

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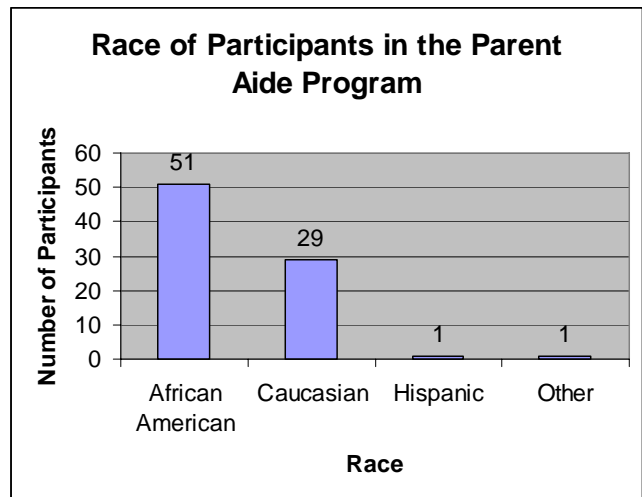
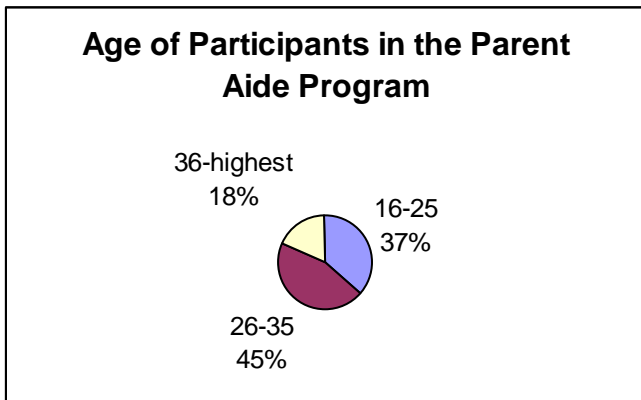
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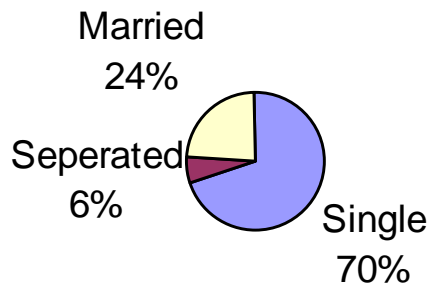
Thank you for allowing our class to examine the First Coast Family Center's Parent Aide data. Provided here is a description of the population served and an overview of research findings.

Description of the Population

Parent's ages varied from 16 to 54 years. Most parents were single, African American females.



Marital Status

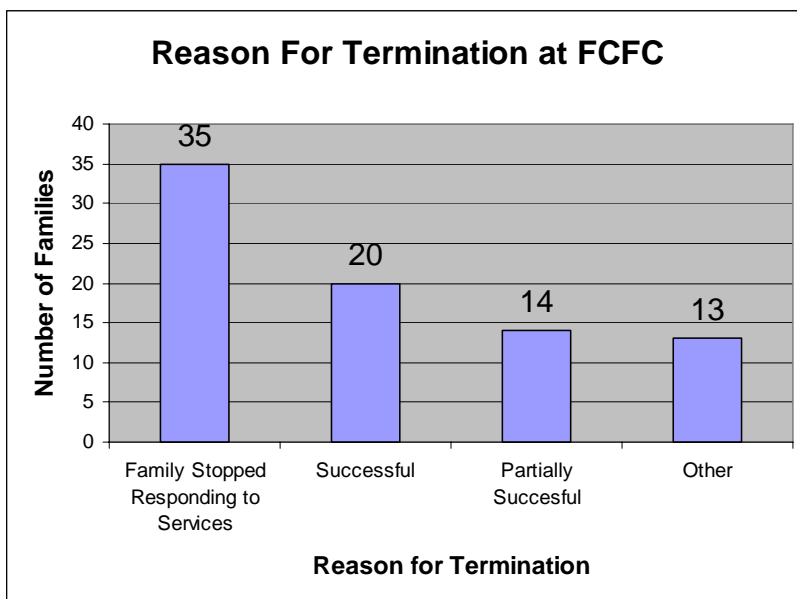


Research Findings

Overall, when looking at termination reason, significant differences were found in parent's race and marital status. No significant differences were found in referral source, referral reasons, and age of parent. Other variables were not examined.

