

# We're Closing the Gap



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**Imagine**

**a vision with clear aims**

To **prevent** children developing speech, language and communication difficulties

To **identify** any children at risk of speech, language and communication difficulties as **early** as possible

To provide **intervention** as **early** as possible

To **train practitioners and support parents**

To support the development of **communication friendly environments**

To work in **partnership**



**Is not...**



**Is ...**

# A programme

*'A temporary flexible organisation structure created to coordinate, direct and oversee the implementation of a set of related projects and activities in order to deliver outcomes and benefits related to the organisation's strategic objectives...'*

**Prince 2 ( 2009)**

**We can't do it on our own!**

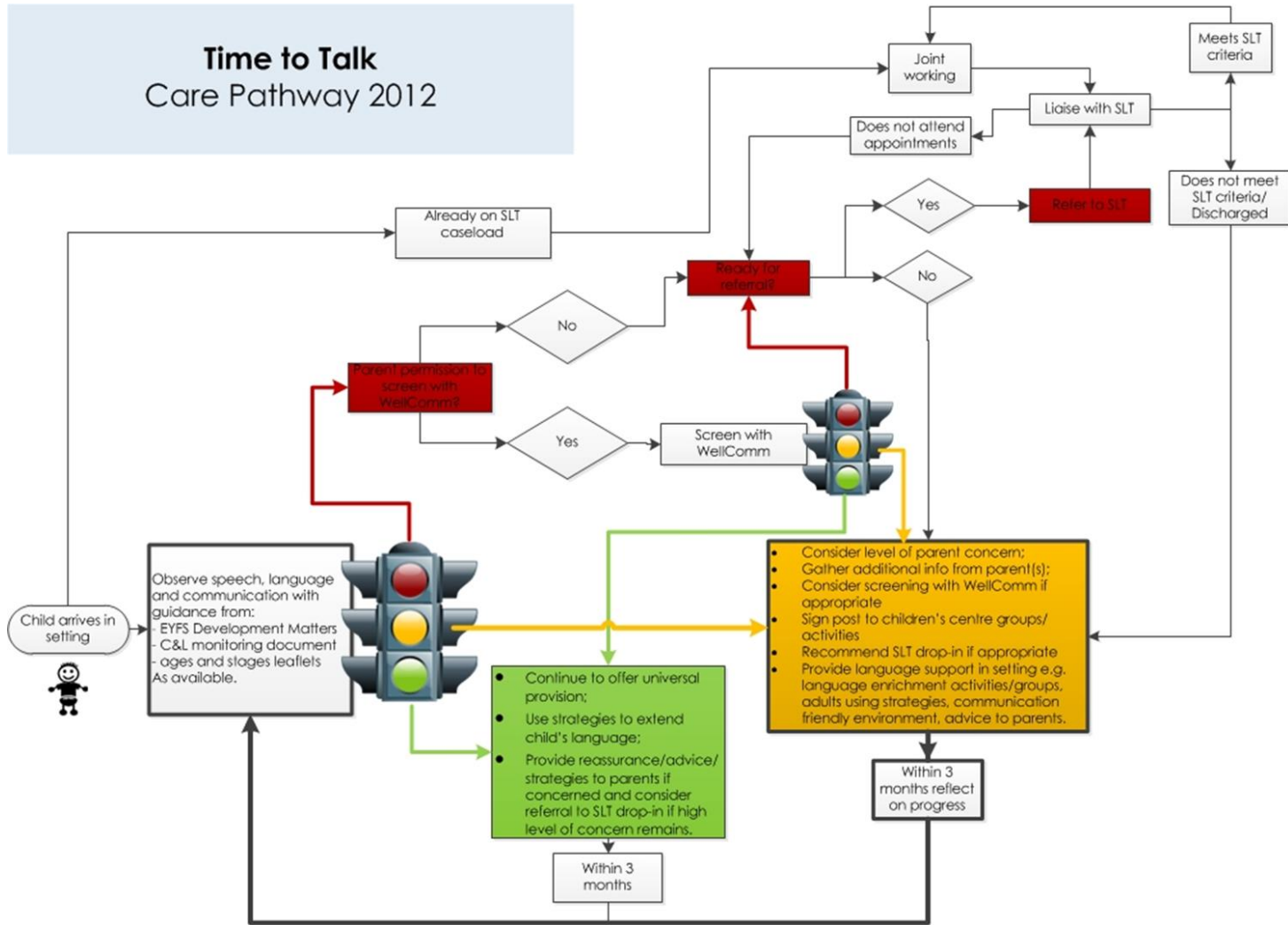


**How?**

**Sustaining**

**champions**

# Sustaining





# Projects

# Smart Start - EYFS: Closing the Gap

**chatter matters™**



**being bilingual**





Our Story

We love to row  
in our Blue Boat

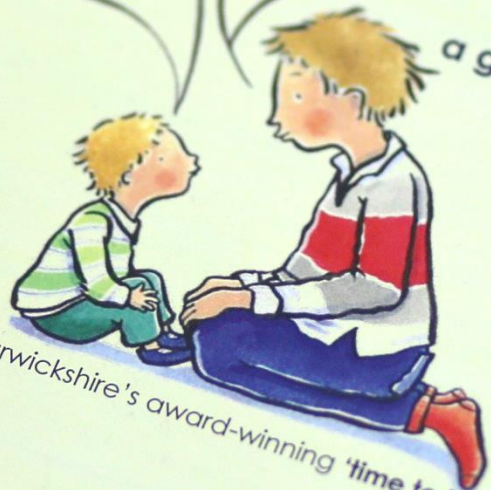


for babies and toddlers

Written by Warwickshire's award-winning 'Time to Talk' Speech and Language Therapists

# 'the abc of talking with me'

bababa  
bababababa



a guide from babies and children...  
...for their grown-ups

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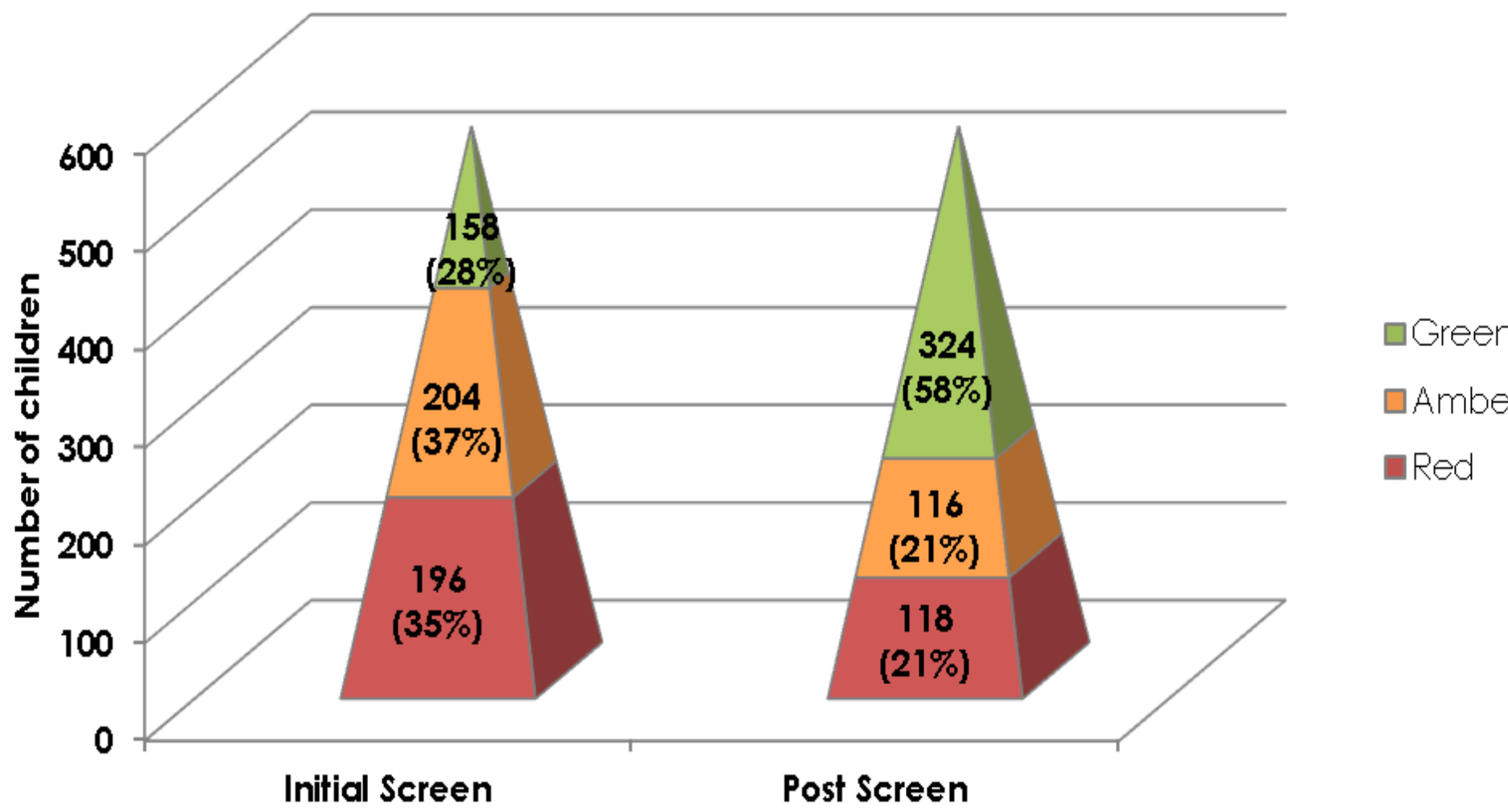




