



The Evaluation of Community Based Services to Address Family Violence Exposure in Young Children

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Purpose

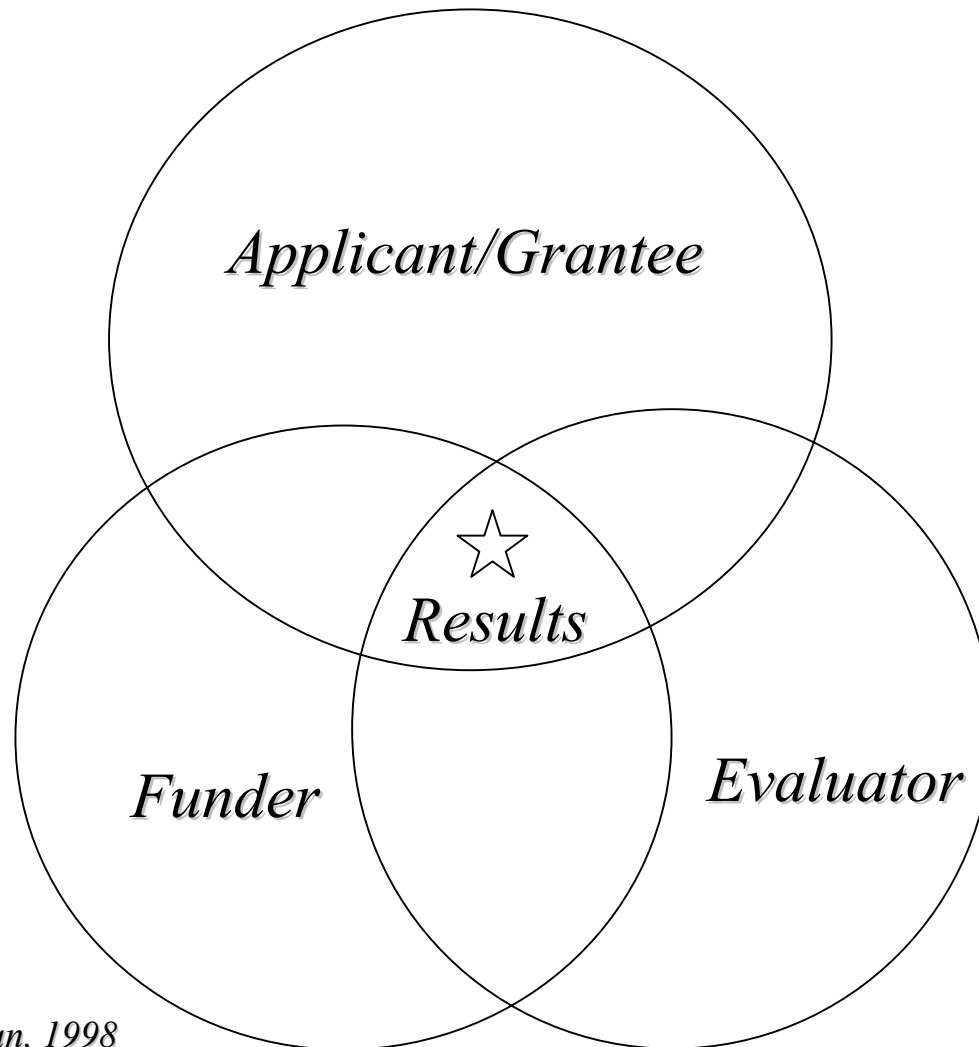
- Describe the model and evaluation activities conducted to evaluate community-based services
- Present highlights of findings
- Present service system recommendations and lessons learned



Request For Proposal (RFP) Process

- RFP Process to distribute \$400,000 to the community to address violence in the home
- RFP process to create programs based on best practices that are outcomes based

Accountability Partnership Model





RFP Process

- Phase I: Pre-Application
 - Question and Answer Session
 - Application development
 - Grant Proposal Reviewer Training



