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Alabama Department of
Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention

Evaluation Report Executive Summary

Impact on ADULT Participants

7,474 adults received direct services

306,925 parents and professionals impacted through
community awareness activities

Program Types:

- Parent Education • Home Visiting • Respite Care
- Fatherhood • Public Awareness and Training

Four primary funding sources provide support:

- The Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP)
- The Children First Trust Fund (CFTF)
- The Education Trust Fund (ETF)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Parent Education & Home Visiting | 76 programs

After program completion, 5,217 participants selected from
a list of 12 possible benefits received from the program.
Results indicate:

- 95% had better stress management skills.
- 93% had better anger management skills.
- 97% were better able to recognize and stop themselves if at risk of harming their child.
- 93% had more knowledge about what child sexual abuse is.
- 95% had more knowledge about what child physical abuse is.
- 96% had more knowledge about what child emotional abuse is.
- 97% were more committed to getting their child appropriate medical care when needed.
- 98% had better parenting skills.
- 98% used more positive parenting skills that teach and guide their children in a loving way rather than harshly.
- 94% knew more about how to get help in their community.
- 90% used community resources available more consistently.
- 91% sought support from friends, family, or others more often.

Respite Care | 8 programs

After program completion, 632 participants selected from
a list of 8 possible benefits received from the program.

Results indicate:

- 96% had better stress management.
- 96% were better able to control important things in my life.
- 97% were better able to cope effectively.
- 96% were better able to overcome difficulties.
- 98% were better able to view their child in a positive light.
- 95% knew more about how to get help in their community.
- 91% used community resources available more consistently.
- 93% sought support from friends, family, or others more often.

Fatherhood | 24 programs

After program completion, 1,625 participants selected from
a list of 29 possible benefits received from the program. The
benefits were grouped into 9 categories. Results indicate:

- 88% had improvement in workforce development.
- 80% had financial improvement.
- 93% had greater access to community resources.
- 76% improved basic needs.
- 96% had better adult relationships.
- 93% had improved parenting skills.
- 82% had improved child functioning.
- 96% had better coping skills.
- 77% had improved cooperation with court system.

Costs vs.
Investment
in Prevention

\$368,416

Average taxpayer cost of services 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 2021

** Based on amounts of grants awarded (\$12,791,650) and number
of adult participants



Impact on YOUTH Participants

8,589 youth received direct services

109,850 youth impacted through community awareness activities

Program Types:

- School-Based • Non School-Based/After-School
- Mentoring • Public Awareness and Training

All **55** youth programs were focused on enhancing life skills, school performance, overall well-being, and reducing risks for children of maltreatment.

Three primary funding sources provide support:

- The Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP)
- The Children First Trust Fund (CFTF)
- The Education Trust Fund (ETF)

3rd-5th Grade Youth Programs

An assessment of 6 targeted outcomes with **3,188 3rd-5th grade participants** revealed statistically significant improvement in average scores for:

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

6th-12th Grade Youth Programs

An assessment of 7 targeted outcomes with **5,364 6th-12th grade participants** revealed statistically significant improvement in average scores for:

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

Analyses of data revealed statistically significant improvements ($p < .001$) in ALL target areas on relevant measures of commitment, skill, and knowledge based on average scores from pre-program to post-program.

Costs vs. Investment in Prevention	\$368,416	Average taxpayer cost of services in Alabama per child abused or neglected.*	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 2021 ** Based on amounts of grants awarded (\$3,780,100) and number of youth participants
	\$35	Average cost of prevention programming per youth participant.**	

