

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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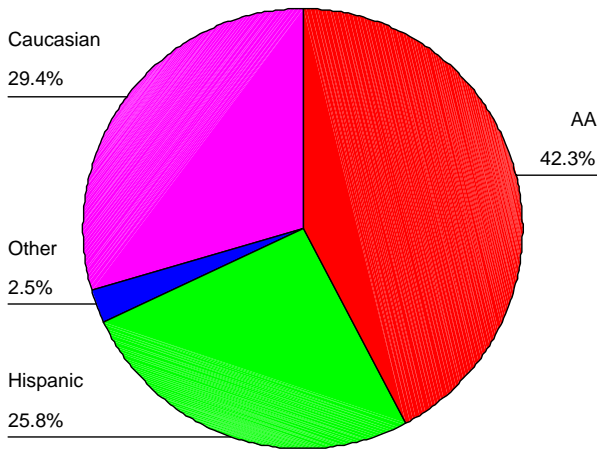
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Thank you for allowing our class to examine the CAP Center's Parent Aide data. Provided here is a description of the population served and an overview of research findings.

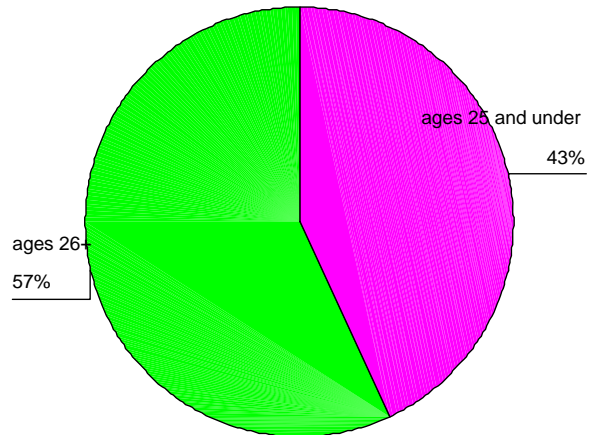
Description of the Population

About half of parents were under the age of 25 years and half were over age 25. Nearly half of parents were African American, and one-fourth were each Caucasian and Hispanic. Over half of parents were single and over one-fourth were single. Most families had one or two children.

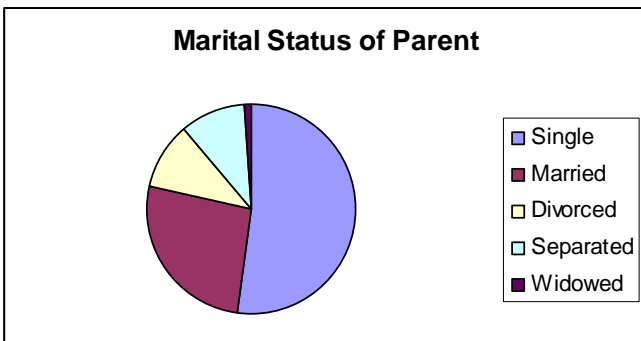
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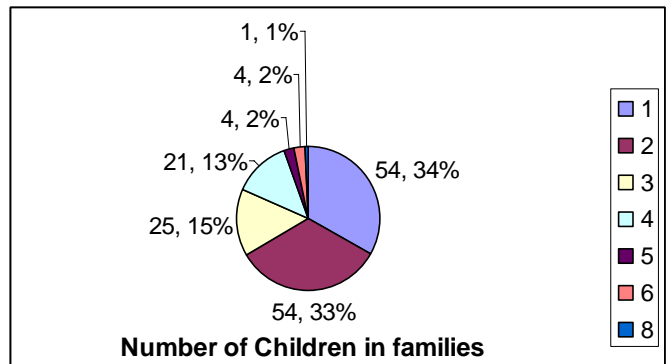
Age Categories



Marital Status of Parent



Number of Children in families

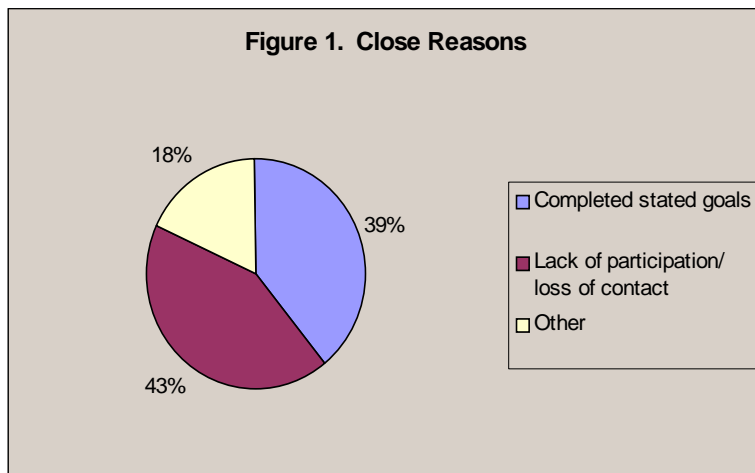


Research Findings

Significant relationships were found between close reason and parental high-risk behaviors and age of parent. No significant difference was found between number of children and close reason. A significant difference was found in PSI scores by types of abuse and neglect.

