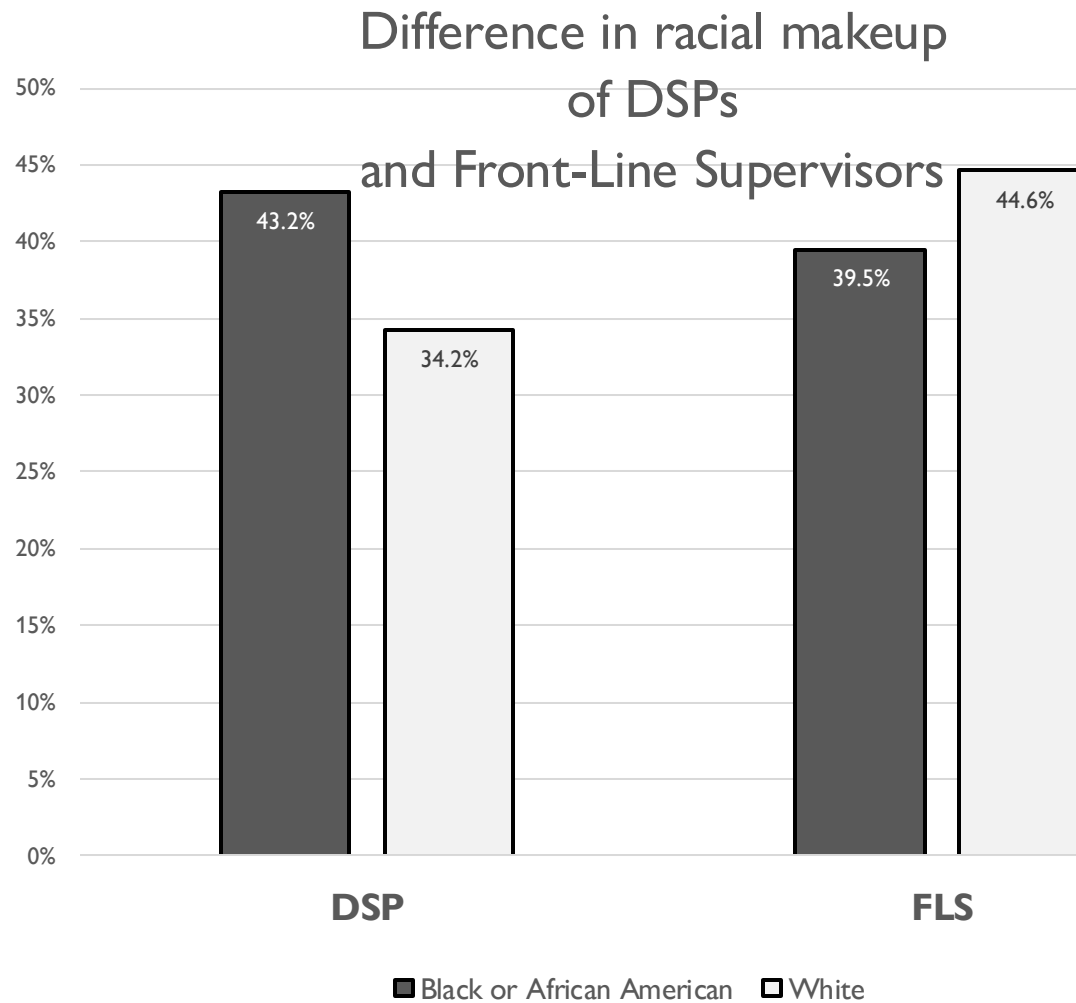
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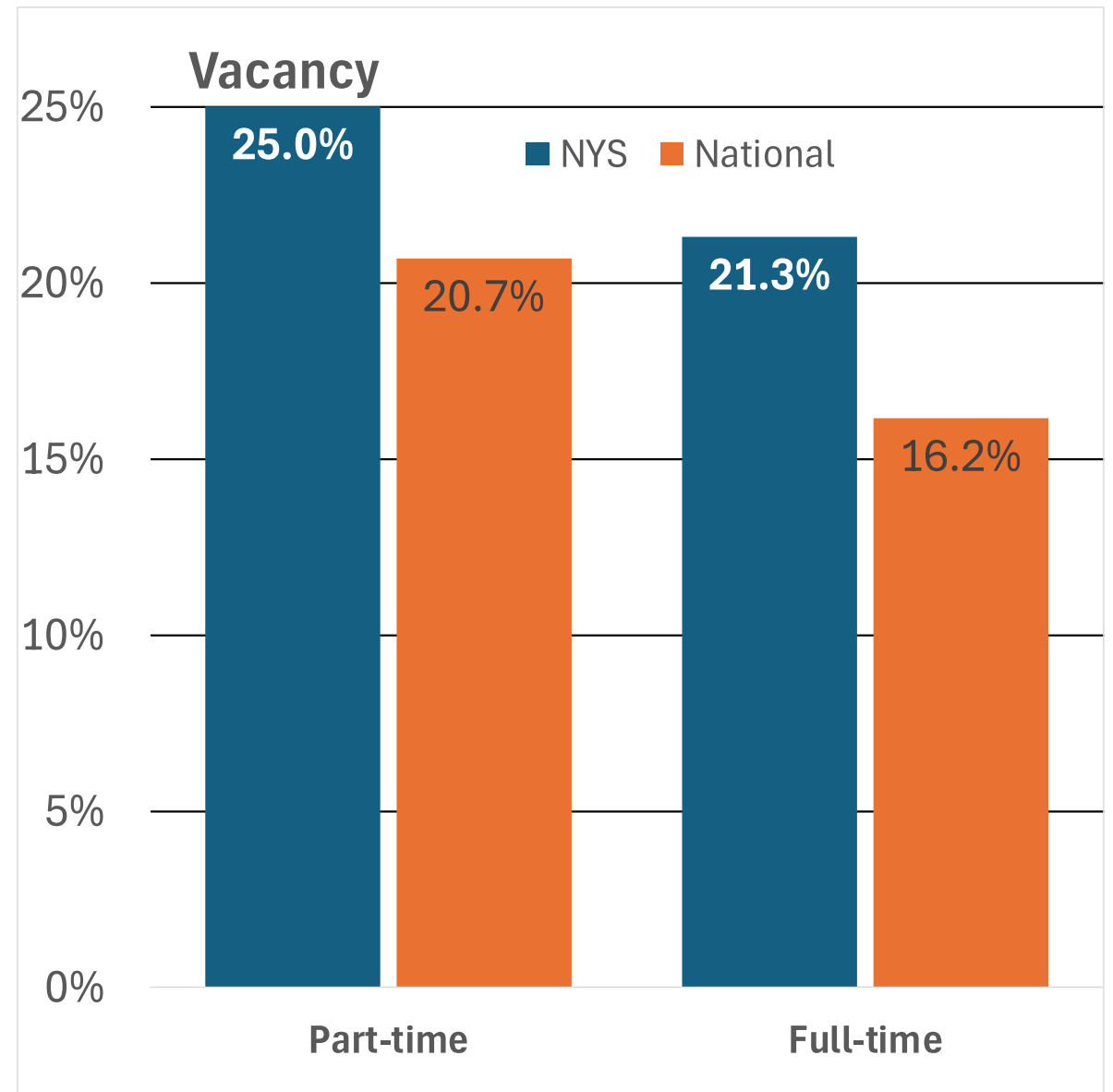
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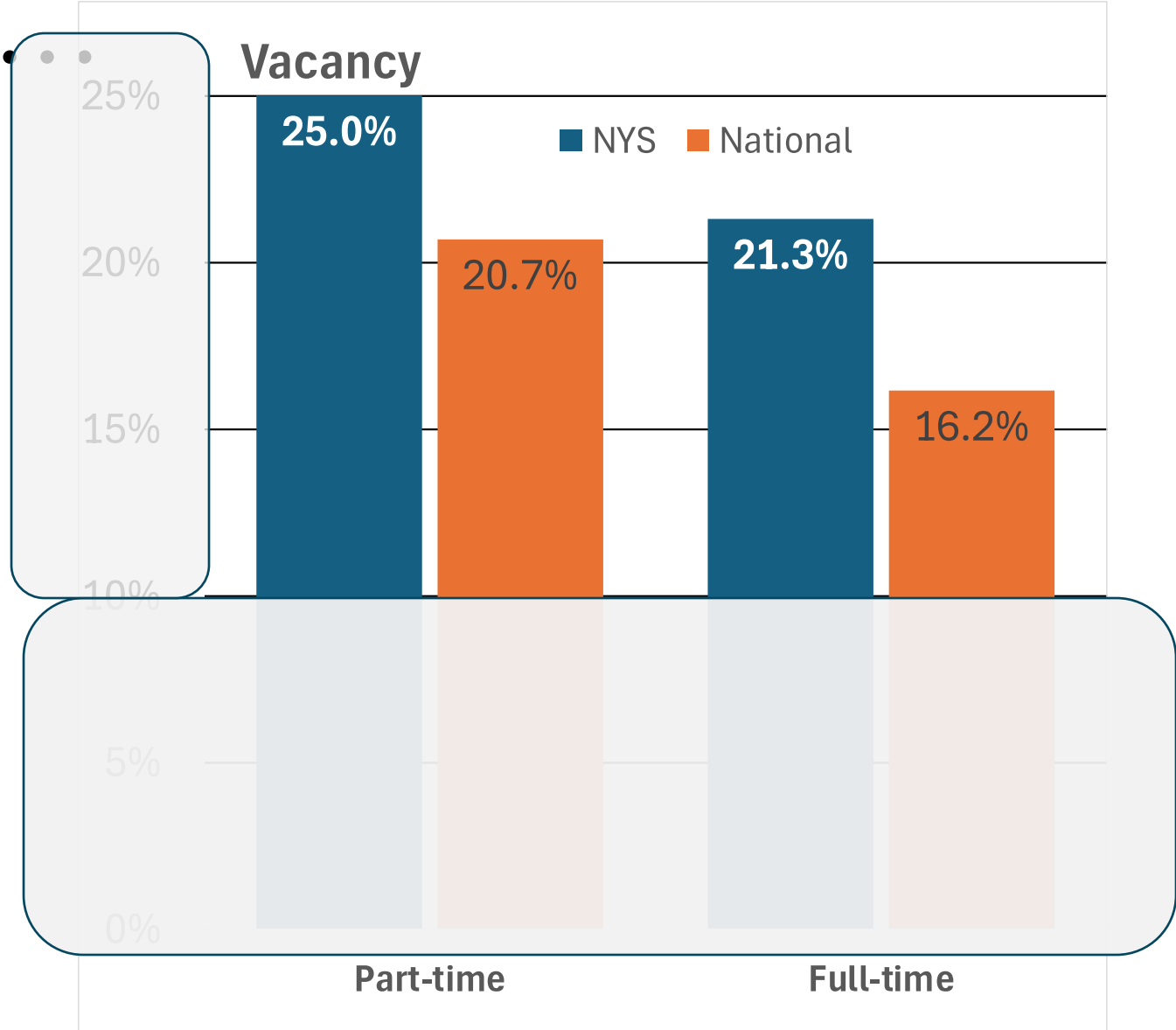


...But: Watch out

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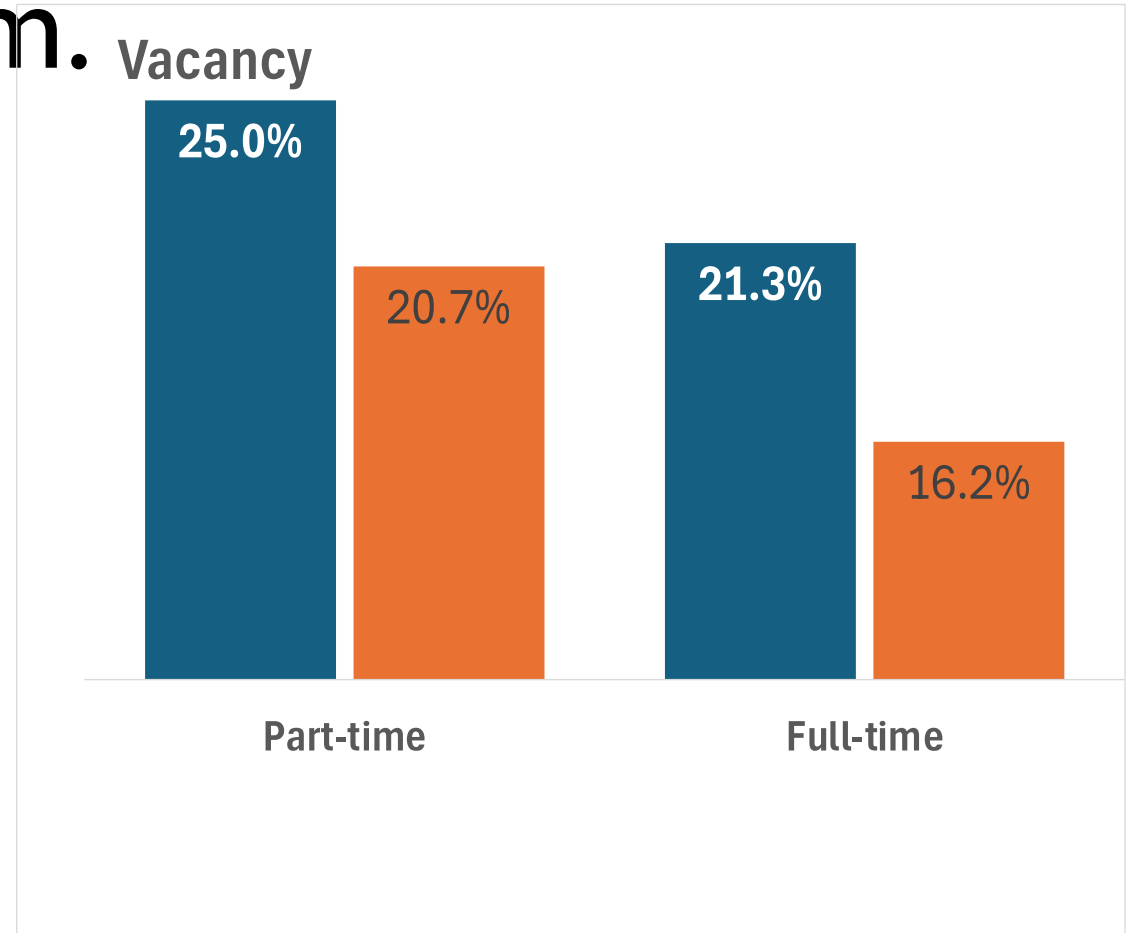
