

Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention:
The Children's Trust Fund 2016-2017 Report



2016-2017
End of Year Evaluation Report
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TANF

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Participant Demographics

A total of 3,496 adults participated in TANF funded programs which impacted 1,769 children. A sample of adults served through program offerings completed demographic questionnaires.

Adult/Parent Demographics:

Age: Adult participants across program types (i.e., parent education, home visitation, fatherhood, and respite) had a modal age of 30.

- 1% were 18 and younger
- 14% were 19-24
- 24% were 25-30
- 36% were 31-40
- 25% were over 40

Gender:

- 67% of adult program participants were male
- 33% were female

Race & Ethnicity: Adult participants were:

- 51% African American
- 42% European American
- 2% Native American
- 1% Asian American
- 4% selected "other" when asked ethnic background
- Of these participants, 4% identified as Hispanic/Latino

Work Status: For participants (excluding students) over the age of 18:

- 66% reported not working for pay
- 25% reported working full-time
- 9% reported working part-time

Education Level: For participants (excluding students) over the age of 18:

- 31% reported not completing high school
- 52% reported completing high school or GED
- 4% reported obtaining 2-year college/associate school degree
- 9% reported obtaining a trade/technical school degree
- 3% reported completing a 4-year college degree
- 1% reported completing an advanced degree

Income Level: For participants (excluding students) over the age of 18:

- 88% reported a gross household income of less than \$10,000 a year
- 8% reported between \$10,000-19,999
- 4% reported between \$20,000-29,999

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Responsible Fatherhood Programs

21 programs provided support to nonresidential fathers and encouraged fathers to enhance their job skills, education, parenting knowledge, and involvement with their children, as well as to comply with child support obligations. Fathers met with facilitators or case workers, or other fathers, and they were involved in educational sessions that included family activities that promote better father-child relationships. Goals of fatherhood programs are: center on participant improvement in:

- Positive relationship skills
- Enhanced coparenting quality
- Dating abuse prevention skills
- Cooperation with child support enforcement (CSE) & commitment to pay child support
- Greater work and education commitment
- Greater use of support services
- Positive parenting skills

- Enhanced parent involvement & relationship quality with child
- Enhanced child adjustment

These goals promote several protective factors emphasized by the “Strengthening Families™ Program.”

A sample of participants (n = 1975) responded to an assessment of 14 goals. Analysis of multi-item measures using paired sample t-tests revealed **statistically significant (p < .001) improvements in ALL targeted areas. The effect sizes ranged from .24-.65. The average magnitude of the effect sizes for these improvements was .41** and can be considered small to moderate (i.e. .25 small effect; .50 moderate effect; .75 large effect).

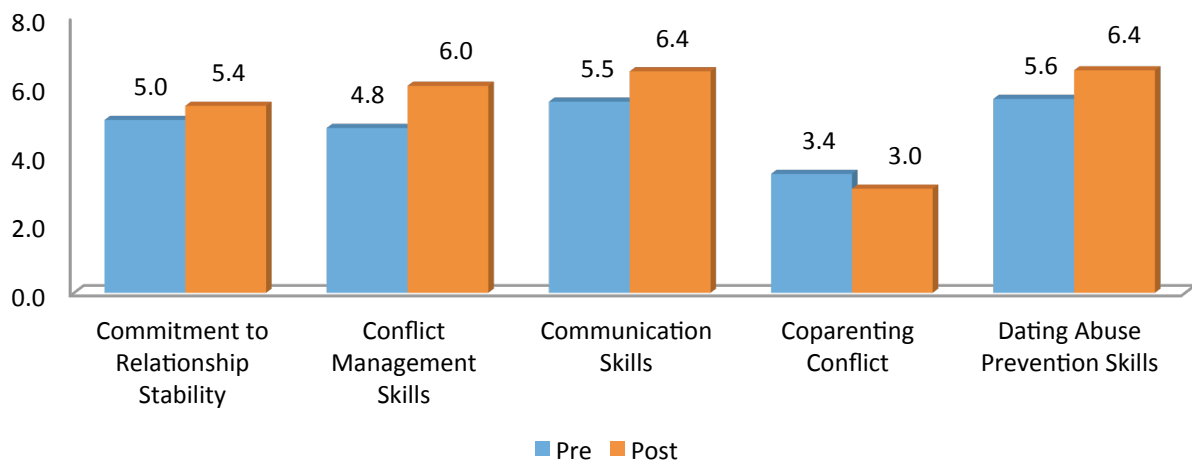
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Social Connections							
Commitment to Relationship Stability	5.00	1.94	5.41	1.92	1294	-8.67***	.24
Conflict Management Skills	4.77	1.82	5.99	1.29	1474	-24.42***	.65
Communication Skills	5.53	1.54	6.41	.95	1498	-22.03***	.59
Coparenting Conflict	3.44	2.03	3.01	1.68	664	7.00***	.27
Dating Abuse Prevention Skills	5.61	1.87	6.44	1.26	1456	-17.37***	.47
Concrete Supports in Times of Need							
Hopeful About Future	5.09	1.69	6.09	1.20	1507	-23.21***	.61
Financial Responsibility	5.80	1.73	6.63	.97	1499	-17.99***	.49
Economic Stability	4.75	1.52	5.18	1.45	1464	-15.12***	.40
Cooperation with Child Support Personnel	5.31	2.03	6.00	1.68	861	-11.61***	.40
Commitment to Pay Full Child Support	5.22	2.12	5.93	1.81	833	-10.94***	.39

