

# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION

ADCANP — MAKING A DIFFERENCE — 2018-2019 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



## IMPACT ON ADULT PARTICIPANTS

34,321 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 66,743 parents and professionals participated in Community Awareness programs.

Four funding sources provide support: The Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP), The Children First Trust Fund (CFTF), The Education Trust Fund (ETF) and 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.

- 46%** reported a **gross income of less than \$10,000**
- 33%** was the **median age** of the adult participants
- 65%** of the participants were **female**
- 53%** were **European American/White**
- 42%** were **African American/Black**
- 52%** reported **not working for pay**
- 19%** reported **not completing high school**
- 50%** reported a **high school degree/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

57 Parent Education and Home Visiting programs provided parent education. **An assessment of 7 targeted outcomes with 3,360 participants revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

- Stress Management Skills
- 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

28 Fatherhood programs provided educational sessions and support to non-residential fathers. **An assessment of 14 targeted outcomes with 1,850 participants revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

- Commitment to Couple Relationship Stability
- Conflict Management Skills
- Communication Skills
- Co-Parenting Conflict
- Dating Abuse Prevention Skills
- Hopeful About Future
- Financial Responsibility
- Perception of 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

A follow-up study completed in 2019 documented *continued improvements for fathers over a one year period* in all target areas, including income and job status. (see full report at: <https://www.frpn.org/asset/frpn-grantee-report-considering-contextual-influences-fatherhood-program-participants%E2%80%99>)

## POTENTIAL COSTS VS. INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION

**\$175,344**

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

**\$47**

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

52,638 youth in Alabama in grades 3-12 were served through 44 ADCANP/CTF-funded programs. These programs offered classes and mentoring services in schools and communities. An additional 254,149 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 (ETF) and The Children First Trust Fund (Tobacco settlement dollars).

-  **45%** of youth were in **grades 3-5**
-  **55%** of youth were in **grades 6-12**
-  **50%** of the participants were **male**
-  **50%** of the participants were **female**
-  **43%** were **African American/Black**
-  **42%** were **European American/White**
-  **2%** were **Native American**
-  **2%** were **Asian American**
-  **11%** reported **"other"** when asked race
-  **10%** identified as **Hispanic/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 2018-2019 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

44 Youth focused programs provided educational sessions to youth participants. **An assessment of 6 targeted outcomes with 4,633 3rd-5th grade participants revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

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

## GRADES 6-12 YOUTH PROGRAMS

44 Youth focused programs provided educational sessions to youth participants. **An assessment of 7 outcomes with 4,749 6th-12th grade participants revealed statistically significant improvements in:**

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



## POTENTIAL COSTS VS. INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION

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**\$4**

Average cost of prevention programming per youth participant. \*\*

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