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2017 Linking TANF Families to Employment and Economic Opportunities Meeting

Promising Approaches for Assisting Families with Substance/Opioid Abuse

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Kentucky's Targeted Assessment Program (TAP)

- Implemented through partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services
- Supported with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds to assist parents involved in Kentucky's public assistance and child welfare systems within federally mandated timeframes

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Purpose of TAP

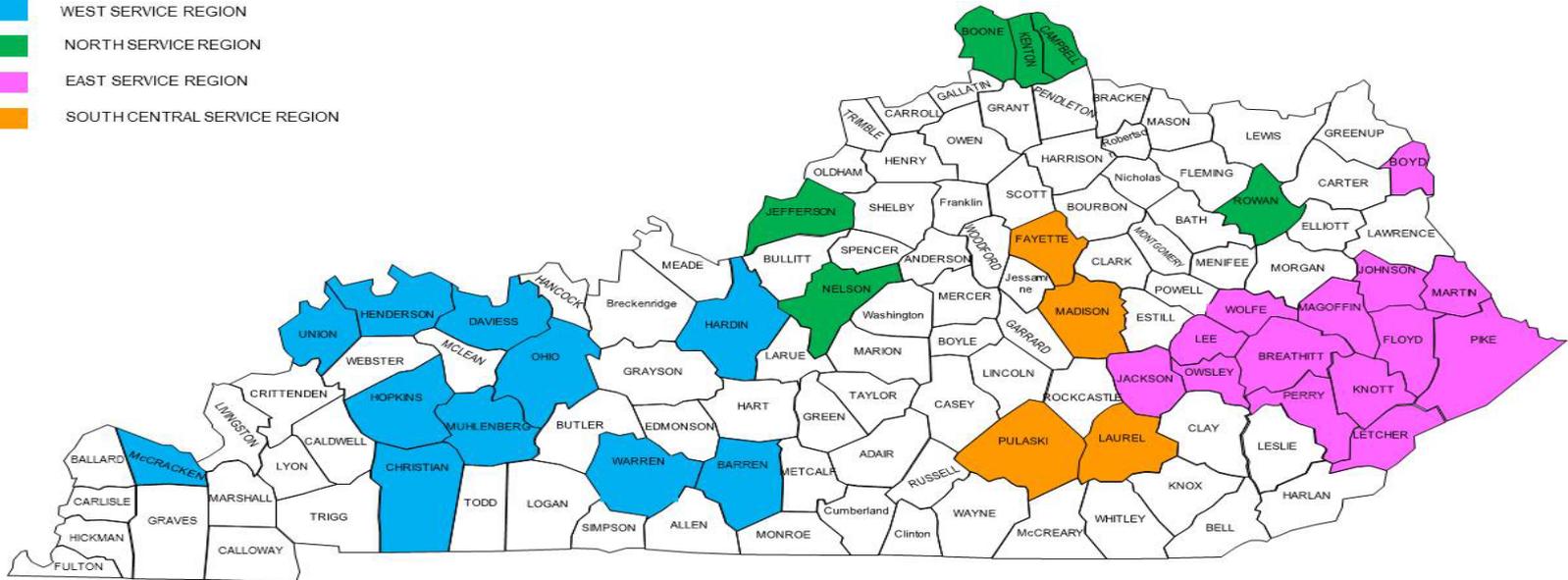
- To identify & address barriers to self-sufficiency, family stability, & safety:
 - Substance Use
 - Mental Health
 - Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
 - Learning Problems
 - Basic Needs



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Kentucky's Targeted Assessment Program by DCBS Division of Family Support Region

-  WEST SERVICE REGION
-  NORTH SERVICE REGION
-  EAST SERVICE REGION
-  SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE REGION



