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Kinship Services Network

Kinship Interdisciplinary Navigation Technologically-Advanced Model (KIN-Tech)

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NUMBERS – FLORIDA

- 387,000 Florida children are being raised by grandparents and other relatives.
- Over 20,000 children in Hillsborough County are living in households led by grandparents.
- Pinellas County 15,000 children
- Pasco County 8,000 children

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

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Licensed Care Trends



Total Relative Breakdowns into Licensed Care	395
Avg. from 1/13-8/13	10
Avg. from 1/12-12/12	14
Avg. from 1/11-12/11	12
Avg. for 31 months	12



KIN Tech Project Description

- This program will serve 1,000 kinship caregivers in Pinellas and 500 in Hillsborough, regardless of their involvement with child welfare or other systems of care.
- Designed an innovative program to improve the ability of kinship caregivers to identify and access the services and supports necessary to meet their own needs and facilitate the safety, permanence, and well-being of the children—in or at risk of entering foster care—in their care.

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Key Project Resources

The KIN-Tech Project integrates the kinship support model with three unique innovations:

- 1) One-e-App
- 2) Peer-to-Peer Navigation
- 3) Interdisciplinary Team





WHAT ARE OUR REVENUE SOURCES?

- Children's Board of Hillsborough County
\$309,320
- United Way Suncoast
\$79,110
- Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
\$1,001,103
- Federal Children's Bureau (HHS)-Year 3
\$500,000 (plus \$500,000 local match)
- Eckerd Community Alternatives
\$ 110,000
- Partner agency grants
- In-kind donations





Four Study Arms

 <p>KIN Tech Program</p>	<p>Full KIN-Tech Expanded Services: Pinellas County. Serving Formal and Informal families. Services Include Peer-to-Peer Navigation, One-e-app, Interdisciplinary Team</p>
 <p>Peer-to-Peer Navigation Only</p>	<p>KIN-Tech Expanded Services: Hillsborough County. Peer-to-Peer Navigation Serving Formal and Informal families.</p>
 <p>Standard Care Kinship Services Network (KSN)</p>	<p>Case management and family support program for informal kinship families in Pinellas County and Hillsborough</p>
 <p>Usual Care (Control) Child Welfare System Intervention</p>	<p>Formal kinship families who have an open or closed case with child welfare system. Child was adjudicated dependent and placed in care of relative by child welfare system in Pinellas and Hillsborough County.</p>