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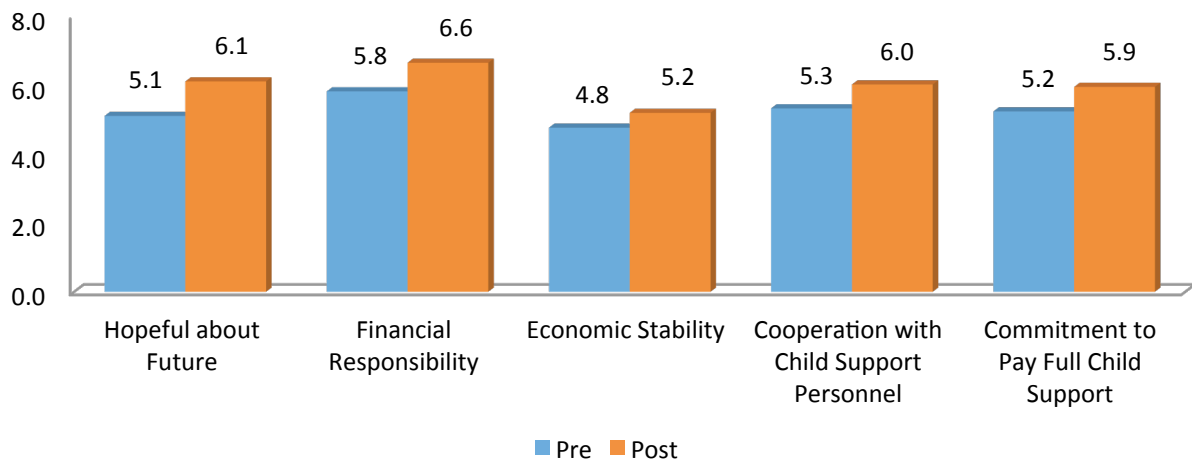


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Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development							
Positive Parenting Behavior	5.72	1.36	6.32	1.20	1383	-16.80***	.45
Parent Involvement	5.77	1.18	6.07	1.02	1435	-11.80***	.32
Parent Child Relationship Quality	6.04	1.51	6.37	1.15	1422	-9.83***	.27
Social and Emotional Competence of Children							
Child Academic Adjustment	6.08	1.44	6.35	1.23	1173	-8.45***	.25

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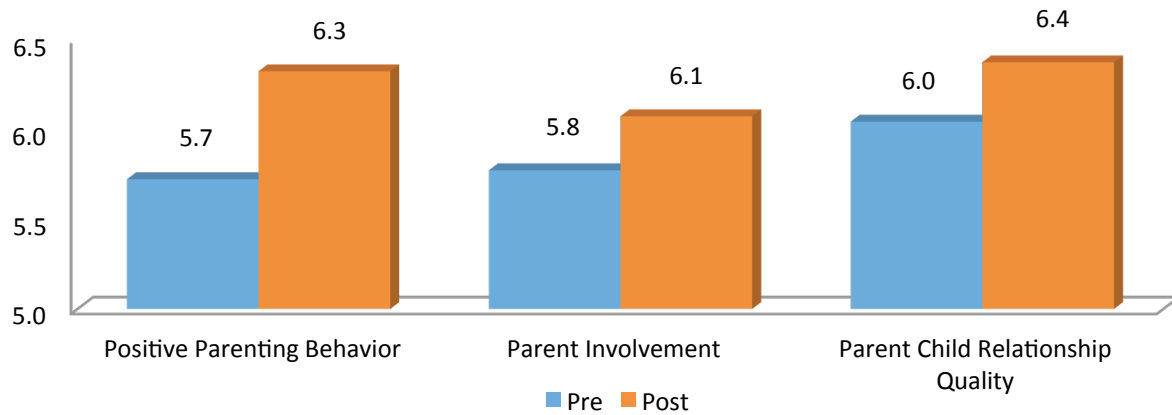


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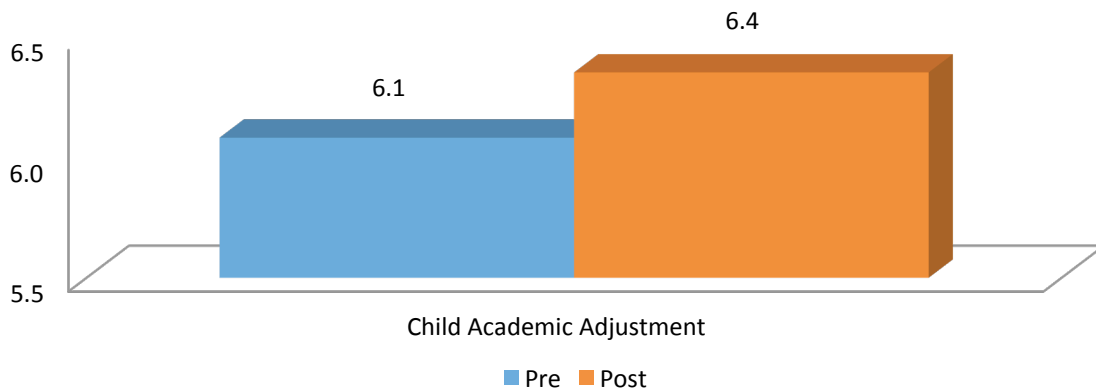




Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development



Social and Emotional Competence of Children



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