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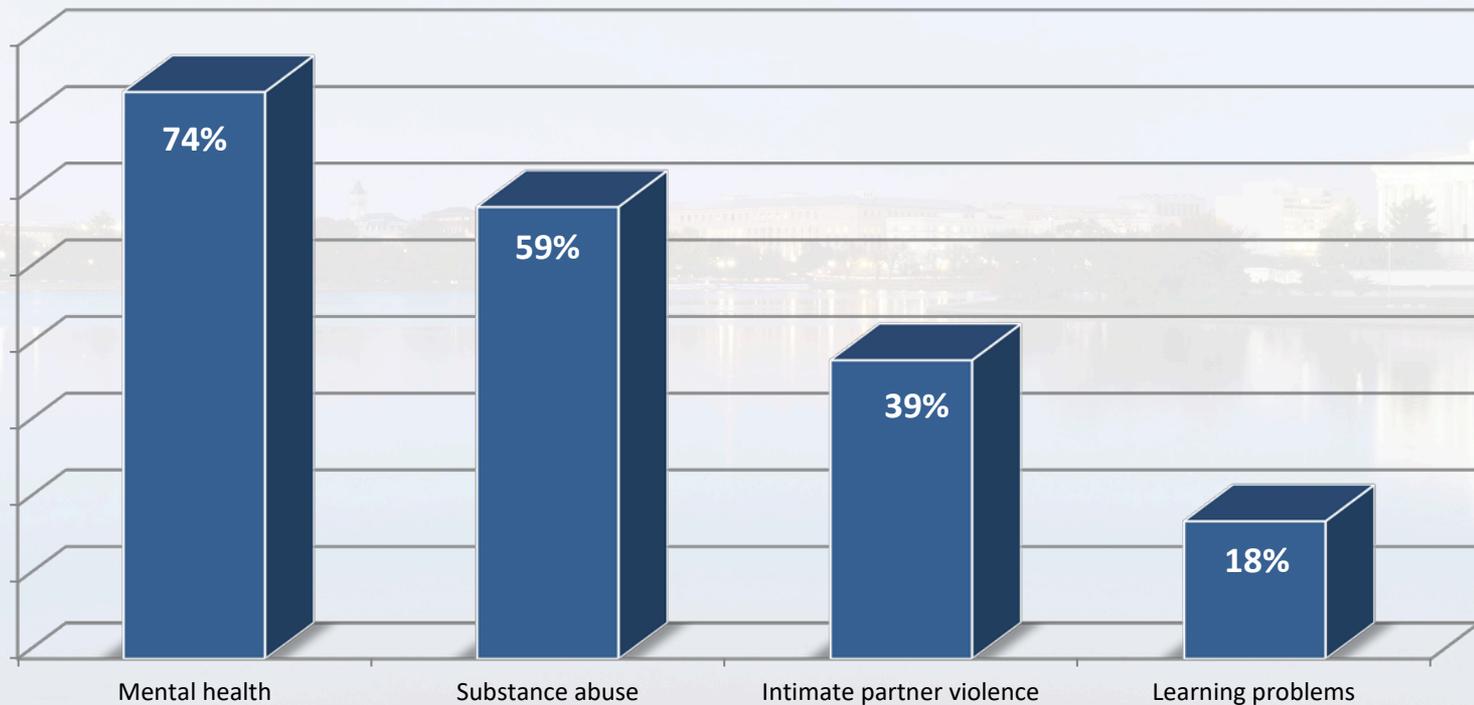
Evidence-Based & Other Key Practices

- Motivational interviewing
- Strengths-based pre-treatment case management
- Staff co-location at DCBS offices
- Local hiring process – community selection committees
- Comprehensive assessment across barriers
- On-going follow-up and regular case review
- Collaboration with public agencies and multiple community partners



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Percent of terminating TAP participants with mental health, substance abuse, intimate partner violence, learning problems barriers in FY 2017 (n=2,237)