RFP Process

- Phase II: Full Proposal
 - Application
 - Grant Proposal Reviewer Training
 - Applicant Workshops
 - Guidebook
 - Sample Grant Proposal
 - Technical Assistance



RFP Funded Projects

- Child & Family Interagency Resource, Support, & Training Program (Child FIRST)
- Child Development-Community Policing (CD-CP)
- Early Childhood Mental Health Program (ECMHP)
- Court Assessment Program (CAP)
- Mental Health Consultation Program (MHCP)



Service System Development

- Identification
 - Court Assessment Program
 - Child Development-Community Policing
- Assessment and Care Coordination
 - Child FIRST
- Mental Health Treatment
 - Child Development-Community Policing
 - Early Childhood Mental Health Program
 - Mental Health Consultation



Performance-based Contracting

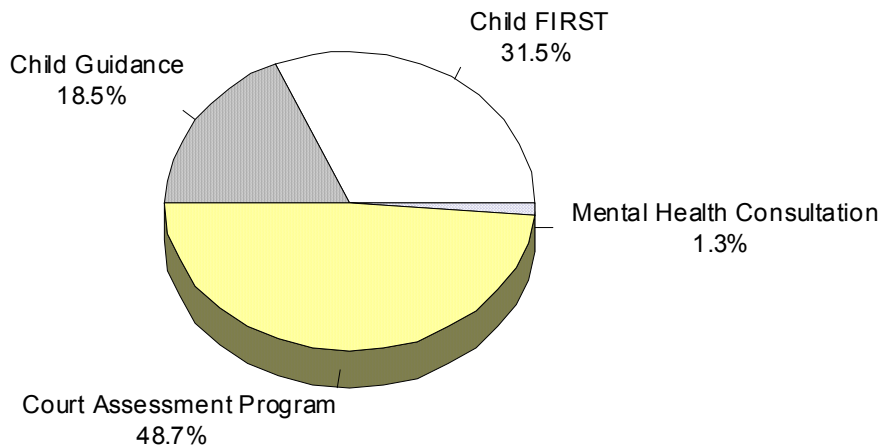
- Contract development
- Logic model development
- Program flow chart development
- Data collection form development



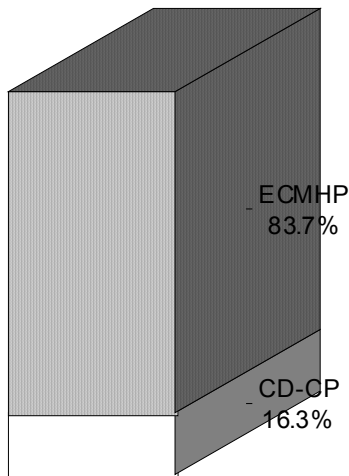
Performance-based Contracting (cont)

- ACCESS database development
- Outcome/Assessment instruments
- Program monitoring and continuous quality improvement

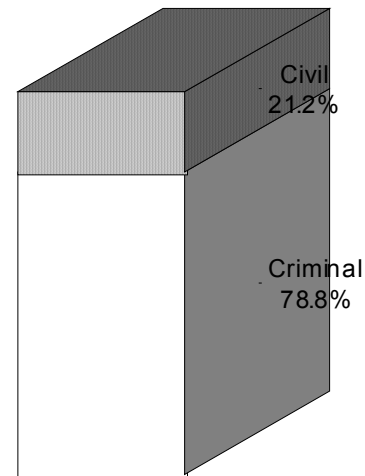
Findings: Descriptive and Demographic Information



