

Evaluation Report Executive Summary



Impact On Adult Participants

23,229 adults in Alabama received services through five types of ADCANP/CTF-funded programs: parent education, home visiting, respite care, fatherhood, and public awareness and training. The population served were primarily parents of lower resources, based on work status, education level, and income reported. An additional **639,726 parents and professionals** participated in community awareness programs.

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)

An independent Evaluation Team from Auburn University's Human Development and Family Science Department documented the outreach and effectiveness of these programs.

- 76%** Women | **24%** Men
- 53%** European American/White | **37%** African American/Black
- 36** average age
- 40%** reported an annual income of less than \$10,000
- 41%** reported not working for pay
- 18%** reported not completing high school
- 47%** reported a high school degree/GED as their highest level of education

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

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.

Potential Costs vs. Investment in Prevention

\$368,416	Average taxpayer cost in services in Alabama per child abused or neglected.*
\$15	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 (\$9,722,250) and number of adult participants

Parent Education & Home Visiting

74 parent education and home visiting programs provided support and educational programs to parents. An assessment of **7 targeted outcomes** with **4,389 participants** revealed statistically significant **improvements** in average scores for:

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

Respite Care

8 respite care programs provided respite services and parent education. An assessment of **4 targeted outcomes** with **551 participants** revealed statistically significant **improvements** in average scores for:

- Stress Level
- Positive View of Child
- Knowledge of and Commitment to Use Support Services
- Use of Informal Support Networks

Fatherhood

20 fatherhood programs provided educational sessions and support to non-residential parents. Participants are invited to complete a post-program benefit checklist survey that includes a list of 29 possible improvements/benefits they perceived they obtained from the program. These benefits are reflected in 9 categories, grouped within the five protective factors of the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factor Framework. Results from **1,363 participants** indicate:

Perceived Benefit Received from Program	Percentage Reporting Improvement
Workforce Development Improvement	81%
Financial Benefit	55%
Greater Access to Community Resources	73%
Improved Basic Needs	43%
Better Adult Relationship Skills	92%
Improved Parenting	87%
Improved Child Functioning	68%
Better Coping Skills	92%
Cooperation with Court System	61%



Impact On Youth Participants

88,973 youth in Alabama in grades 3-12 were served through 48 ADCANP/CTF-funded programs. These programs offered classes and mentoring services in schools and communities. An additional **130,366 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 self-confidence, improved abuse awareness and resourcefulness, increased cooperative behavior, enhanced assertiveness, and avoidance of delinquent behaviors.

Funding for youth programs came primarily from two funding sources:

- The Education Trust Fund (ETF)
- The Children First Trust Fund (CFTF)

42% in grades 3-5 | **58%** in grades 6-12
51% boys | **49%** girls
43% African American/Black | **39%** European American/White
10% identified as Hispanic/Latino

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.

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.

Grades 3-5 Youth Programs

48 youth focused programs provided educational sessions to youth participants. An assessment of **6 targeted outcomes** with **3,585 3rd-5th grade participants** revealed statistically significant **improvements** in average scores for:

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

Grades 6-12 Youth Programs

48 youth focused programs provided educational sessions to youth participants. An assessment of **7 targeted outcomes** with **4,879 6th-12th grade participants** revealed statistically significant **improvements** 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

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	\$15	Average cost of prevention programming per youth participant.**	

