



Parent Partner Program

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Parent Partner Approach

History:

- 2006 – Casey Family Program provides training
- 2007 – Four pilot sites began mentoring
- 2009 – Grant from Midwest Child Welfare Implementation Center
- 2011 – 20 Parent Partner programs covering 66 counties
- 2013 – Statewide contracted with Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)
- 2015 – Parent Partners implemented in all 99 counties

Parent Partner Requirements

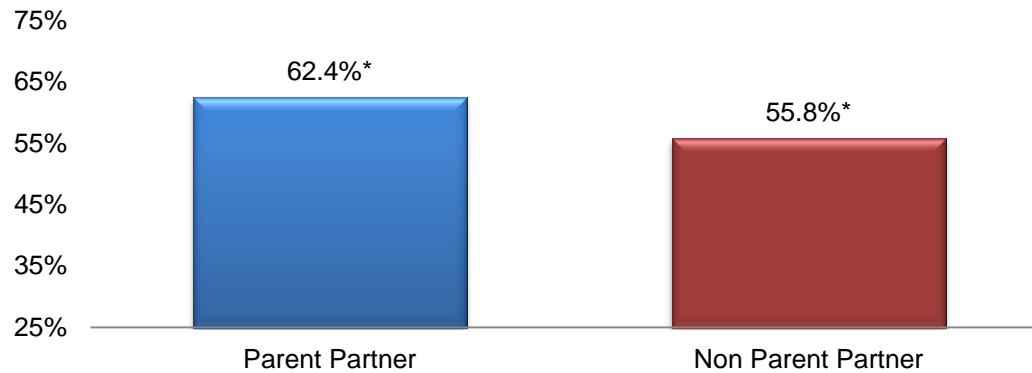
- Have had their child(ren) removed
- Child(ren) have been returned for 1+ year
- No current child welfare issue
- Have been substance-free for one year
- Participate in all required trainings and mentoring program
- Agree to share their experiences
- Disqualified if the following apply:
 - Founded sexual abuse
 - Convicted in the death of a child

Scope of Parent Partners

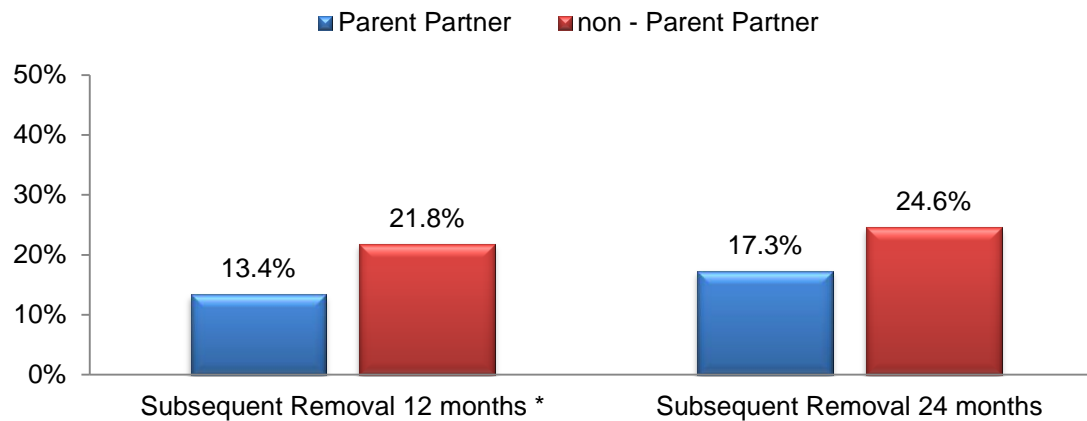
- Over 2,000 parents have received mentoring
- State and local committees
- Community training, presentations and outreach
- DHS training
- National presentations and consulting

Impact on Outcomes

Return Home



Subsequent Removals from Home within 12 and 24 months



Challenges and Opportunities for Improvement

- Sustainable reimbursement rate
- Parents eligible for service are waiting
- Request to serve other target groups