Dependent variable	Independent variable	Results	Student
Termination Reason	Race	Significant differences	Colleen Evans
	Referral sources	No significant difference	Lori Keller
	Referral reasons	No significant difference	Kari Fear
	Marital Status	Significant differences	Misty Hytrek
	Age of parent	No significant difference	Passmore Mudundulu

Of the 82 parents whose cases closed, 35 (43%) closed because the “family stopped responding to services,” 20 (24%) were “successful,” 14 (17%) were “partially successful,” and 13 (16%) closed for other reasons.



A significant relationship exists between race and termination reason. Over half (59%) of African Americans' cases closed with “family no longer involved with the program” compared to only 31% of Caucasians. Caucasians are twice as likely to have their cases close “successfully” as compared to African Americans.

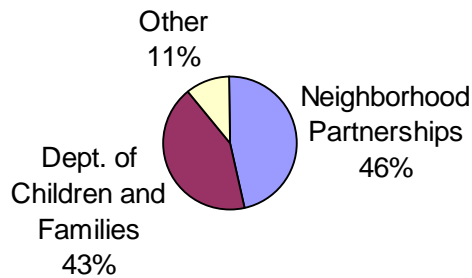
Termination Reason by Race

Race	Family no longer involved with the program				Totals
	Successful	involved with the program	Partially Successful	Other	
Caucasian	10 (35%)	9 (31%)	4 (14%)	6 (21%)	29 (100%)
African American	9 (18%)	30 (59%)	9 (18%)	3 (6%)	51 (100%)
Hispanic	0	0	1 (100%)	0	1 (100%)
Other	1 (100%)	0	0	0	1 (100%)
Totals	20 (24%)	39 (48%)	14 (17%)	9 (11%)	82 (100%)

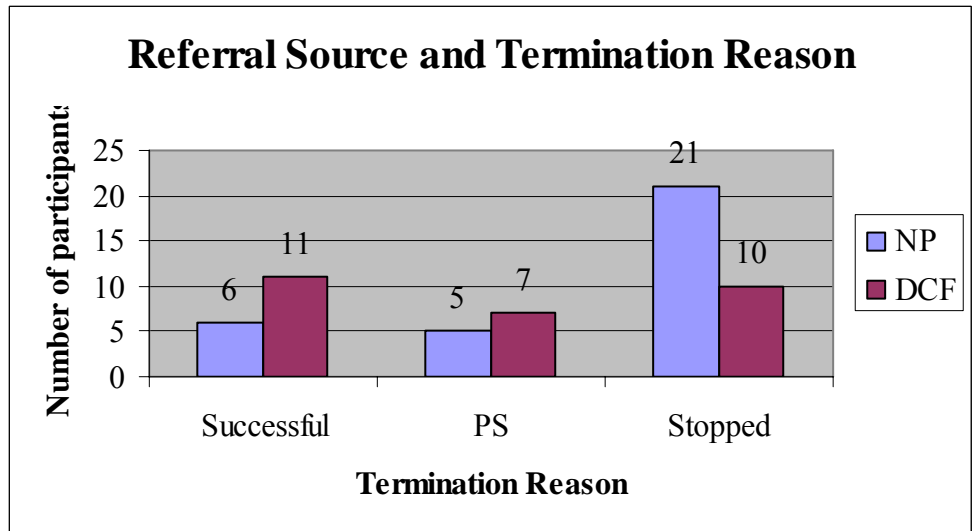
$$X^2 = 17.036, p \leq .048$$

Most parents were referred to the Parent Aide program from either the Neighborhood Partnerships or the Department of Children and Families. While a significant relationship does not exist, parents referred from DCF were slightly more likely to terminate from the program successfully.

