

# OKLAHOMA SYNAR REPORT

FFY 2020 Study on  
Youth Access to Tobacco

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## HISTORY OF SYNAR

- Amendment of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Reorganization Act of 1992
- Sponsored by former Oklahoma Congressman Michael Synar
- Requires states to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18
- SAMHSA issued Synar regulations in January of 1996

## SAMHSA'S REQUIREMENTS

- Enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco and vapor products to individuals under the age of 18
- Conduct annual random, unannounced compliance inspections
- Achieve a noncompliance rate of less than 20%
- Submit an annual report to SAMHSA

# OKLAHOMA'S PREVENTION OF YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO ACT

(63 O.S. §63-1-229.11 THRU §63-1-229.26)

- Prohibits the sale and furnishing of tobacco and vapor products to individuals under the age of 18
- Sellers must request proper identification from the person buying the tobacco/vapor product if they appear to be under the age of 18
- Sellers will receive a citation if they illegally sell a tobacco product to a minor
- Retailers tobacco or sales tax permit may also be revoked or suspended
- Alcohol Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission, county sheriffs and city police officers\* may enforce youth access laws

\*Cities and towns must have an ordinance in place in order for city police officers to enforce the state law

# WHY IS SYNAR IMPORTANT?

- Critical component in prevention efforts to reduce and prevent youth tobacco use
- Noncompliance states risk losing up to 40% of their federal block grant funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment services