Dependent variable	Independent variable	Results	Student
Close reason	High-risk behaviors	Significant differences	Stephanie Huckins
Close reason	Age of parent	Significant differences	Jewel Almquist
Close reason	Number of children	No significant difference	Cari Gronemeyer
PSI scores	Types of abuse and neglect	Significant differences	Amy Connelly

Overall, 43% of cases closed because of lack of participation or loss of contact, and 39% closed because the client completed stated goals. The remaining cases closed for other reasons.



Those clients who entered the Parent Aide program with scores of “3” or “5” on the Case Evaluation high-risk behaviors at pretest were most likely to close their cases with “completed stated goals.” Those clients who entered the program with scores of “1,” or “2,” or “4” were more likely to close with “lack of participation” or “loss of contact.” (The higher the score the lower the risk, and vice versa.)

Close Reason by High Risk Pretest Scores

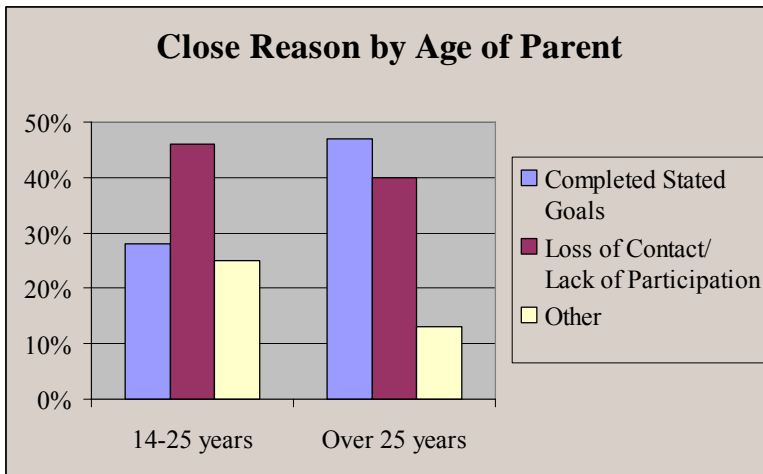
Case Evaluation high-risk behaviors pretest score	CLOSE REASONS			Totals
	Completed stated goals	Lack of participation/loss of contact	Other	
1 high risk	3 (27%)	5 (46%)	3 (27%)	11 (100%)
2	3 (27%)	6 (55%)	2 (18%)	11 (100%)
3	12 (46%)	6 (23%)	8 (31%)	26 (100%)
4	18 (39%)	26 (57%)	2 (4%)	46 (100%)
5 low risk	8 (67%)	4 (33%)	0	12 (100%)
Totals	44 (42%)	47 (44%)	15 (14%)	106 (100%)

$\chi^2 = 19.243, p \leq .01$

Parents over the age of 25 years were significantly more likely to have their case close successfully than were parents aged 25 years and younger.

Close Reason by Age of Parent				
Age of Parent	Completed Stated Goals	Loss of Contact/ Lack of Participation	Other	Totals
14-25 years	19 (28%)	31 (46%)	17 (25%)	67 (100%)
Over 25 years	43 (47%)	36 (40%)	12 (13%)	91 (100%)
Totals	62 (39%)	67 (42%)	29 (18%)	158 (100%)

$\chi^2 = 7.04, p \leq .03$



There was not a statistically significant relationship between the number of children in a family and whether their case closed successfully or not.

Close Reason by Number of Children			
Number of Children in Family	Completed Stated Goals	Did Not Complete Stated Goals	Totals
1 child	23 (37%)	28 (30%)	51 (33%)
2 children	17 (27%)	37 (39%)	54 (34%)
3+ children	22 (36%)	30 (32%)	52 (33%)
Totals	62 (100%)	95 (100%)	157 (100%)

$\chi^2 = 2.293, p = .318$

Three interesting findings related to type of abuse or neglect:

1. Parents who had been referred to CPS for physical abuse had the highest PSI pretest and posttest scores and improved the least, as compared to parents who were not referred for physical abuse.
2. Parents who had been referred for sexual abuse had the lowest PSI pretest and posttest scores, and improved the most (statistically significant differences), as compared to parents who were not referred for sexual abuse.
3. Parents who had been referred for neglectful supervision had significantly lower PSI pretest scores than did parents who had not been referred for neglectful supervision.

PSI Scores by Type of Abuse or Neglect

	<i>n</i>	PSI pre-	<i>n</i>	PSI post-	<i>n</i>	PSI change
		test		test		score
Physical abuse	57	78.79	30	63.97	29	15.55
Not referred for physical abuse	74	71.81	29	48.41	27	24.89
Neglectful supervision	52	68.88*	19	50.84	18	17.50
Not referred for neglectful supervision	79	78.77	40	58.93	38	21.26
Physical neglect	25	71.20	9	54.44	9	23.56
Not referred for physical neglect	106	75.71	50	56.66	47	19.38
Sexual abuse	12	66.42	8	33.38*	7	37.86†
Not referred for sexual abuse	119	75.70	51	59.92	49	17.51
Overall	131	74.85	59	56.32	56	20.05

* $p \leq .05$ † $p \leq .10$

