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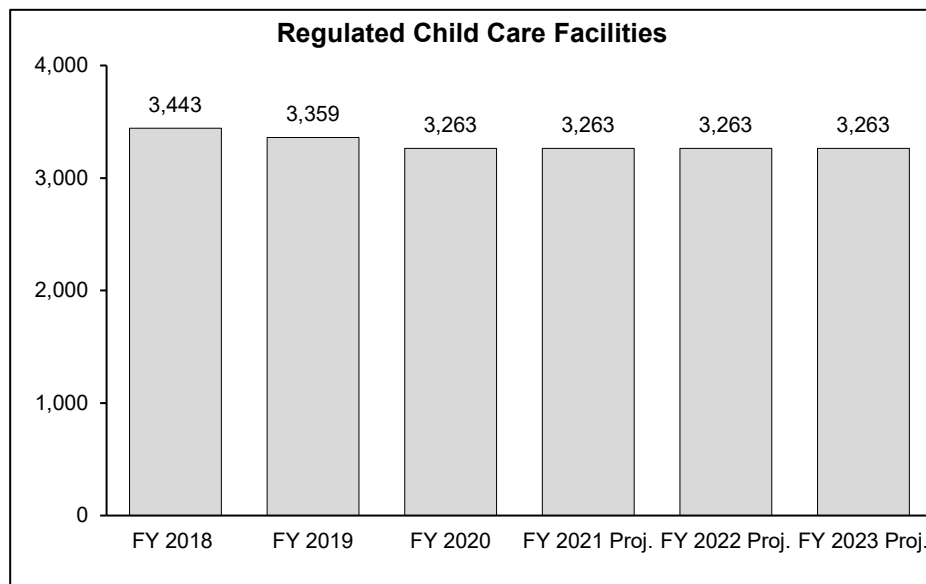
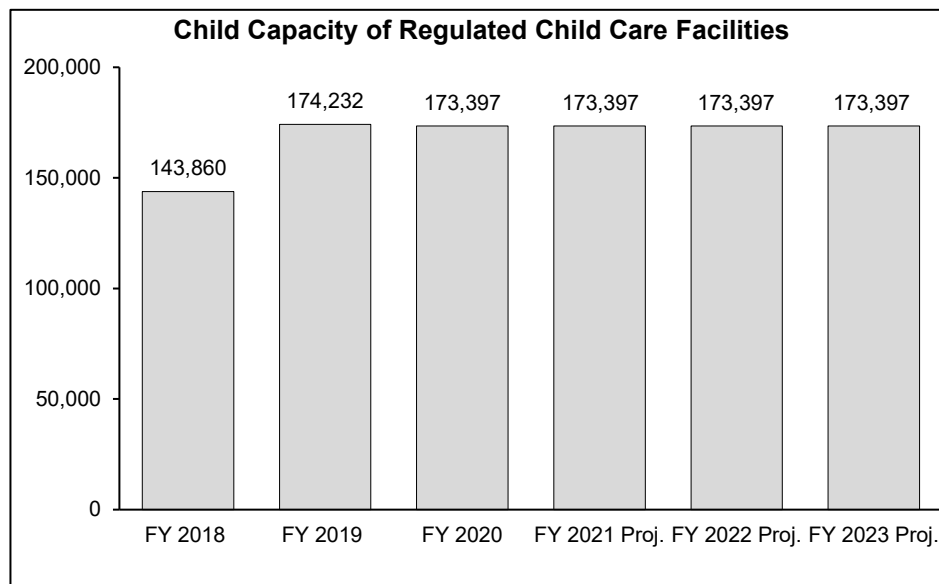
1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Early Learning & Early Literacy

1b. What does this program do?

