

The Alabama Department Of Child
Abuse & Neglect Prevention

Evaluation Report

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs

Impact on Adult Participants

2,844 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 community awareness programs did not provide demographic information.

The primary funding source that provide 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 Studies Department documented the effort and effectiveness of these programs.

79% of the participants were men

54% were European American/White

41% were African American/Black

36 was the median age of the adult participants

46% reported a gross income of less than \$10,000

48% reported not working for pay

22% 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 ($p < .05$) 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.



Fatherhood

25 fatherhood programs provided educational sessions and support to non-residential parents. An assessment of **17 targeted outcomes** with **484 participants** revealed statistically significant improvements in average scores for:

- 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
- Depressive Symptoms
- Income Level
- Job Status

88% of youth were in grades 3-5
12% of youth were in grades 6-12
49% of the participants were boys
51% of the participants were girls
45% were African American/Black
38% were European American/White
2% were Native American
1% were Asian American
13% reported “other” when asked race
9% identified as Hispanic/Latino

Strengthening Families Through Fathers (SFTF) Programs

Of the 25 fatherhood programs, 3 programs (also funded by TANF), provided educational sessions and support to non-residential parents. These programs provided the components of the regular TANF programs but also incorporated intensive, focused attention on the Strengthening Families Protective Factor Framework.



The 2019-2020 Evaluation Report prepared by the Auburn Evaluation Team documented the combined effort and effectiveness of program offerings through an evaluation of funded programs.

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