# 13.2%

Retailer Violation Rate

# 1 IN 7 RETAILERS

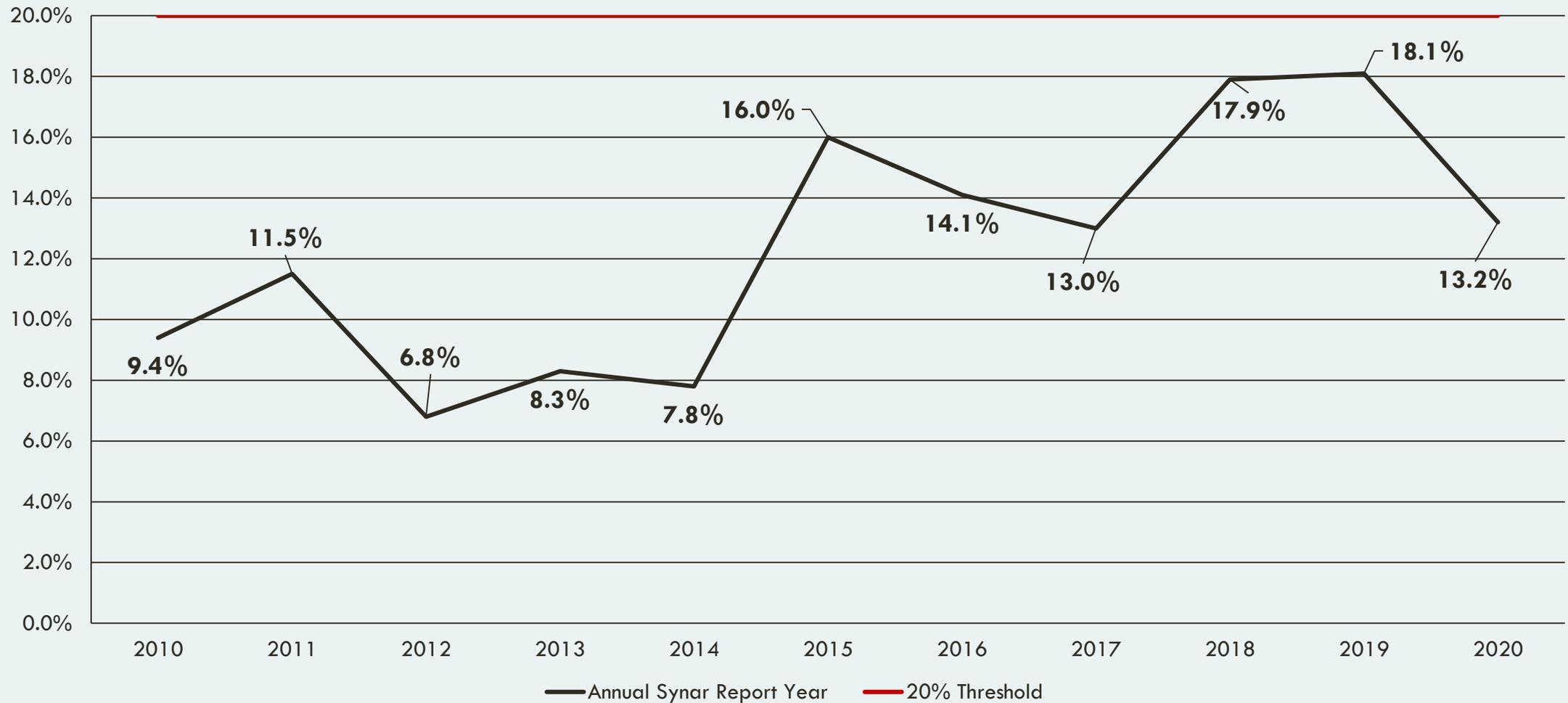
sold tobacco to minors



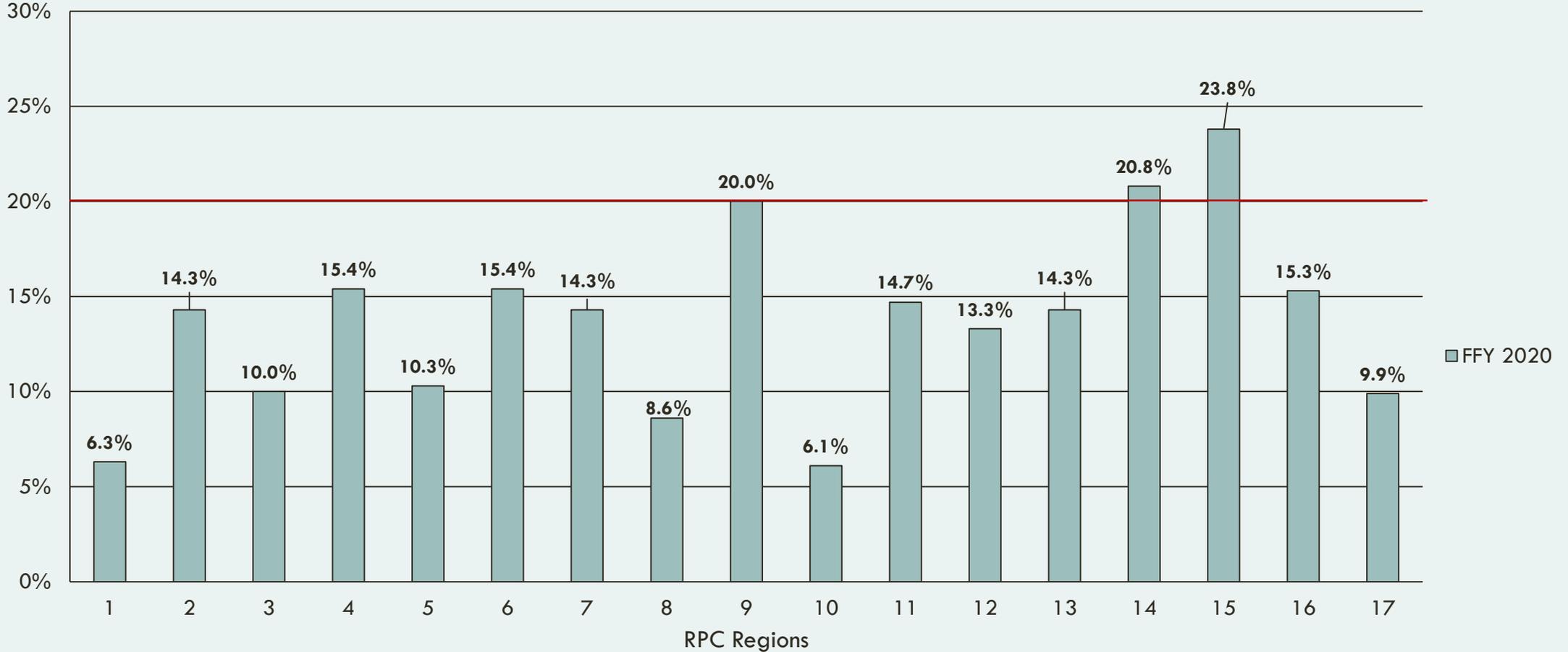
# OKLAHOMA'S NONCOMPLIANCE RATE

# FFY 2020

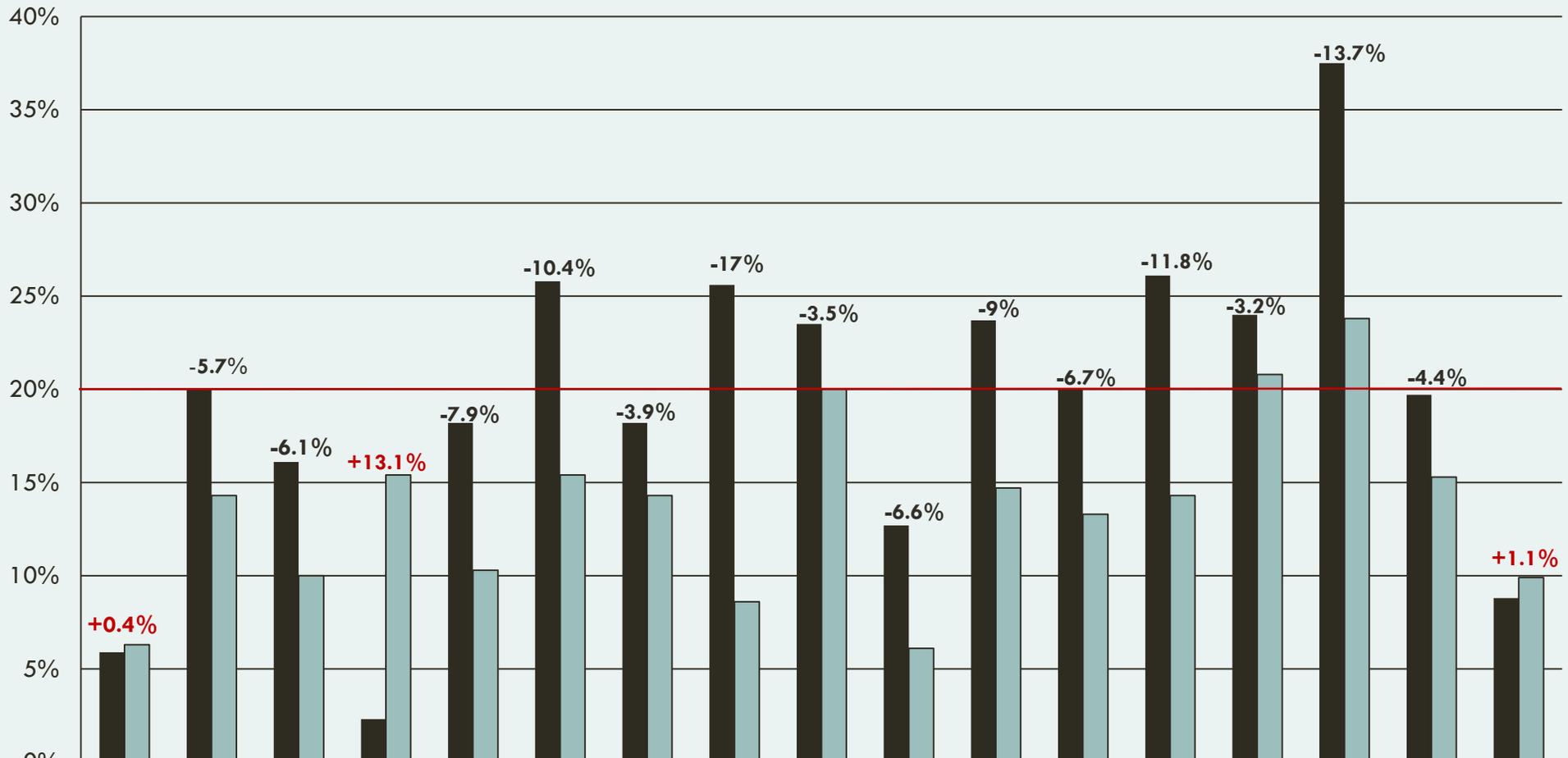