Child Guidance



Court Assessment Program



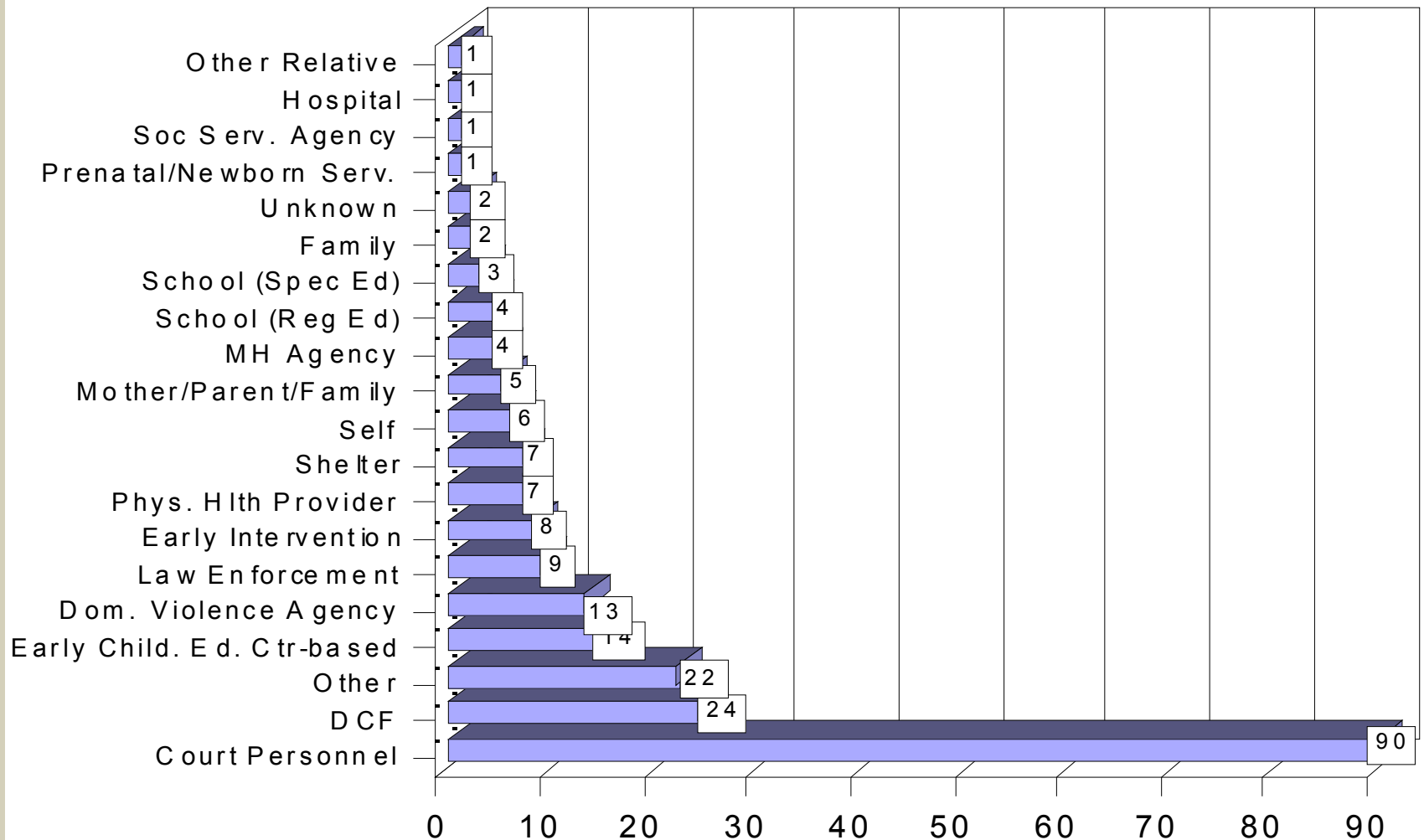
Demographics

Table 1
Characteristics of Children
Served by BSSI Funded Programs (N = 224)

