

THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION

2021-2022 Evaluation Report Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs



Impact on Adult Participants

1,420 adults in Alabama received services through one type of ADCANP/CTF-funded programs: fatherhood. The population served were primarily parents of lower resources, based on work status, education level, and income reported. Adults who participated only in public awareness programs did not provide demographic information.

The primary funding source that provides supports to these individuals is the 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.

- 46%** of participants were women
- 32%** were European American/White
- 61%** were African American/Black
- 34** was the median age of the adult participants
- 67%** reported a gross income of less than \$10,000
- 49%** reported not working for pay
- 26%** reported not completing high school
- 57%** reported a high school degree/GED as their highest level of education



Fatherhood

20 fatherhood program provided educational sessions and support to non-residential fathers. An assessment of 19 targeted outcomes with **911 participants** revealed statistically significant improvements in average scores for all but one outcome (i.e., financial responsibility):

- Couple Relationship Quality
- Conflict Management Skills
- Co-Parenting Conflict
- Co-Parenting Quality
- Dating Abuse Prevention Skills
- Parenting Efficacy
- Positive Parenting Behavior
- Parent Involvement
- Parent Child Relationship Quality
- Economic Stability
- Cooperation with Child Support Personnel
- Commitment to Pay Child Support
- Knowledge of Community Resources
- Child Adjustment
- Hope for the Future
- Stress Management
- Anger Management
- Income

Analyses of data revealed statistically significant improvements ($p < .05$) on many relevant measures of commitment, skill, and knowledge based on average scores at pre-program and post-program.

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 TANF programs engaging in child abuse/neglect and enhanced the likelihood of current and future strong and stable families.

