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Outcomes of mothers who were active in the program in year 4 (N=46)

### Program status

- **Currently receiving services**: 57%
- **Dropped out of the program**: 21%
- **No longer receiving services/Other reason**: 12%
- **Completed the program**: 7%
- **Missing**: 2%

### New criminal activity

- **Nearly 3 in 4** did not report engaging in new criminal activity. None of the participants were arrested or convicted of a new crime during the reporting period.

### Mother’s contact with child/ren

- **Reported changes in contact with child/ren**: 76%
- **Did not report changes**: 21%
- **Missing**: 2%
- **Increased their contact**: 50%
- **Decreased/stopped their contact**: 21%
- **Living/reunified with their child/ren**: 25%

### Parent education at follow up

- **88%** have received formal parent education/training of those who received training...
- **95%** of coaches reported improved knowledge and
- **41%** demonstrated increased knowledge (on post-test)

### Employment

- **Reported changes in employment**: 69%
- **Did not report change**: 29%
- **Missing**: 2%
- **Were unemployed, but secured a job**: 41%
- **Got an additional job or changed their job**: 35%
- **Were employed/but lost job**: 21%
- **Due to rounding, all charts do not equal 100%**
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Demographics of new participants: Child/ren (N=30)

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- 63% African American/Black
- 17% White
- 10% Missing
- 7% American Indian
- 3% Latino or Hispanic

Outcomes of child/ren who were active in the program in year 4 (N=46)

**School and behavior**

**Attendance**

- Of school-aged child/ren, 70% reported good attendance; 24% fair attendance and only 6% reported poor attendance or that they dropped out.

**Grades**

- Of school-aged child/ren, 48% reported improved grades, 45% reported maintained grades and only 7% reported grades were getting worse.

**Involvement**

- 67% reported their extracurricular activities stayed the same.

**Behavior**

- 74% did not report developing a new behavioral problem; 9% reported a new behavioral problem; 7% were missing.

**Child/ren’s health**

- Just under 7 in 8 reported no changes in child’s physical or emotional health.

- Of those who reported examples, half noted that reunification with mom seemed to have improved emotional health.

**Child/ren’s contact and relationship with parent and other adults**

- 67% Reported improvement in relationship between child and mother
- 17% Deteriorated
- 13% Reported their relationship stayed the same
- 2% Missing

Additional outcomes may be analyzed in future reports.