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FAMILY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM OUTCOMES IN ATHENS CLARKE CO GA

During the years 2007-2010 there were 137 juvenile first offenders who appeared in the Athens/Clarke County Juvenile Court/Department of Juvenile Justice who were referred to the Family Solutions Program. **First offenses include truancy and school code violations of legal implications.** Among these youth, 105 completed the 10 session Family Solutions Program, or 77% of all youth referred. The re-offense rate for the 105 youth who completed the program was 24%. This percentage of re-offense for FSP graduates has been consistent since 1993. The re-offense rate for the 22 who did not complete the Family Solutions Program was 36%. In addition, both male and female FSP graduates had lower re-offense rates than male and female FSP non-graduates. This difference was particularly striking for males. Thus, the impact of the Family Solutions Program can be evidenced by the lower re-offense rate for those youth who complete the program as compared to juvenile first offenders who do not attend or complete the Family Solutions Program. Some of these juvenile first offenders who completed the Family Solutions Program successfully were originally referred due to school attendance or behavior violations. **Thus, the FSP is effective for school-based problems.***

The Family Solutions Program helped my family's problems:

Youth ID 2621: "I learned that age has no limit on learning. If you believe it you can achieve it. I will continue to believe that I can be anything I want to."

Youth ID 2620: "Families4Change has changed the way I respond to all of my family and the way I'm going to have my future. I want to go to college because I want to get paid good money and have more education for when I get older."

Youth ID 2542: "Family Solutions has helped me get along better with my parents and understand that my parents are right about most things."

Youth from Clarke Central: "Family Solutions has benefited me and my mom. It helped us have better communication and good reflective listening to avoid conflict and to effectively resolve disputes."

Youth ID 2543: "Another way it (FSP) helped was that we could look at other families' problems and realize that we aren't the only family with problems. I liked communication because it was the session that we needed to hear the most."

Parent ID 2626: "Family Solutions has helped me and my daughter a lot. Before, we didn't hear each other when we argued, but now we listen and try to avoid from hollering. I would do FSP again and volunteer in other groups. Thank you."

Would you recommend this program to other parents/youth?

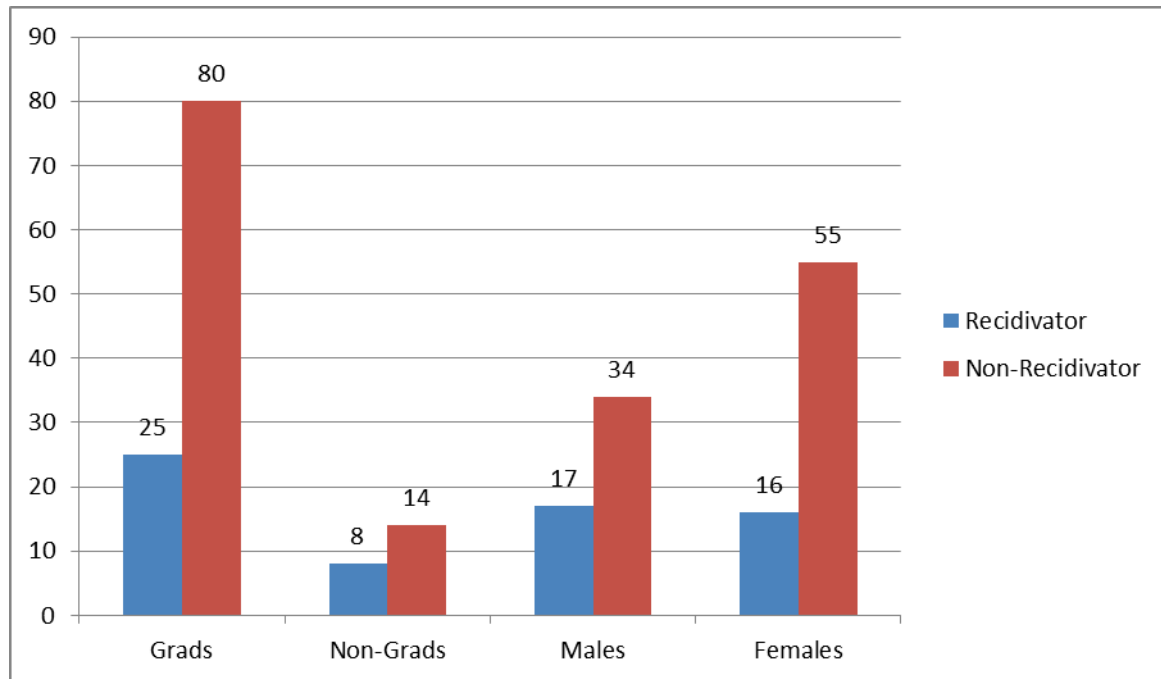
Parent ID 2622: "I have learned a lot from this program. I thank you for letting me and my child be a part of the program. I will continue to apply it to my everyday life."

Parent ID 2541: "This was a great program for every family. I think every family should at least take it once. It's great. I will tell other parents about how great it is."

Grand Mother ID 2621: "I enjoyed all of the sessions and the entire program. I would recommend Family Solutions. Thanks a lot!"

Parent ID 2621: "I would recommend the program. It would be less behavior problems if more parents could attend."

Recidivism in Clarke County FSP Participants 2007-2010*



FSP Grads: 25 Recidivated, 80 Non Recidivated, 24% Recidivism

FSP Non-Grads: 8 Recidivated, 14 Non Recidivated, 36% Recidivism

***First and Repeat Offenses Include Truancy and School Code Violations of Legal Implications**

FSP Recidivism Rate by Gender**

	Male	Female
FSP Grad	29% N=41	22% N=60
FSP Non-Grad**	50% N=10	27% N=11

**Not included in this analysis were seven youth who did not give permission to use the Risk Assessment or improperly completed the Risk Assessment.

***FSP Non-Grads include juvenile first offenders referred to FSP and their families who never attended or attended until they were absent for the second time for a weekly session and became ineligible to graduate from the FSP

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I think family solutions helped and benefited our family. It help our family physically and socially, and gave a lot of advice that needed to be used. It was just a teaching session. ~~but~~ It also was fun because we got to interact and converse with other family's as a group.

This program helped me realize that parent feel the same as the children. I learned that when I try my best not to get an attitude with my mamma, chances are she won't start screaming or raising her voice. Another way it help was that we could look at other families problem, and realize that we aren't the only family with problems, instead of learning from our mistakes, we can look at other family's mistakes and learn from them as well.

My favorite session was the cooperation, because we had to work as a team to get the job done. I also liked the communication because that was the session that we needed to hear the most.

This program will also help me in the future because my major in college will requires communicating with other people.

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Family Solutions has done a great job teaching me how to reduce and not react. But there are so many other things that I learned through group.

It seems just like yesterday it was the beginning of group. I mean as I was sitting there I was thinking to myself how can this help me and my mom communicate better. And let me tell you they had to have their work cut out for them.

But about after the second session I could tell a difference in both of our attitude towards each other. Because we wanted to be able to communicate better. We didn't argue as much because we are sticking to our contract.

To me family Solutions has become a part of me. I'm taking so many techniques and methods about solving things differently.

Like how I learned how to
reduce and try not to react.

So I'm so happy that
I'm able to attend the group
and how to change my family
for the better. So thank you
Family Solutions.

Brandon