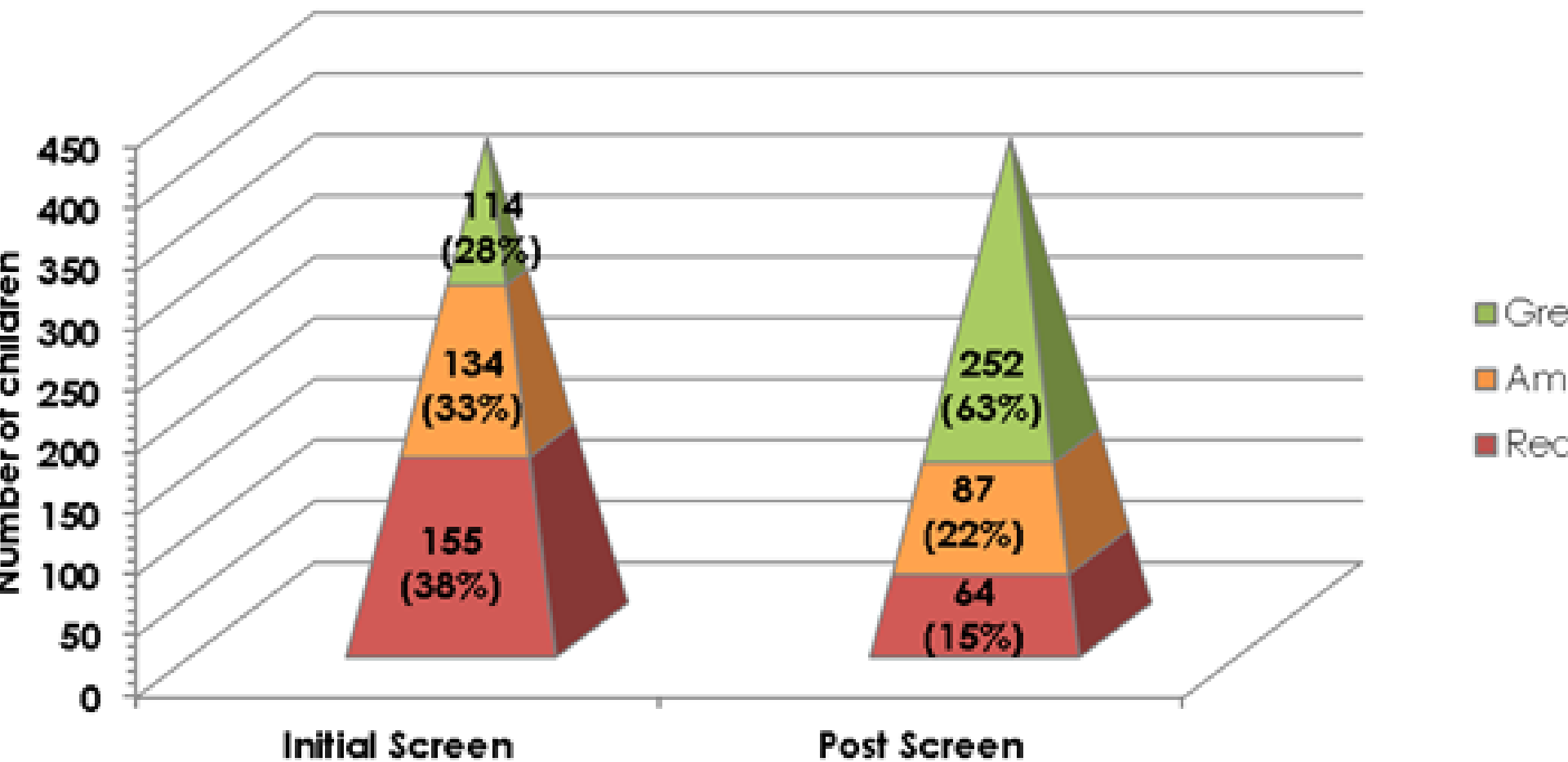
# Campaigns



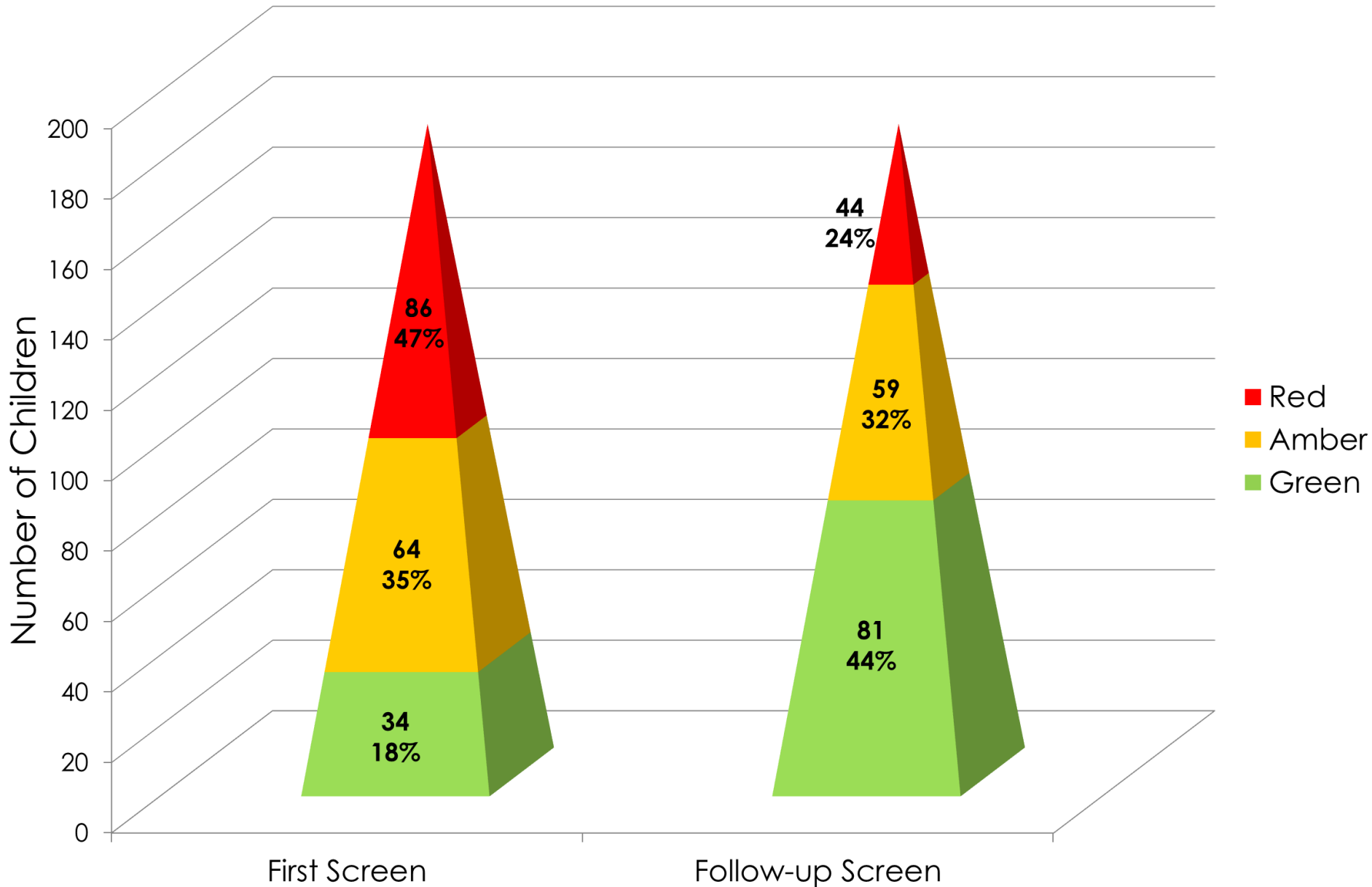
# WellComm Scores for Sustaining settings including Children Centre's 2016-2017 (558 Children)