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KINSHIP CARE

Centralized Intake
1-888-920-8761

Kinship Navigators

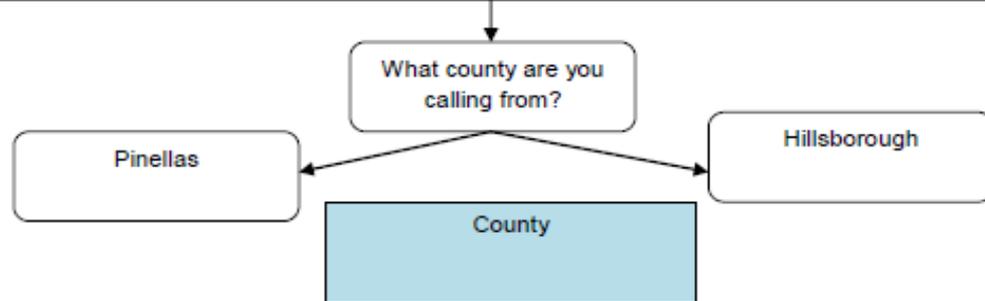
Legal Assistance

Family Support
Coordinators

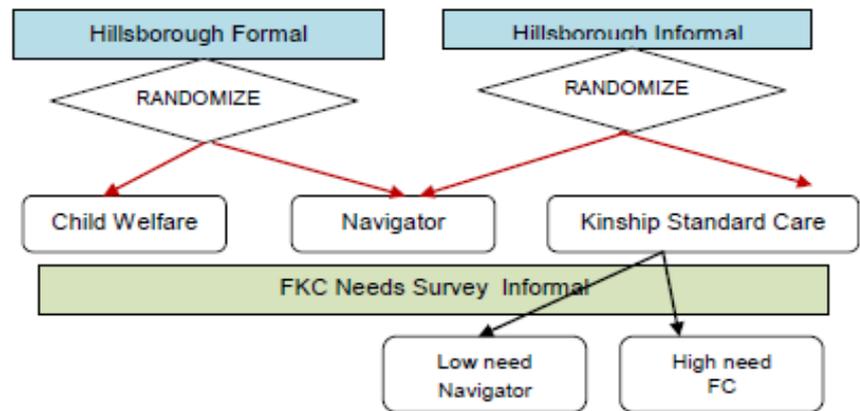
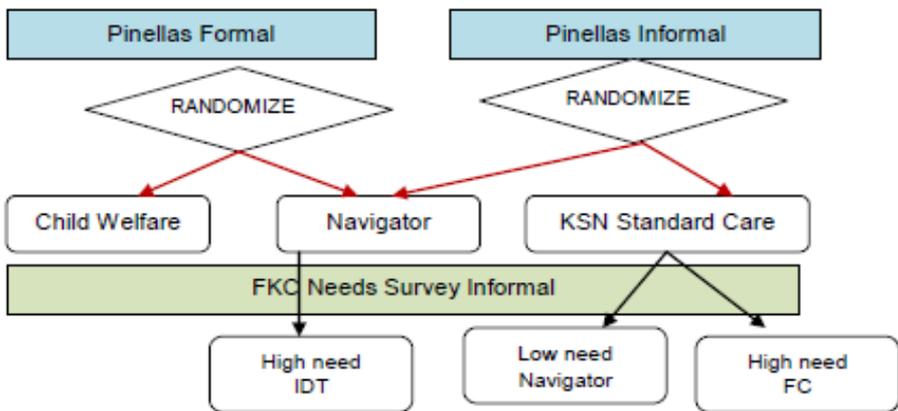
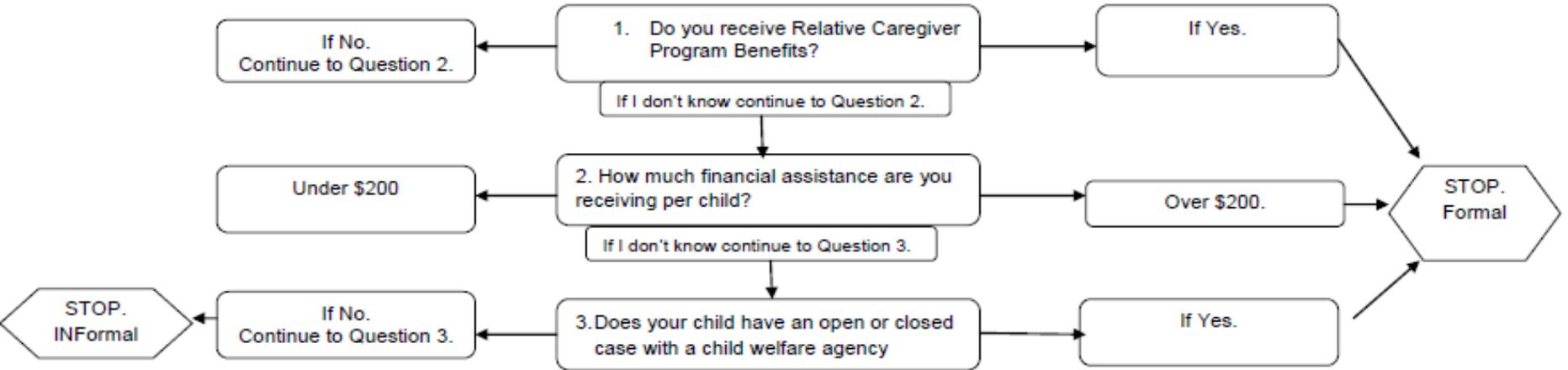
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Support Groups

