



# ALASKA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

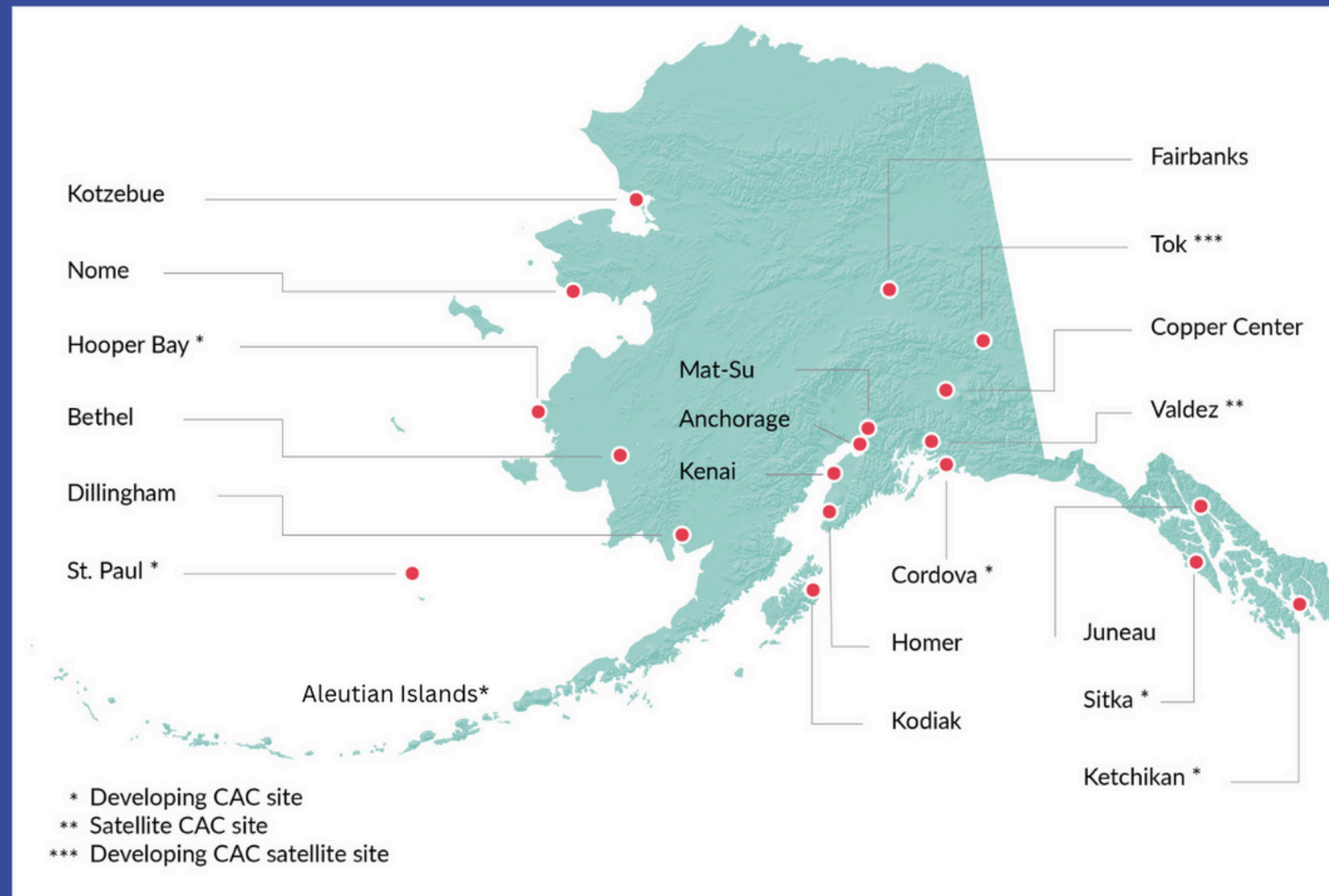
Presentation to CDVSA Board

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# Alaska Children's Alliance



ACA is the statewide membership organization of Alaska's CACs

We support CACs through activities like training, technical assistance, and network building



# State legislative session

- HB268: “It is the intent of the legislature that the Department, when preparing its FY26 budget submission to the legislature, consider how to maintain Child Advocacy Center services in regard to the loss of federal funding”
- HB66: allow for the CAC video-recorded Forensic Interview to be summarized or played at Grand Jury, eliminating the need for children to testify



# Family Justice Center Feasibility Study

Fairbanks hosted Family Justice Center meeting in April



# Current CAC Priorities: Funding Concerns

- Alaska CACs continue to face an imminent budget cliff due to concerns with primary funding sources
- Need investment to stabilize lost funding and maintain program operations