		#	%
Gender	Male	117	52.2
	Female	107	47.8
Age	0-11 months	15	6.7
	1 year	30	13.4
	2 years	26	11.6
	3 years	45	20.1
	4 years	51	22.8
	5 years	41	18.3
	6 years	16	7.1
Race	Black/African American	92	41.1
	Caucasian	37	16.5
	American Indian	1	.4
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1	.4
	Other race	20	8.9
	Unknown	73	32.6
Hispanic Origin	Yes	90	40.2
	No	92	41.1
	Unknown	42	18.8
Medicaid Eligible	Yes	95	42.4
	No	8	3.6
	Missing	121	54.0

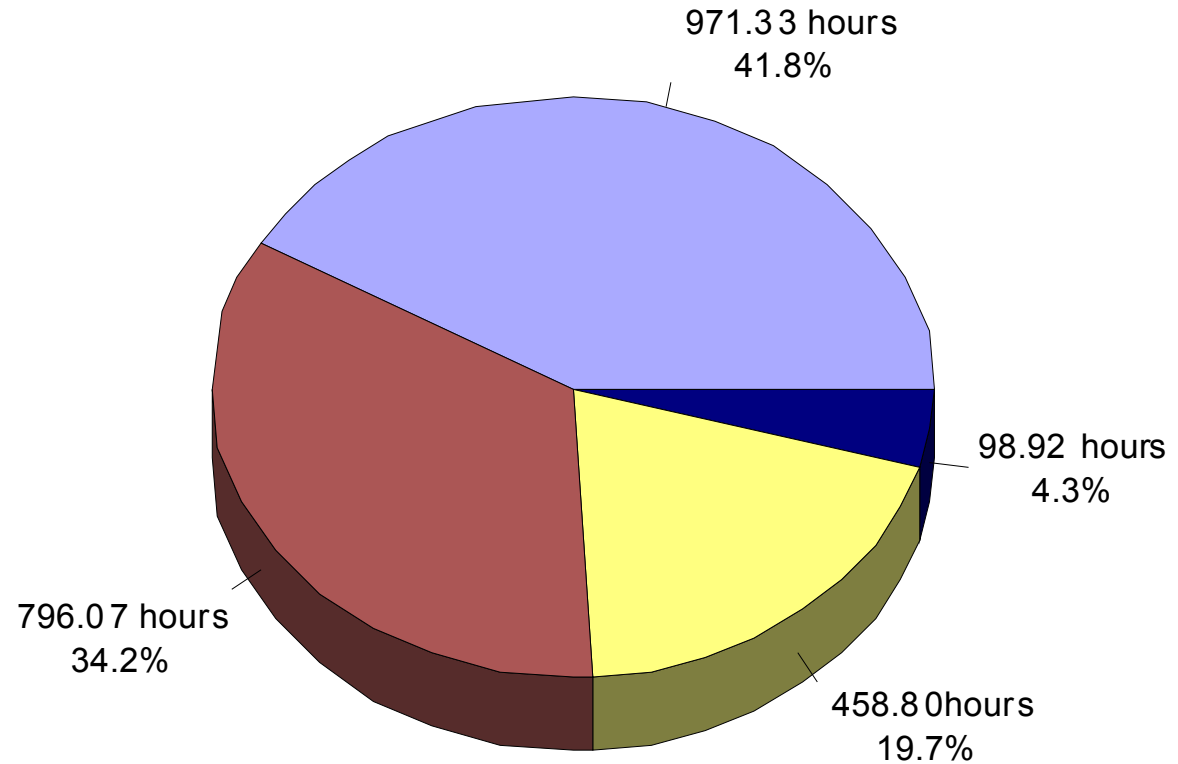
Referral Sources

(N=224 Unduplicated)



Services Provided

Service Category



Direct Indirect Collateral Other

Length of Stay

Table 2
Average Length of Stay for “Closed” Cases
October 1, 2002 - September 30, 2003