This program provides inclusion services to assist provider and families and children with special needs. These services include providing child care referrals to families of children with special needs, collaborating with child care providers to create new or convert existing child care openings for children with special needs, online and in-person training for child care providers, and on-site technical assistance when requested by parents or providers. Child care providers are also trained in an inclusion curriculum that teaches practical strategies, as well as additional inclusion training sessions based on the surveyed needs of providers.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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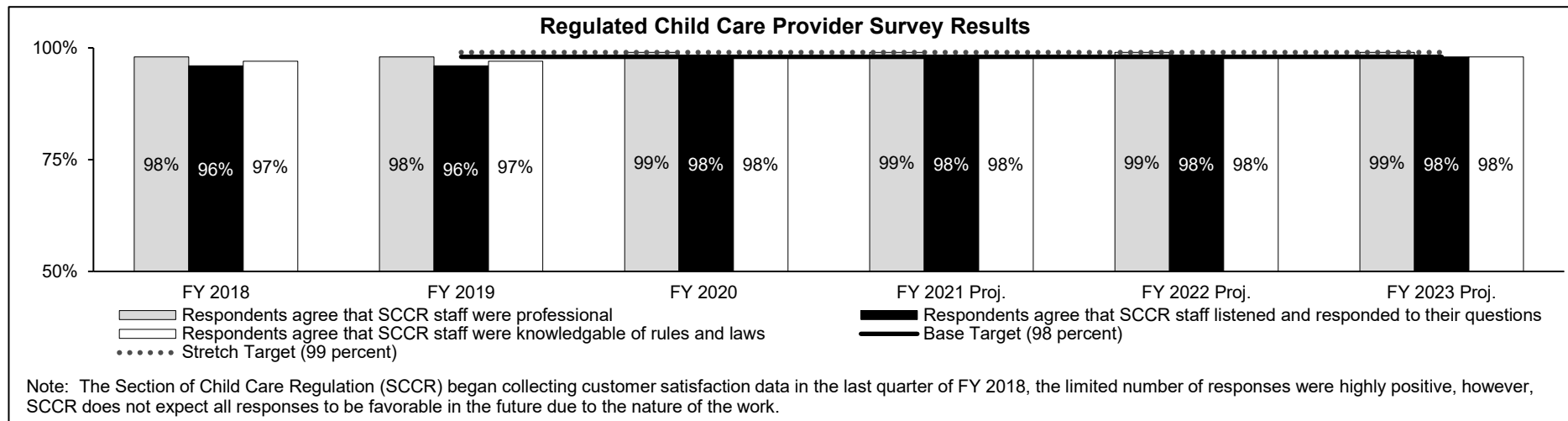
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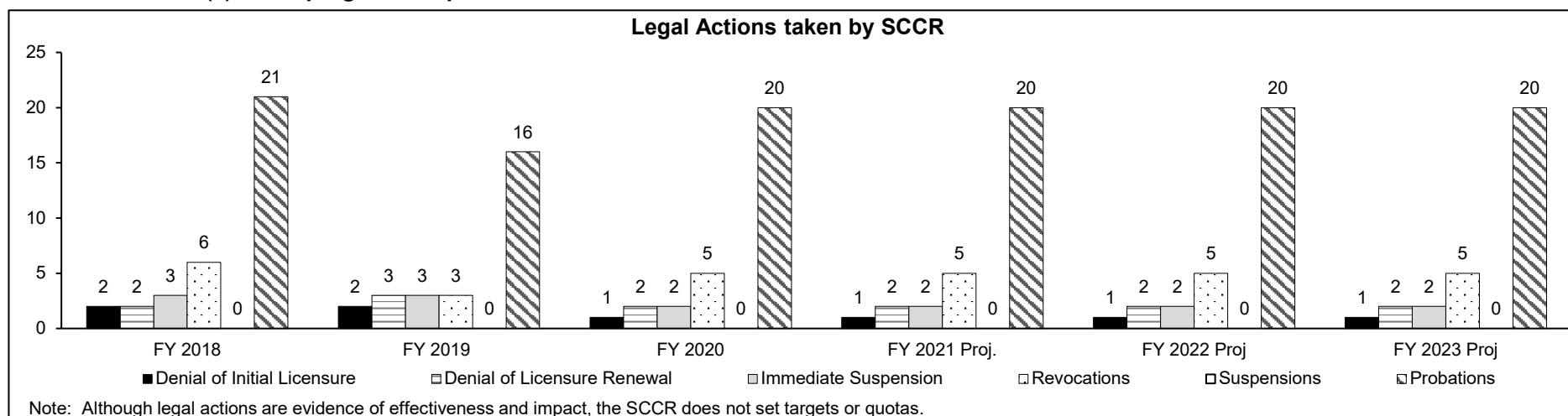
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