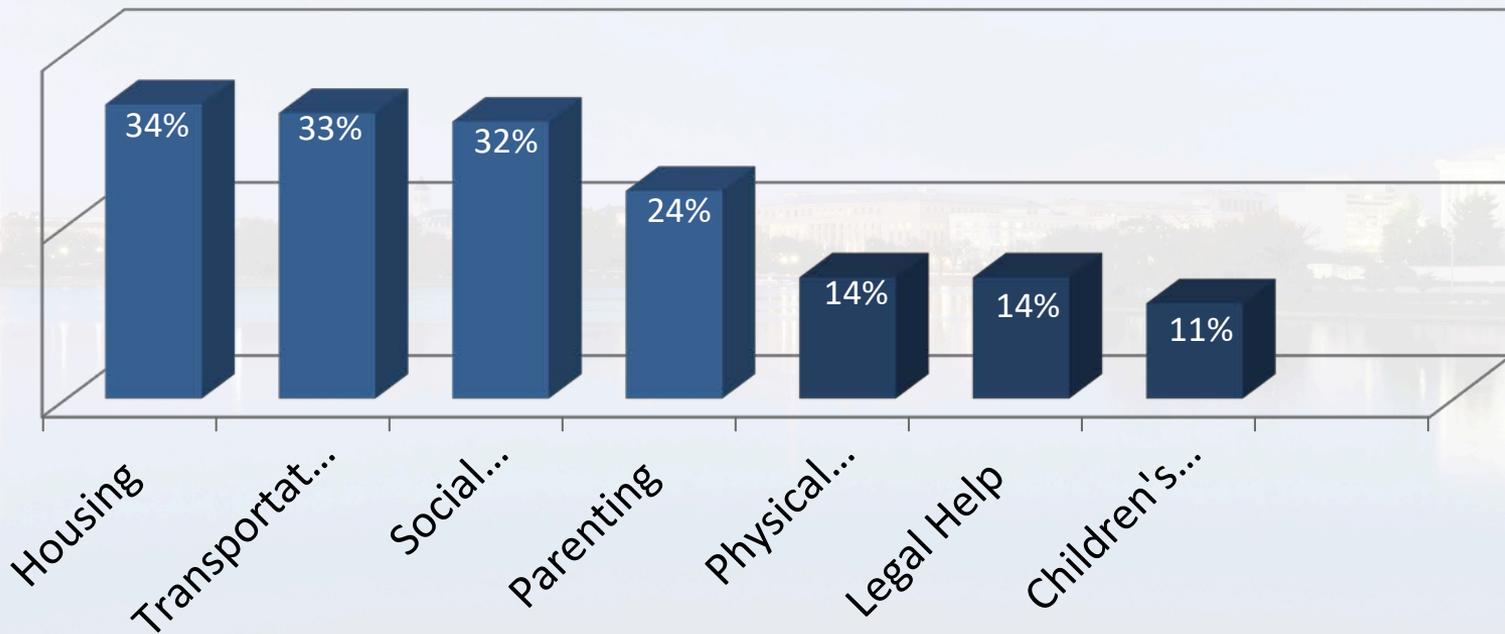


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Percent of terminating TAP assessed participants reporting unmet basic needs at baseline in FY 2017 (n=2,237)



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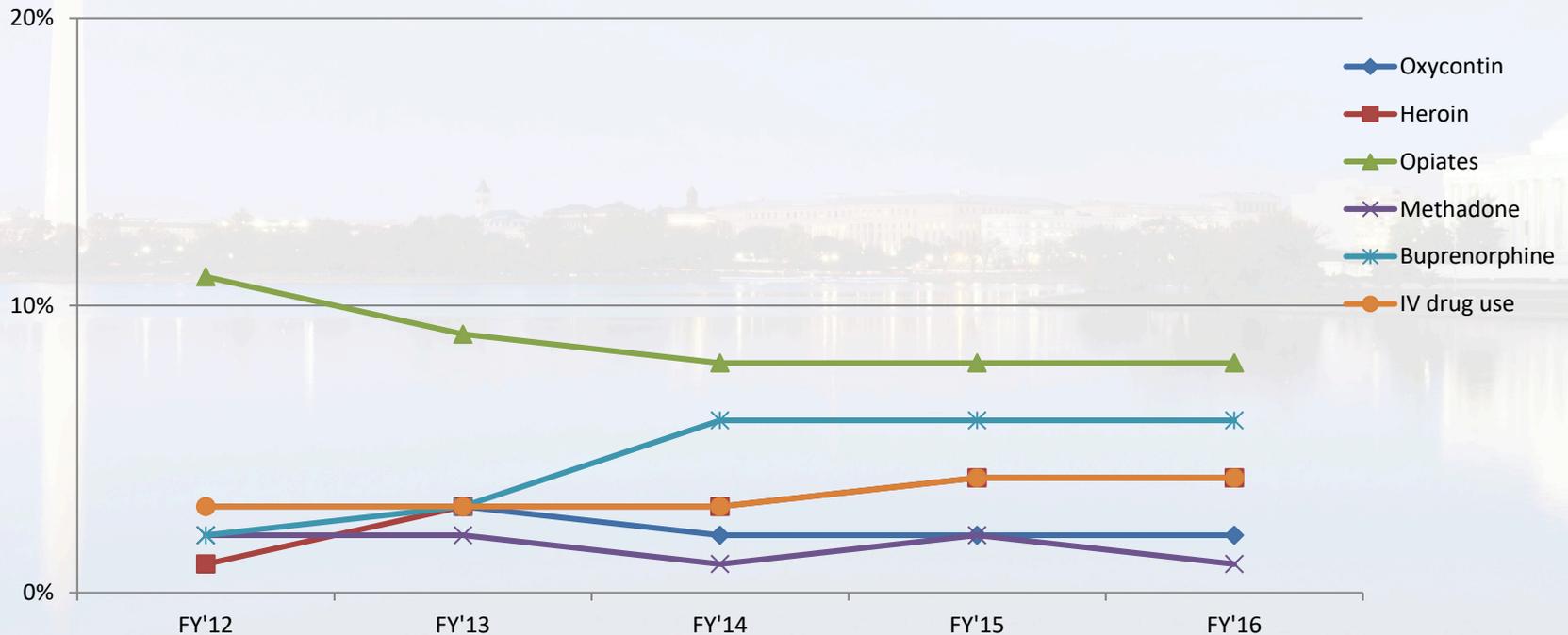
FY 2017 “countable” work activity by TAP participants