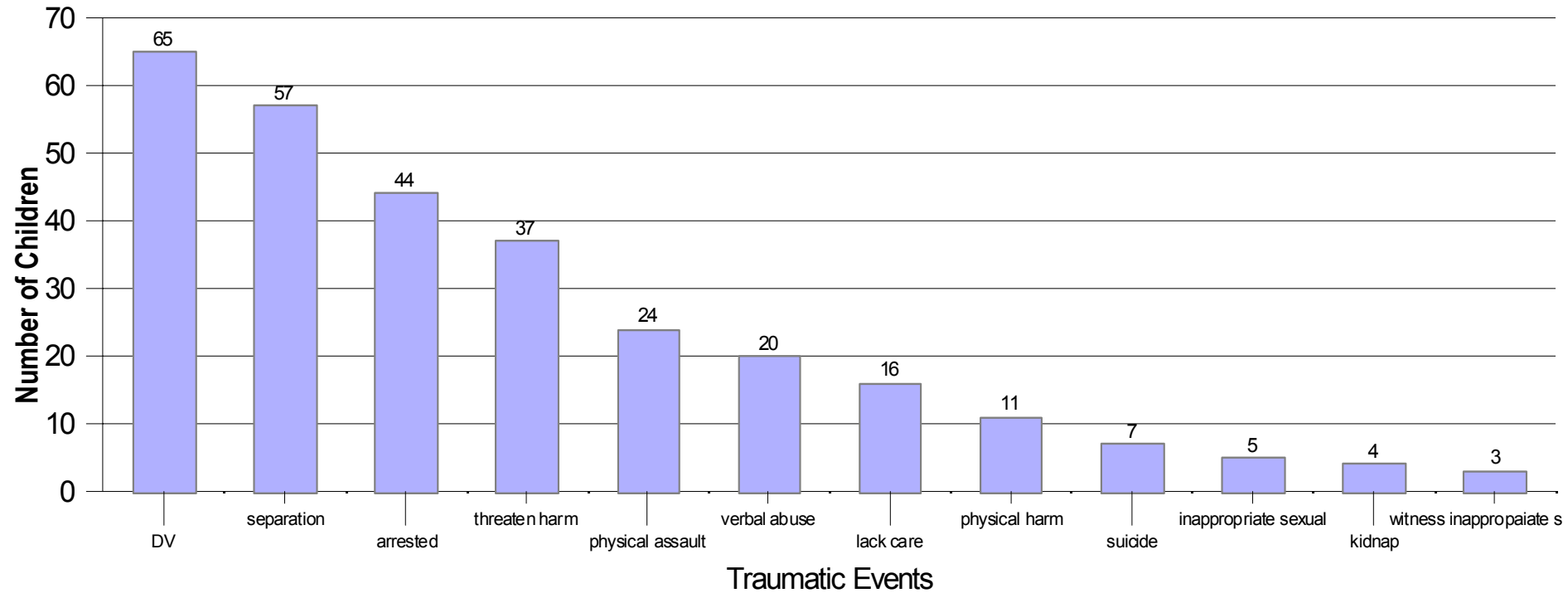
	# of “closed” cases	Average length of stay (days)
Child FIRST	31	95.61
ECMHP	13	101.85
CD-CP	6	15.00
MHCP	0	-
Civil Court	19	11.11
Criminal Court	57	20.04
Total	126	45.48