# CAC Funding Concerns

## Despite increased need:

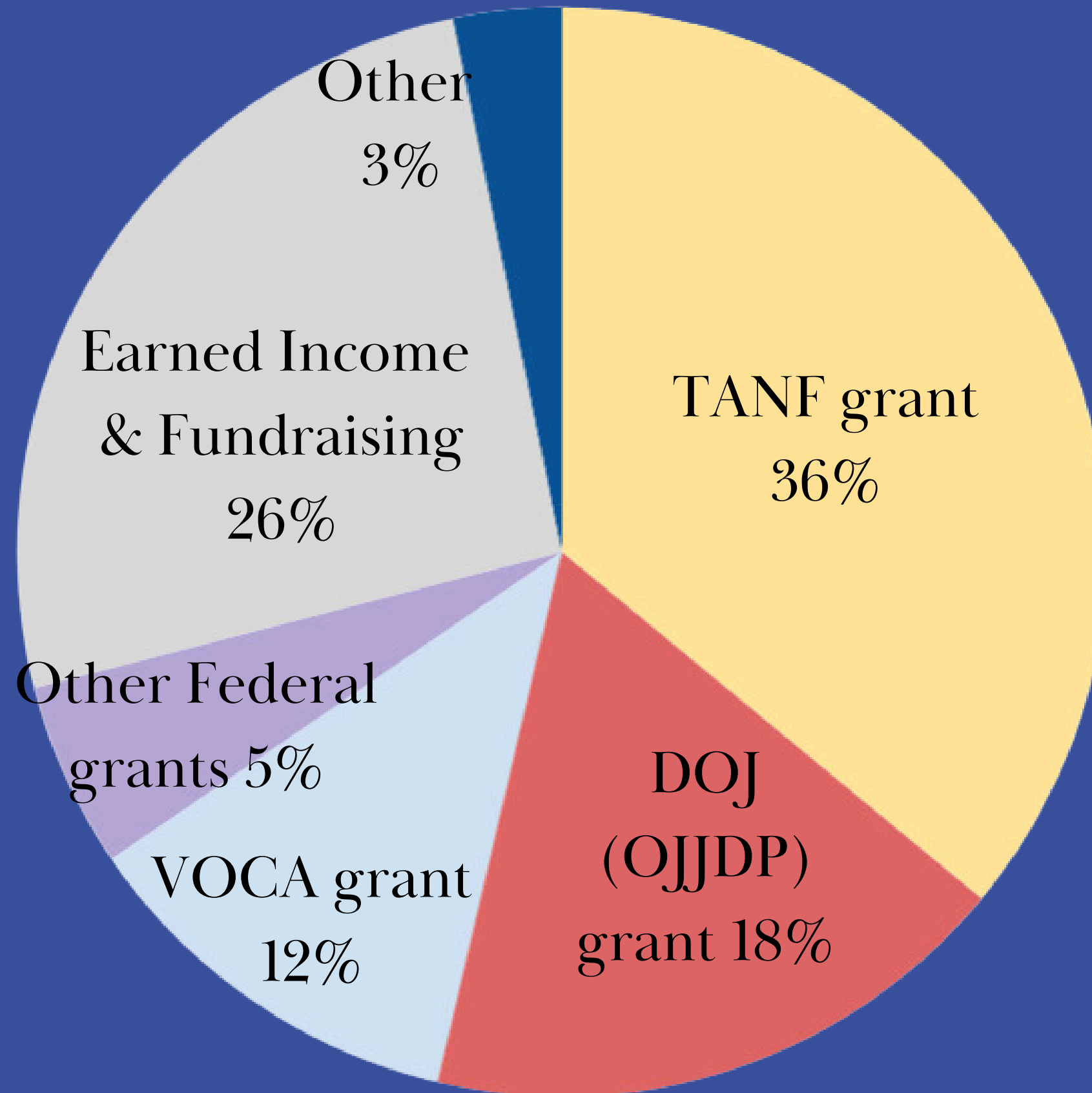
- Development of new CACs (5 since 2022- expanding reach into remote/underserved areas)
- Inflation, higher cost of doing business
- Increased programs (staff, services provided)