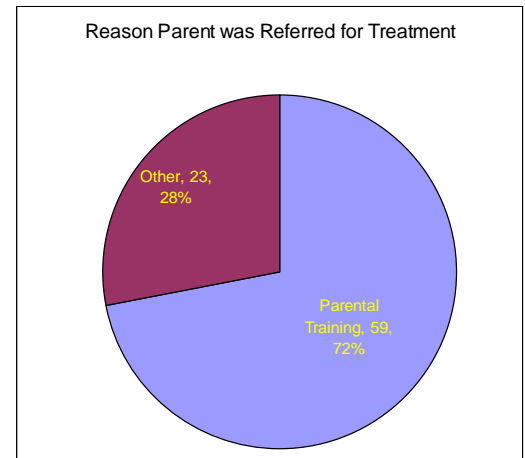
Referral Source for FCFC



$\chi^2 = 7.670, p \leq .263$



Nearly three-fourths of parents were referred to the Parent Aide program for parental training. While these parents were more likely to be successful than were parents referred for other reasons, the difference was not statistically significant.



Referral Reasons	Termination Reasons by Referral Reasons				Totals
	Family no longer involved in program	Successful	Partially successful	Other	
Parental training	29 (49%)	17 (29%)	10 (17%)	3 (5%)	59 (100%)
Other	14 (61%)	3 (13%)	4 (17%)	2 (9%)	23 (100%)
Totals	43 (52%)	20 (24%)	14 (17%)	5 (6%)	82 (100%)

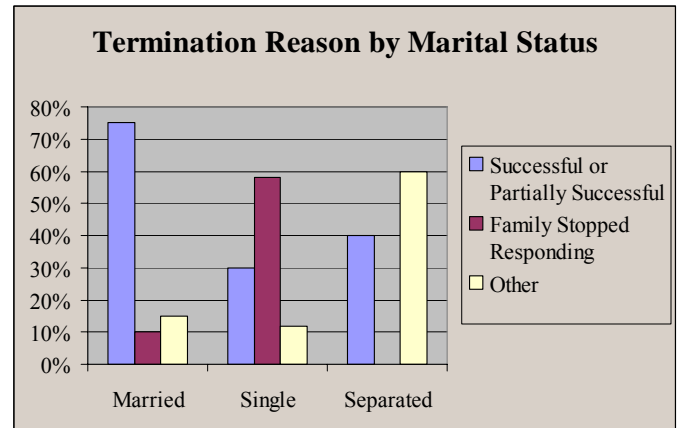
$\chi^2 = 2.476, p \leq .480$

Parents with a marital status of “married” were much more likely to complete the Parent Aide program successfully than were parents of other marital statuses.

Termination Reason by Marital Status

Marital Status	Family Stopped Responding	Successful and Partially Successful	Other	Totals
Married	2 (10%)	15 (75%)	3 (15%)	20 (100%)
Separated	0	2 (40%)	3 (60%)	5 (100%)
Single	33 (58%)	17 (30%)	7 (12%)	57 (100%)
Totals	35 (43%)	34 (42%)	13 (16%)	82 (100%)

$\chi^2 = 24.134, p \leq .000$



Although older parents (those over the age of 35 years) were more likely to complete the Parent Aide program successfully, this difference was not found to be statistically significant ($\chi^2 = 8.600, p \leq .20$).

Termination Reason by Parent’s Age

Parent’s Age	Family Stopped Responding	Successful	Partially Successful	Child no longer in home	Totals
16 thru 25 years	14 (47%)	7 (23%)	3 (10%)	6 (20%)	30 (100%)
26 thru 35 years	19 (51%)	7 (19%)	7 (19%)	4 (11%)	37 (100%)
36 thru 56 years	2 (13%)	6 (40%)	4 (27%)	3 (20%)	15 (100%)
Totals	35 (43%)	20 (24%)	14 (17%)	13 (16%)	82 (100%)

To further explore the significant variables of race and marital status, it was found that over three-fourths of African Americans were single as compared to less than half of Caucasians.

Race by Marital Status

Race	Single	Married	Separated	Total
Caucasian	14 (48%)	12 (41%)	3 (10%)	29 (100%)
African American	42 (82%)	7 (14%)	2 (4%)	51 (100%)
Hispanic	1 (100%)	0	0	1 (100%)
Other	0	1 (100%)	0	1 (100%)
Total	57 (70%)	20 (24%)	5 (6%)	82 (100%)

$\chi^2 = 13.694, p \leq .033$

Notes:

- Students varied in how they combined termination reasons resulting in some differences in totals.
- Lack of statistical significance on some of these findings could be related to the small sample size. With a larger sample size, some of these relationships may be found to be statistically significant.

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