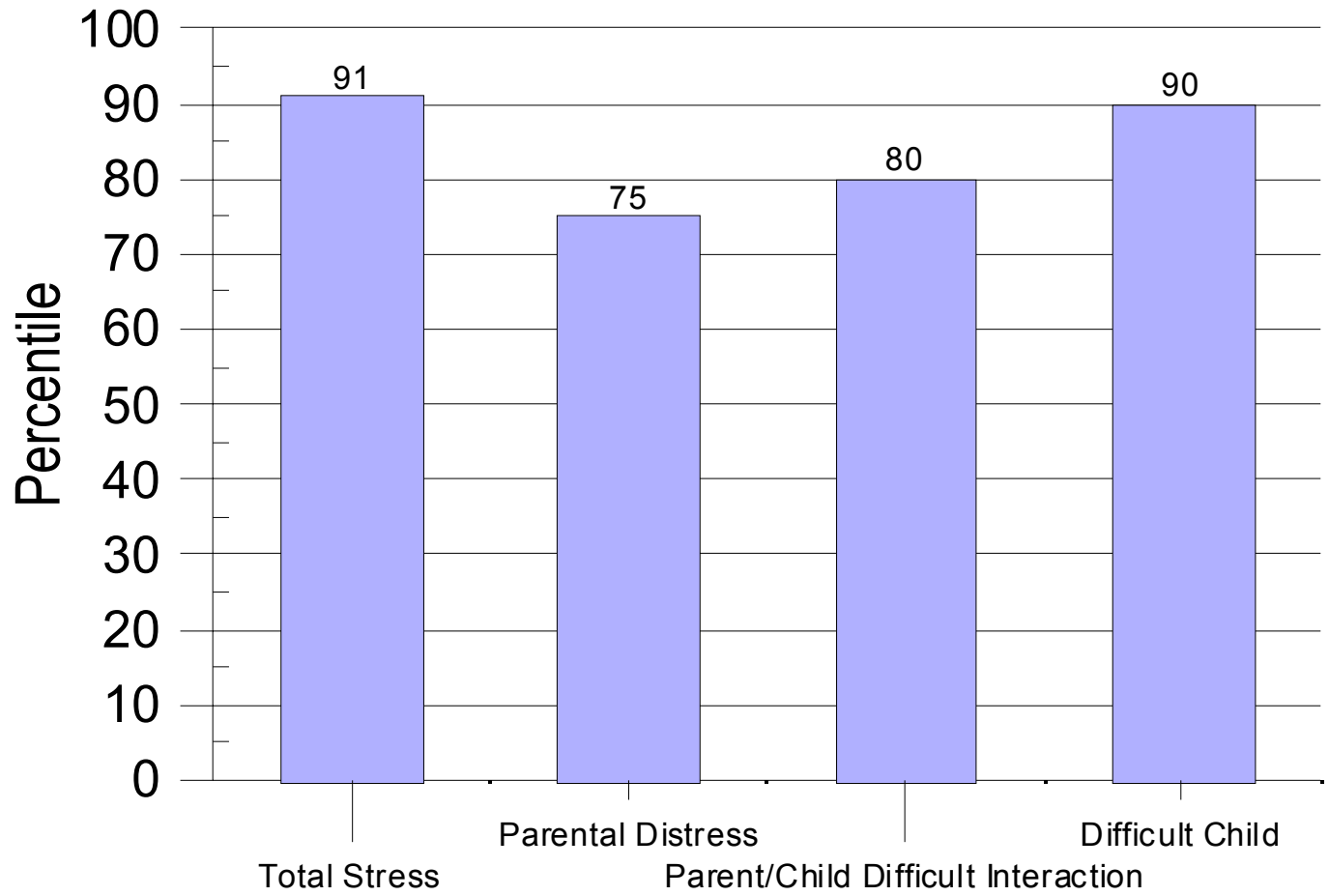
Outcome Evaluation Instruments

- Traumatic Events Screening Inventory-Parent
- Parenting Stress Index/Short Form (PSI/SF; Abidin, 1995)
- Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children (TSCYC; Briere, 2001)