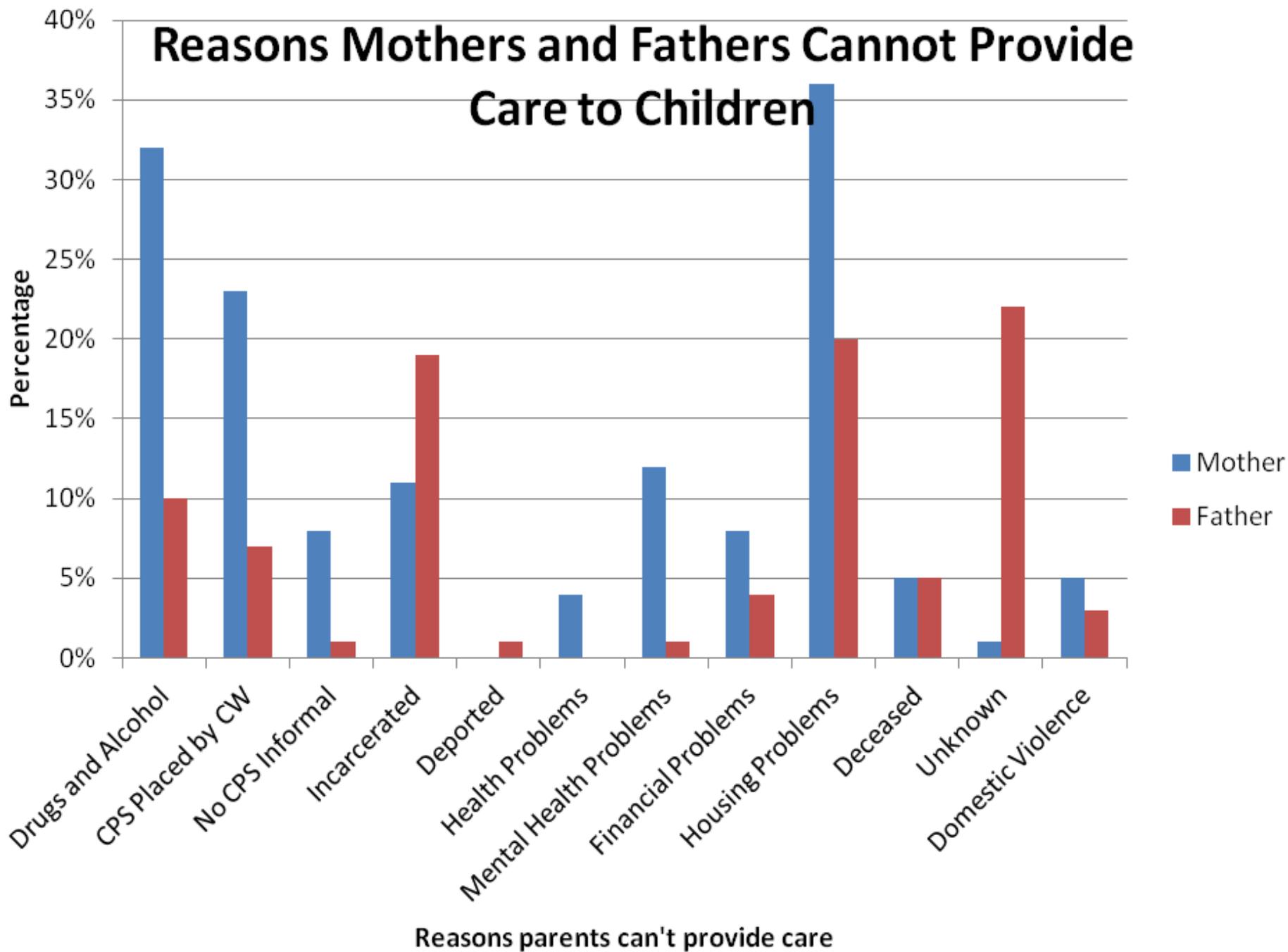
KIN-Tech Intake Call



KIN-Tech FORMAL/INFORMAL DECISION TREE

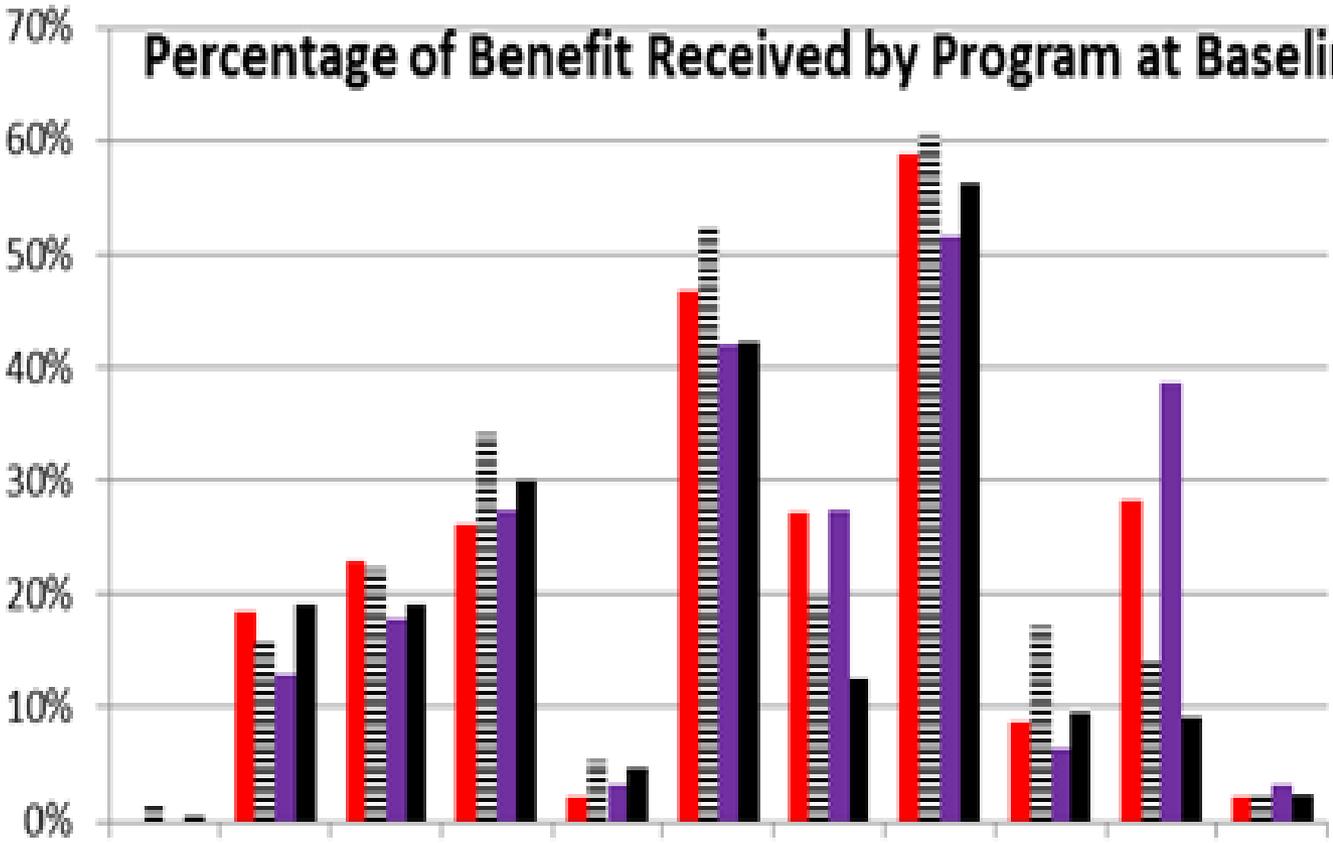


Reasons Mothers and Fathers Cannot Provide Care to Children



Percentage of Benefit Received by Program at Baseline (n=908)