## We anticipate significant loss of funding:

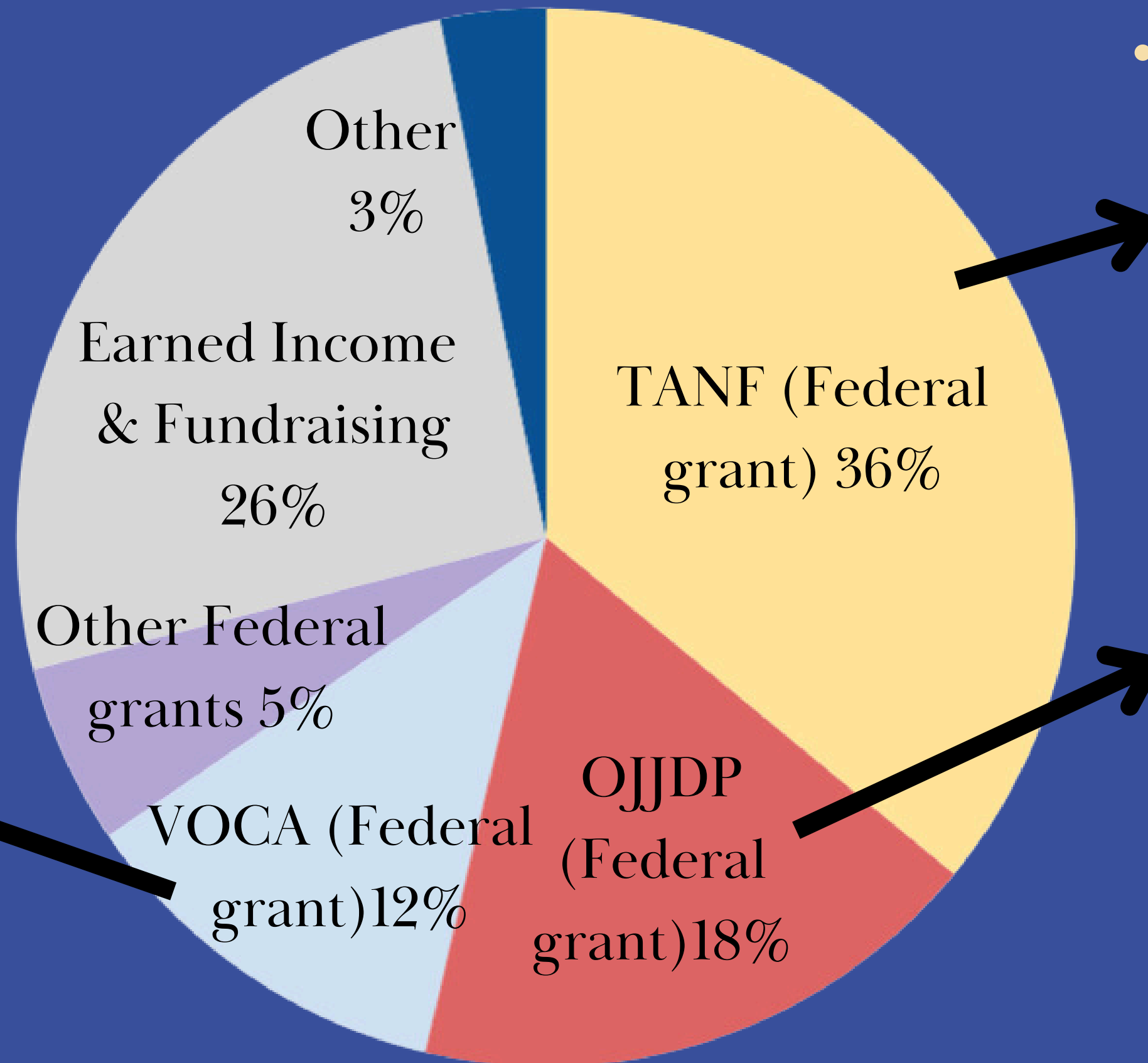
- #1 biggest overall funding source has been flat funded since FY18 and will limit allowable costs in FY25 (TANF grant)
- #2 biggest overall funding source will be gone by July 2025 (DOJ Alaska Native/American Indian grant)
- #3 biggest overall funding source is unsustainable (VOCA grant)



# FY23 Alaska CAC Funding



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- Grant administered by CDVSA
- Concerns for long term sustainability

- Flat funded since FY18
- Forensic/medical services no longer allowable (~\$500k in FY25)

- Ending in June 2025 and will not be extended (confirmed per conversation with DOJ in June 2024)





# Federal advocacy

In June, 11 Alaska CAC staff traveled to Washington, DC and met with:

- Office of Representative Peltola
- Office of Senator Murkowski
- Office of Senator Sullivan
- Department of Justice
- Policy partners from National Children's Alliance

We discussed issues facing Alaska CACs, including funding



# Upcoming (FYI)

## 2024 Alaska Conference on Child Maltreatment



# SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER  
24-27, 2024



- The only conference of its kind geared towards CACs and their multi-disciplinary team partners
- Registration will be released soon- Stay tuned!
- Scholarships will be available

2024 ALASKA CONFERENCE  
ON CHILD MALTREATMENT

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