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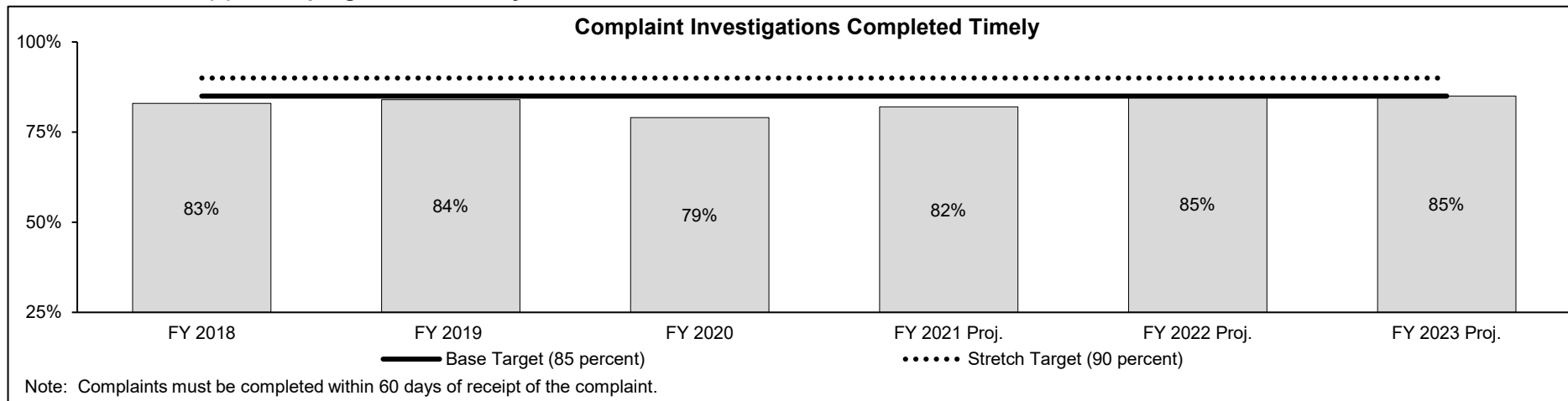
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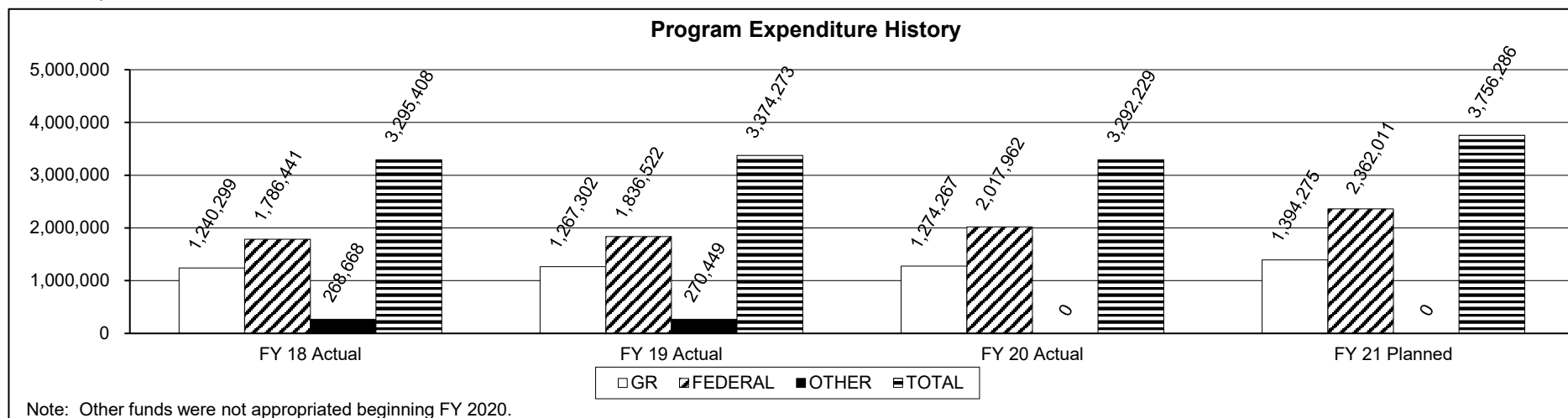
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

Not applicable.

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Sections 210.199 to 210.275, RSMo; 45 CFR 98.40, 98.41 and 98.51.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Yes. Funding for the inclusion program is provided through the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant, which is matched at the department level.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No. However, the SCCR receives federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) monies from the Department of Social Services (DSS) through a memorandum of understanding in order to improve the quality and availability of safe and healthy child care. DSS is the lead agency in Missouri for CCDF funding from the federal government. A minimum of seven percent of the CCDF funds must be used to improve the quality of child care.