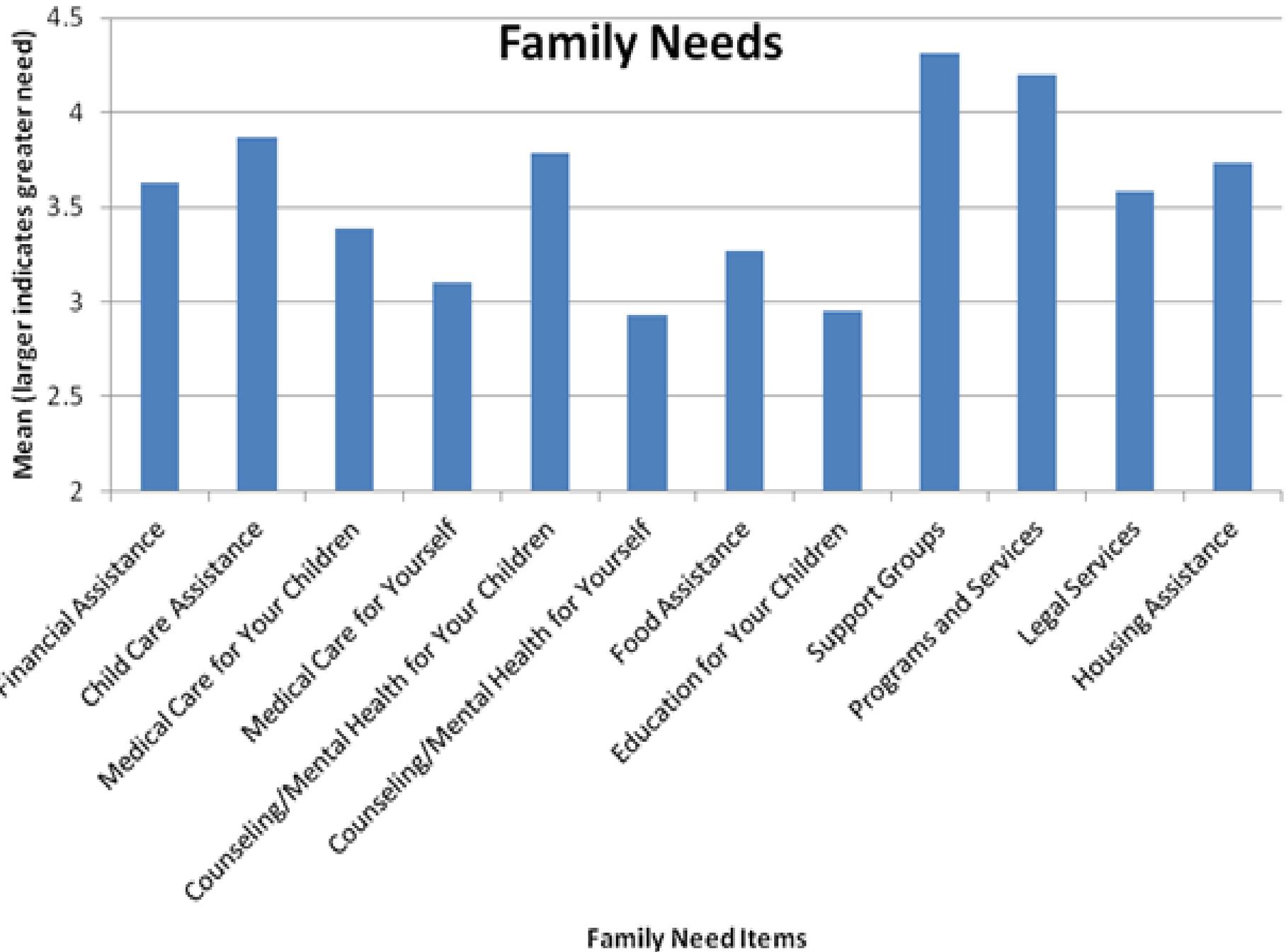
PERCENTAGE RECEIVING BENEFITS



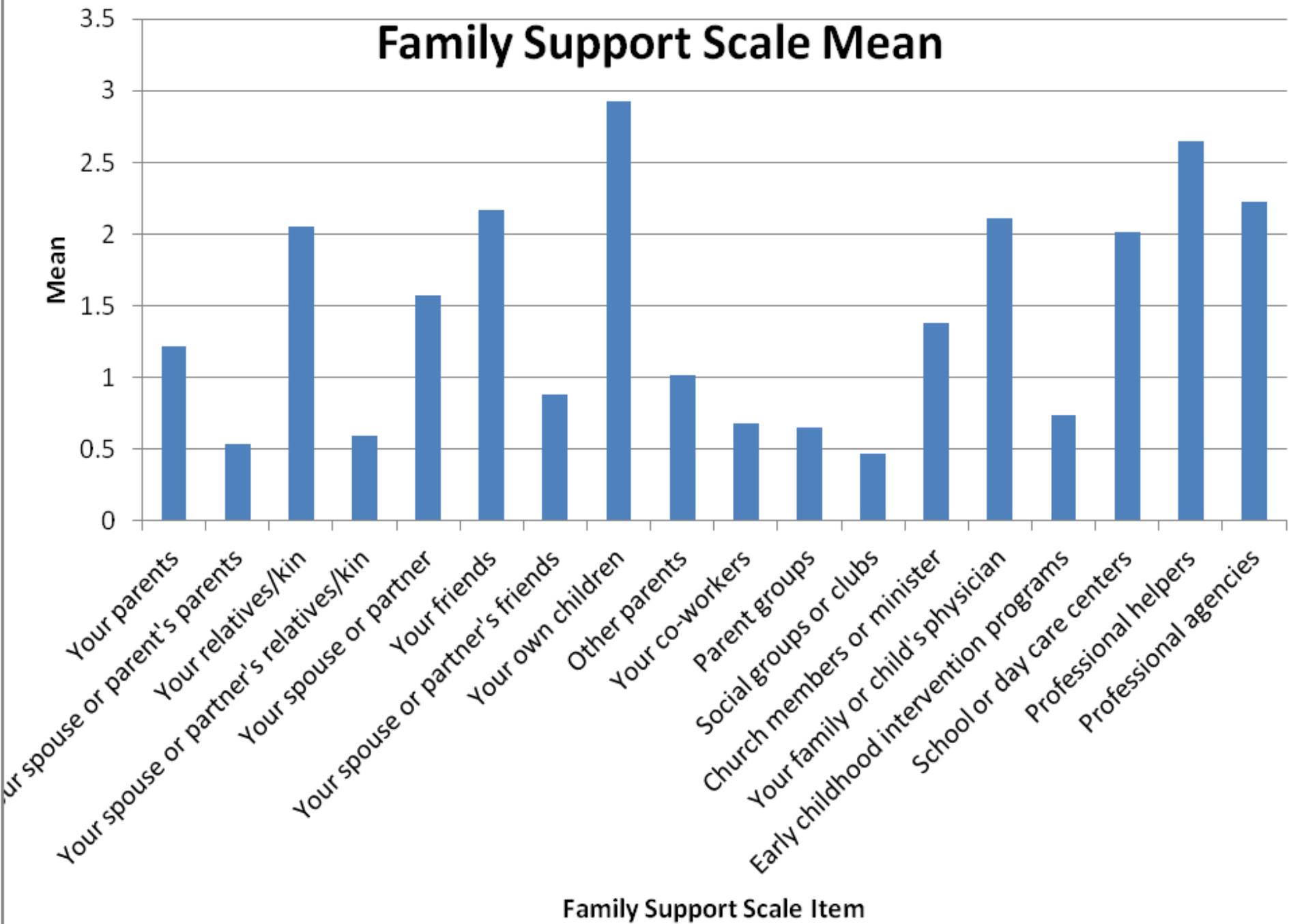
- Full KIN Tech
- Kin Peer-to-Peer Only
- Usual Care Child Welfare
- Standard Care Kinship

Benefit Type

Family Needs



Family Support Scale Mean





Project Strengths

- Testing new interventions
- Rigorous Evaluation design (Randomized Control Trial)
- Community Collaboration
- Integrated Relative Caregivers Services in Child Welfare System of Care
- Dissemination of Information
- Data Sharing (DCF/CW)





Key Concerns

- Lack of access to subsidized child care for informal caregivers outside of child welfare
- Poor access to Head Start for all groups, (including waitlists, communication on availability)
- TANF –caregivers lack knowledge of availability, eligibility
 - Requirement for compliance with child support enforcement
 - Concern for safety of the children
 - Retaliation by the parents
 - Lack of information on last known address for parents
- Increase in household income with TANF can reduce SNAP allocation
- Encouraged/pressured to file Fraud complaint with DCF



Local Cost Comparison

	Kinship Services Network of Pinellas	Adjudicated Dependent	Foster Care	Residential Group Care
Cost of care	\$1,449	\$3,900	\$11,420	\$38,276

This table describes the annual cost per child in settings in FY 2011-12 in Pinellas County, Florida.

TANF	CHILD ONLY	2 children	3 children	Minimum Foster Care Payment
Florida	\$ 180	\$ 241	\$ 303	\$ 417

Relative Caregiver Funds for dependency cases in the amount of \$242-\$249 per child

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Outcomes

KSN 5 year report-Children and Youth Services

Review 2014 (article in press)-Dr. Littlewood

- Evidence of Child Safety and Permanence

% **Did not** enter out of home care at **one year** follow up.

- **99%** of children served in program in 2008-09.
- **100%** of children in FY 2009-10
- **99%** of children in FY 2010-11
- **99%** of children in FY 2011-12
- **99%** of children in FY 2012-2013

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Strategy for Local Support

- Leading Community Collaborative/Workgroups
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- Community Based Support Groups
- Special Events (Grandparents Day, Resource Fairs)
- Community (Local, Statewide) Presentations
- Dissemination Activities (National Conferences, Special Sessions and Research Briefs)





WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS?

- The Children's Home, Inc. (CHI)
- Family Enrichment Center (FEC)
- Bay Area Legal Services
- REACHUP, Inc.
- AAJ Research & Evaluation
- DCF ACCESS
- Parish Nurse Program
- Eckerd Community Alternatives
- Sheriff's Office (CPID)



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