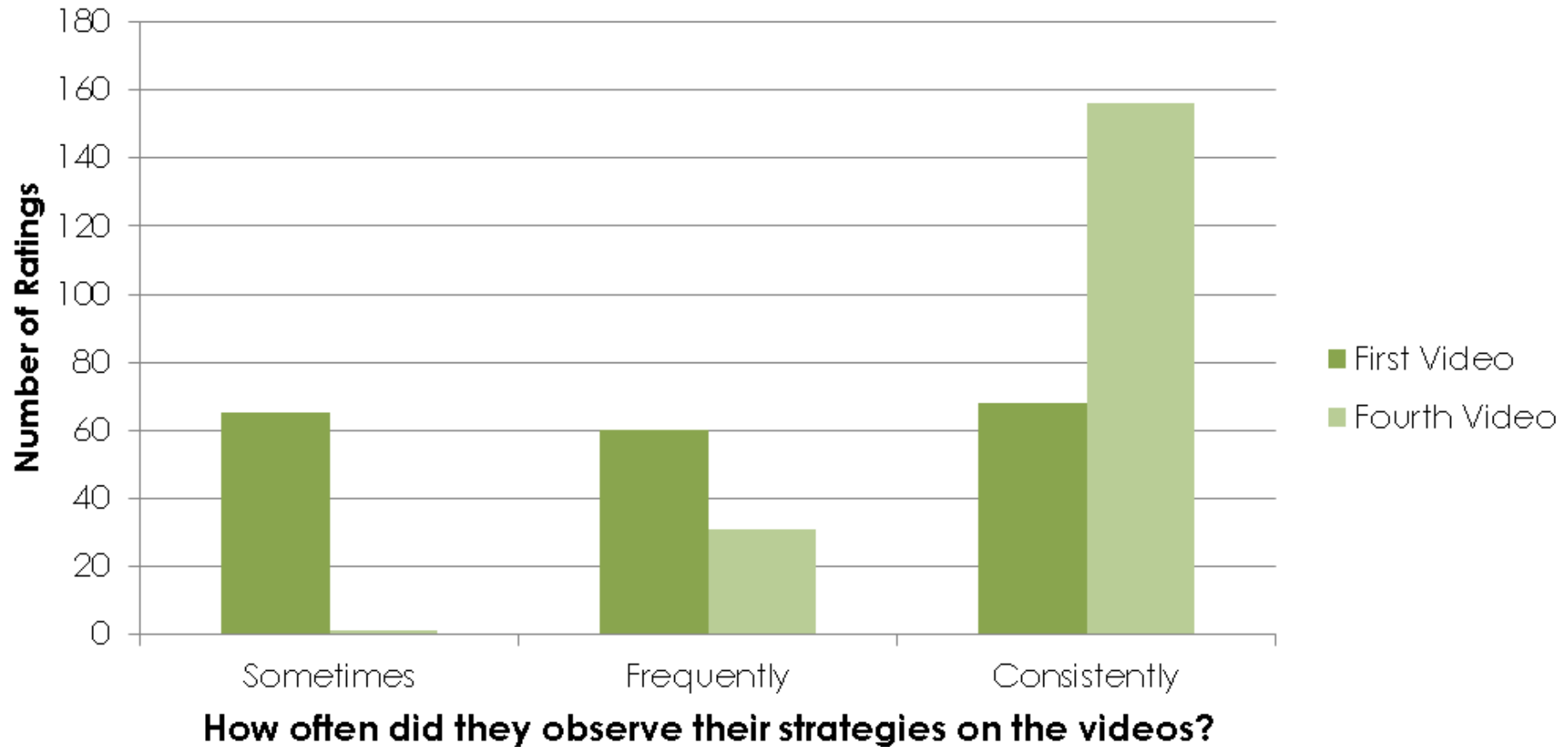
# Attention and Listening Scores for Sustaining Settings 2016-2017 (403 Children)