Family Violence Exposure

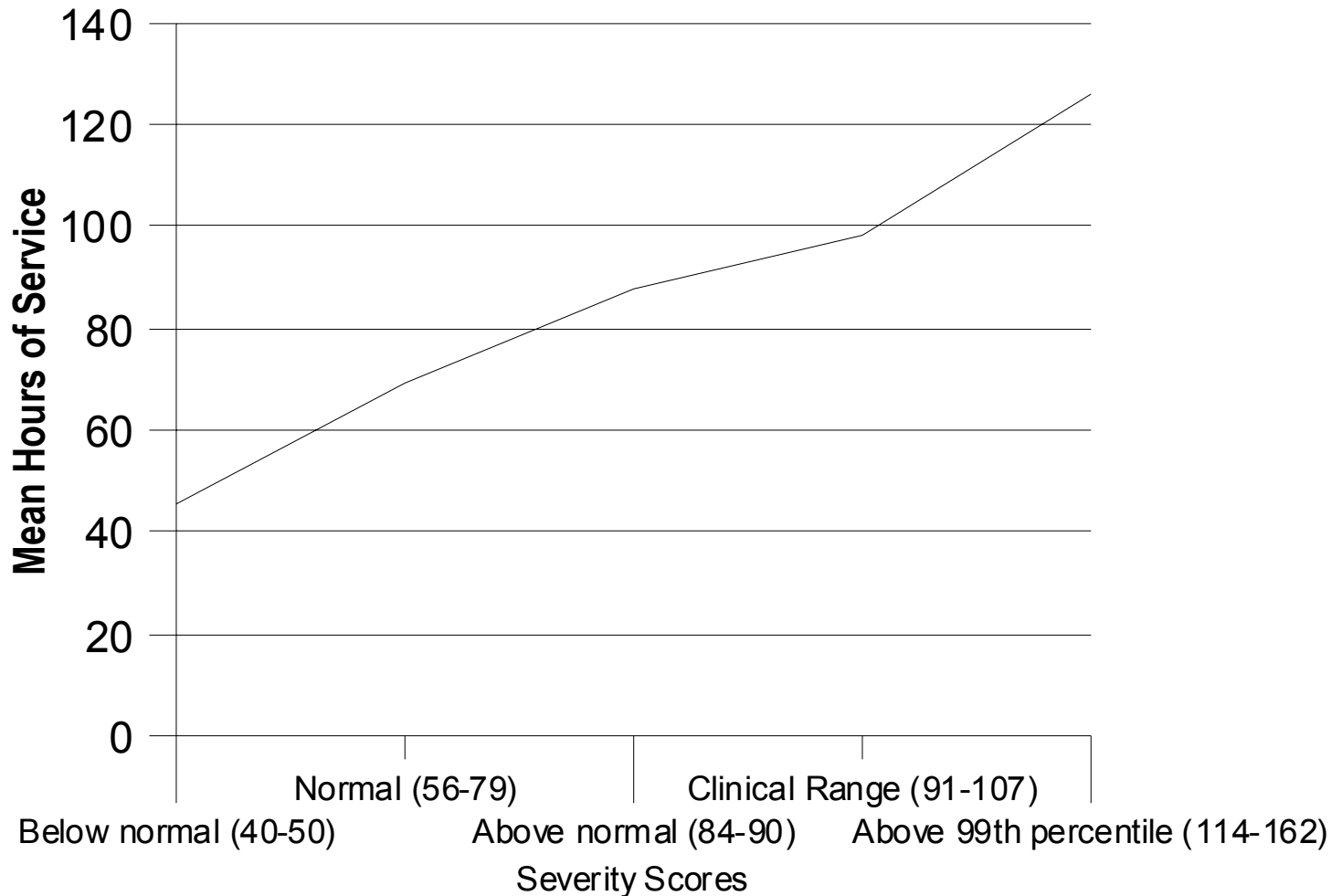


Parenting Stress



PSI/SF Subscales (n=90)

Parenting Stress Severity and Service Hours (Child FIRST)





Service System Recommendations

- Identify very young children
- Continue to assess the rate of referrals from agencies providing services to children and families affected by violence in the home
- Continue to address issues of cultural competence
- Implications of multiple traumatic events
- Address caregiver needs
- Continue to tailor service intensity and array to needs of clients
- Develop more coordination and collaboration among the BSSI funded programs



Program Evaluation Challenges and Issues

- Research vs. Program Evaluation
- Sufficient time to yield good data
- Evaluation Capacity Building
 - Training and Technical Assistance