

The Alabama Department Of Child
Abuse & Neglect Prevention

Evaluation Report

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs



Impact On Adult Participants

15,501 adults in Alabama received services through one type of ADCANP/CTF funded program: fatherhood.

The population served were primarily parents of lower resource, 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 support for these individuals is the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

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

66% of the participants were women

49% were European American/White

43% were African American/Black

34 was the median age of the adult participants

68% reported a gross income of less than \$10,000

54% reported not working for pay

28% reported not completing high school

54% reported a high school degree/GED as their highest level of education

Fatherhood

21 fatherhood programs provided educational sessions and support to non-residential fathers. **An assessment of 19 targeted outcomes with 1,687 participants revealed statistically significant improvements in average scores for all but one outcome (i.e., depressive symptoms):**

- Commitment to Couple Relationship Stability
- Conflict Management Skills
- Communication Skills
- Co-Parenting Conflict
- Dating Abuse Prevention Skills
- Informal Support
- Positive Parenting Behavior
- Parent Involvement
- Parent Child Relationship Quality
- Hopeful About Future
- Financial Responsibility
- Perception of Economic Stability
- Cooperation with Child Support Personnel
- Commitment to Pay Full Child Support
- Knowledge of Community Resources
- Child Academic Adjustment
- Depressive Symptoms
- Stress Management
- Anger Management

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.



The 2020-2021 Evaluation Report prepared by the Auburn Evaluation Team documented the combined effort and effectiveness of program offerings through an evaluation of funded programs.