# 10-YEAR SYNAR TREND IN OKLAHOMA



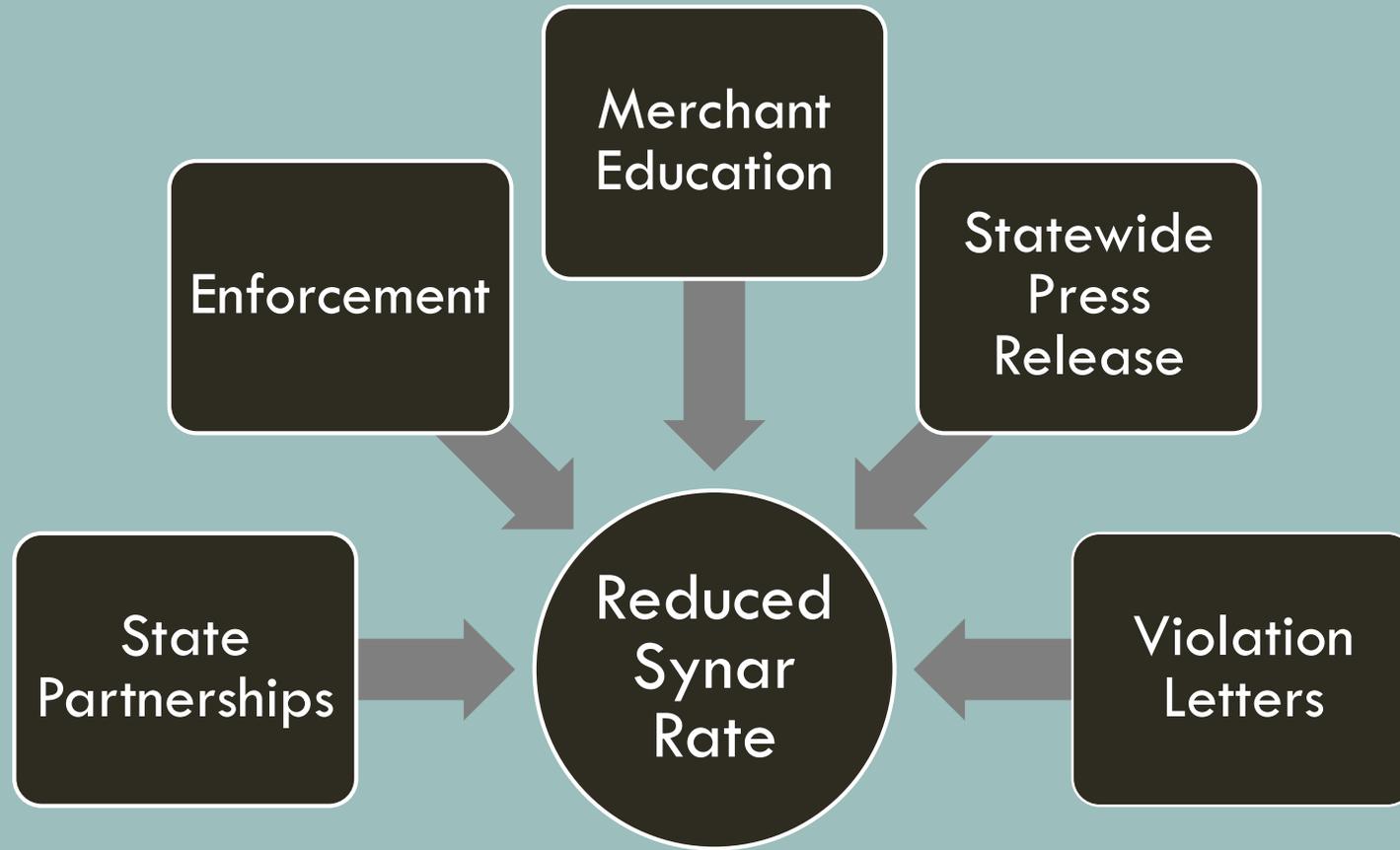
# FFY 2020 REGIONAL NONCOMPLIANCE RATES



# FFY 2019 & 2020 REGIONAL NONCOMPLIANCE RATES



■ FFY 2019	5.9%	20%	16.1%	2.3%	18.2%	25.8%	18.2%	25.6%	23.5%	12.7%	23.7%	20%	26.1%	24%	37.5%	19.7%	8.8%
■ FFY 2020	6.3%	14.3%	10%	15.4%	10.3%	15.4%	14.3%	8.6%	20%	6.1%	14.7%	13.3%	14.3%	20.8%	23.8%	15.3%	9.9%



**STATE & LOCAL STRATEGIES**

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# THANK YOU

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