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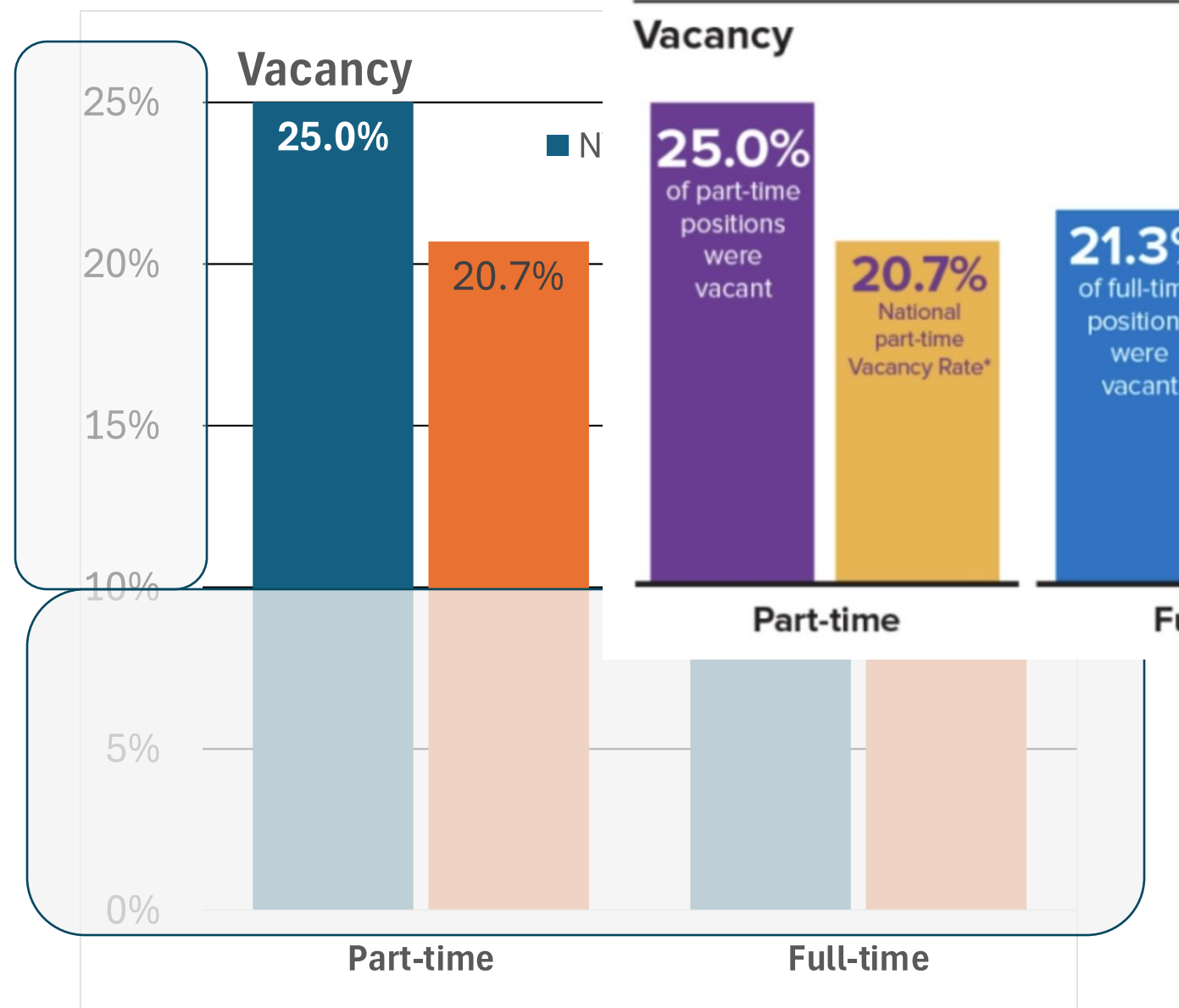
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This is all theory. Who would do something like that?



Your Questions



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A starting list for Future advocacy

Possible items for action

- Identify and remove the barriers encountered by Black & African-American DSPs who are seeking to become supervisors.
- Allow SDers to choose Basic CM, and move the other 75% of Comprehensive fee into their budget.
- Make it easier to get Higher Needs Funding, specifically so it is available to
 - More people who need extra support
 - People who have selected SD w/FBA
- Increase caps on sub-categories of spend, starting with IDGS
- Remove constraints that make it difficult for people to spend their IDGS budget

For data, routine reporting of

- State-only money in addition to Medicaid (OTPS, Housing subsidy...)
- Unmet needs
 - Certified services authorized versus delivered
 - SD budgeted versus spent.
- Higher Needs Funding
- Medical, split by those in straight Medicaid versus Managed Care.
 - Counts, costs
 - Health outcomes.