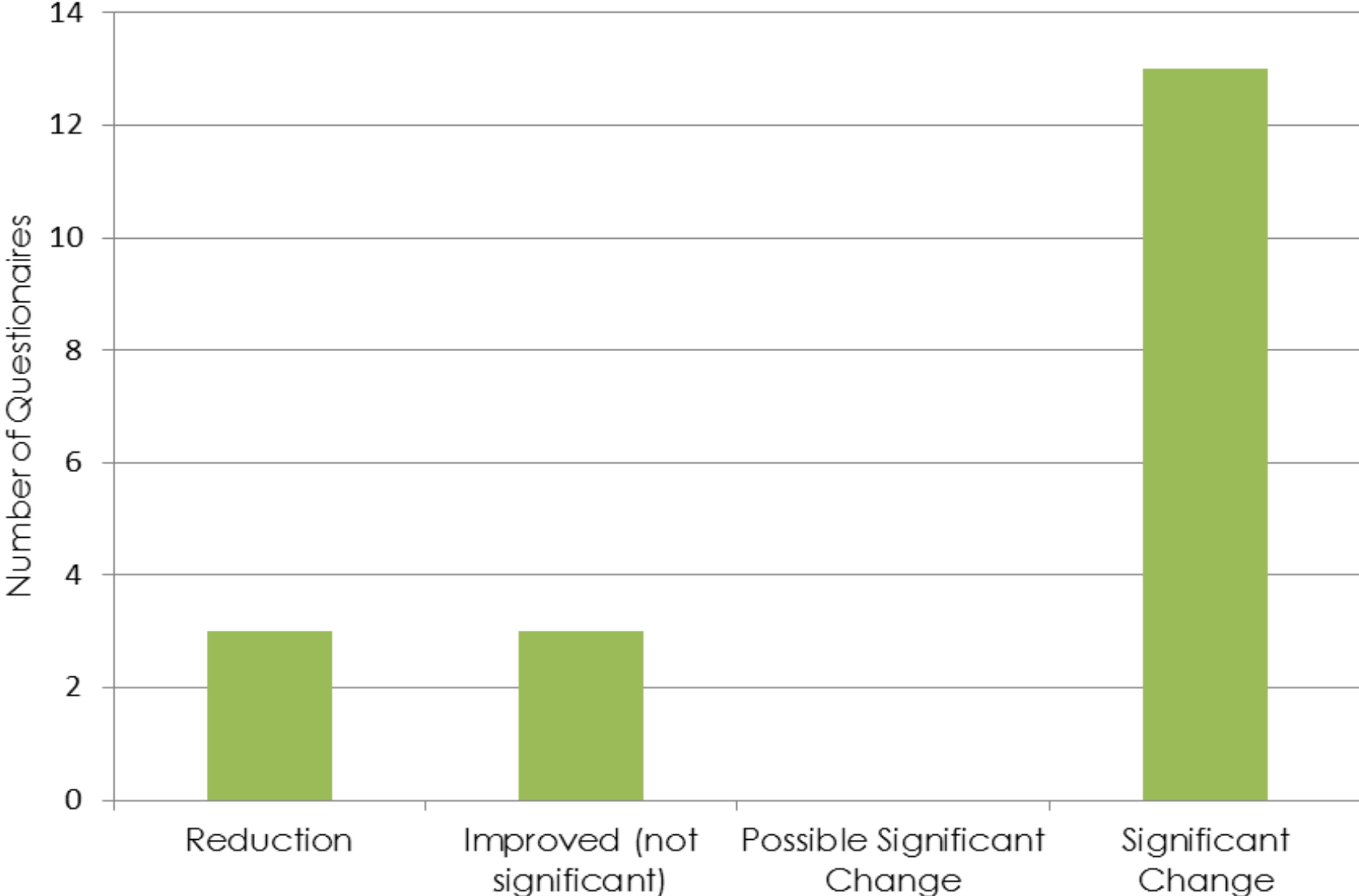
# Closing the Gap WellComm Data 2016/17 (184 Children)



# Practitioners' Self-Ratings



# FOCUS© Questionnaire



94 %	Parents who attended 'Being Bilingual' who said that they would recommend the group to another bilingual family.
98 %	Practitioners who reported that the bilingual training that they received, provided them with the information required at this stage





**Next steps...**

# Learning points



- Have a vision and a strategy
- Collaboration is the key
- Create & invest in social capital
- Organic development



Thank you.

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