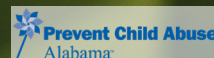


ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION

ADCANP: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2017-2018 Executive Summary:

Impact on Adult Participants



11,385 adults in Alabama received services through four types of ADCANP/CTF-funded programs - *Parent Education, Home Visiting, Respite Care, and Fatherhood*. The population served were primarily low-resource parents. An additional 125,994 parents and professionals participated in Community Awareness programs.

Three funding sources provide support: The Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP), The Children First Trust Fund (CFTF), and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

An outside Evaluation Team from Auburn University's Human Development and Family Studies Department documented the **effort and effectiveness** of these programs.

- 56% reported a gross income of less than \$10,000
- 35 was the mean age of the adult participants
- 63% of the participants were female
- 52% were European American, 43% were African American
- 51% reported not working for pay
- 19% reported not completing high school
- 49% reported a high school degree or the GED as their highest level of education

Analyses of data revealed statistically significant improvements ($p < .05$) on many relevant measures of commitment, skill, and knowledge.

The outcomes are indicators of protective factors that reduce the risk of child maltreatment and promote individual and family strengths.

ADCANP/CTF-funded programs reduced the likelihood of adults in Alabama engaging in child abuse/neglect and enhanced the likelihood of current and future strong and stable families.

Parent Education & Home Visiting

58 Parent Education and Home Visiting programs provided parent education. An assessment of 7 targeted outcomes with 3,586 participants **revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

- Stress Management
- Skills to Manage Maltreatment Risk
- Understanding of Various Forms of Maltreatment
- Medical Care Commitment
- Parenting Skills & Child Development Knowledge
- Knowledge & Use of Support Services
- Use of Informal Supportive Networks

Respite Care

7 Respite Care programs provided respite services and parent education. An assessment of 4 targeted outcomes with 334 participants **revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

- Stress Level
- Positive View of Child
- Knowledge & Use of Support Services
- Use of Informal Supportive Networks

Fatherhood

29 Fatherhood programs provided educational sessions and support to non-residential fathers. An assessment of 14 targeted outcomes with 1,634 participants **revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

- Commitment to Relationship Stability
- Conflict Management Skills
- Communication Skills
- Co-Parenting Conflict
- Dating Abuse Prevention Skills
- Hopeful About Future
- Financial Responsibility
- Economic Stability
- Cooperation with Child Support Personnel
- Commitment to Pay Full Child Support
- Positive Parenting Behavior
- Parent Involvement
- Parent Child Relationship Quality
- Child Academic Adjustment

Potential Costs
vs.
Investment in
Prevention

\$175,344

Average taxpayer cost in Alabama per child abused or neglected.*

\$42

Average cost of prevention programming per adult participant.**

Funding prevention work has the potential to reduce not only the social, emotional, and achievement costs to our youth and families, but also to reduce the real financial costs associated with intervention.

*Report from the University of Alabama released in 2015; **Based on amounts of grants awarded and number of adult participants.

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Impact on Youth Participants

61,629 youth in Alabama in grades 3-12 were served through 46 ADCANP/CTF-funded projects. These projects offered programs in schools and in communities and included classes and mentoring programs. An additional 121,130 youth participated in Community Awareness programs.

All were focused on enhancing life skills, school performance, overall well-being – and reducing risks for children of maltreatment. Program objectives included: **improved social competence, improved emotion knowledge, improved abuse awareness and resourcefulness, increased cooperative behavior, enhanced assertiveness, and avoidance of delinquent behaviors.**

Funding for youth programs came mainly from two funding sources: The Education Trust Fund and The Children First Trust Fund (Tobacco settlement dollars).

- 42% of youth were in grades 3-5, 58% were in grades 6-12
- 51% of youth program participants were male, 49% were female
- 43% of participants were African American, 41% were European American, 3% Native American, 1% Asian American, 12% reported "other" when asked ethnic background
- Of all participants, 9% identified as Hispanic or Latino

Analyses of data revealed **statistically significant improvements ($p < .05$) on relevant measures of commitment, skill, and knowledge.**

The outcomes are indicators of the protective factor social and emotional competence of children, that reduces the risk of child maltreatment and promotes individual and family strengths.

The 2017-2018 Evaluation Report prepared by the Auburn Evaluation Team **documented the combined effort and effectiveness of program offerings through an evaluation of funded programs.**

Grades 3–5 Youth Programs

46 Youth focused programs provided educational sessions to youth participants. An assessment of 6 targeted outcomes with 5,247 3rd-5th grade participants **revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

- Social Skill Development
- Improved Abuse Awareness
- Self Confidence
- Emotion Identification and Regulation
- Enhanced Assertiveness
- Cooperative Behavior

Grades 6–12 Youth Programs

46 Youth focused programs provided educational sessions to youth participants. An assessment of 6 targeted outcomes with 5,820 6th-12th grade participants **revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

- Emotion Knowledge
- Self Confidence
- Social Competence
- Commitment to Avoid Risky & Delinquent Behavior
- Cooperative Behavior
- Abuse Awareness & Resourcefulness

Potential Costs
vs.
Investment in
Prevention

\$175,344

Average taxpayer cost in Alabama per child abused or neglected.*

\$8

Average cost of prevention programming per youth participant.**

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