- Two-thirds (65%) of terminating assessed TAP participants enrolled in the Kentucky Works Program participated in a countable work activity within six months of TAP assessment.
- The average amount of time to enrollment in a countable work activity was 7 weeks.



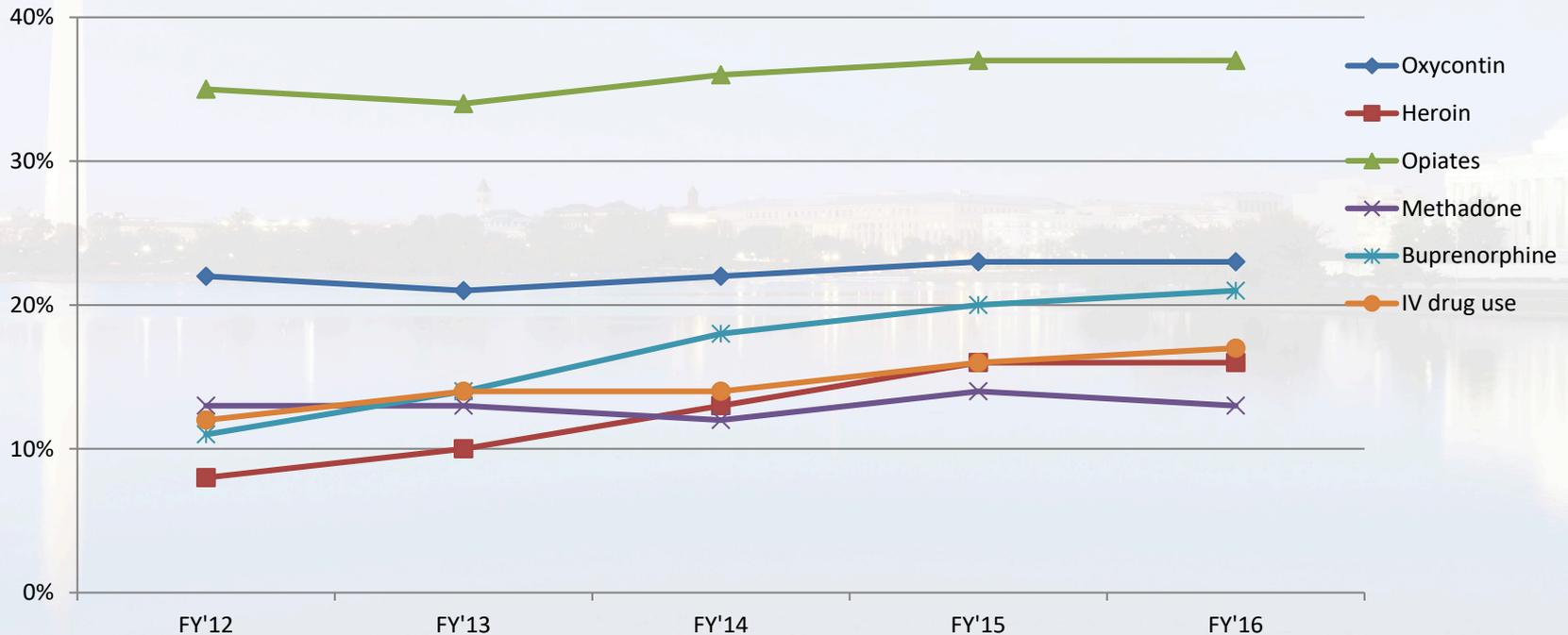
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Percent of TAP participants (n=12,191) self-reporting opiate use 3 months before baseline assessment (FY 2012 through FY 2016)



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Percent of TAP participants (n=12,191) self-reporting opioid use at baseline assessment in lifetime (FY 2012 through FY 2016)



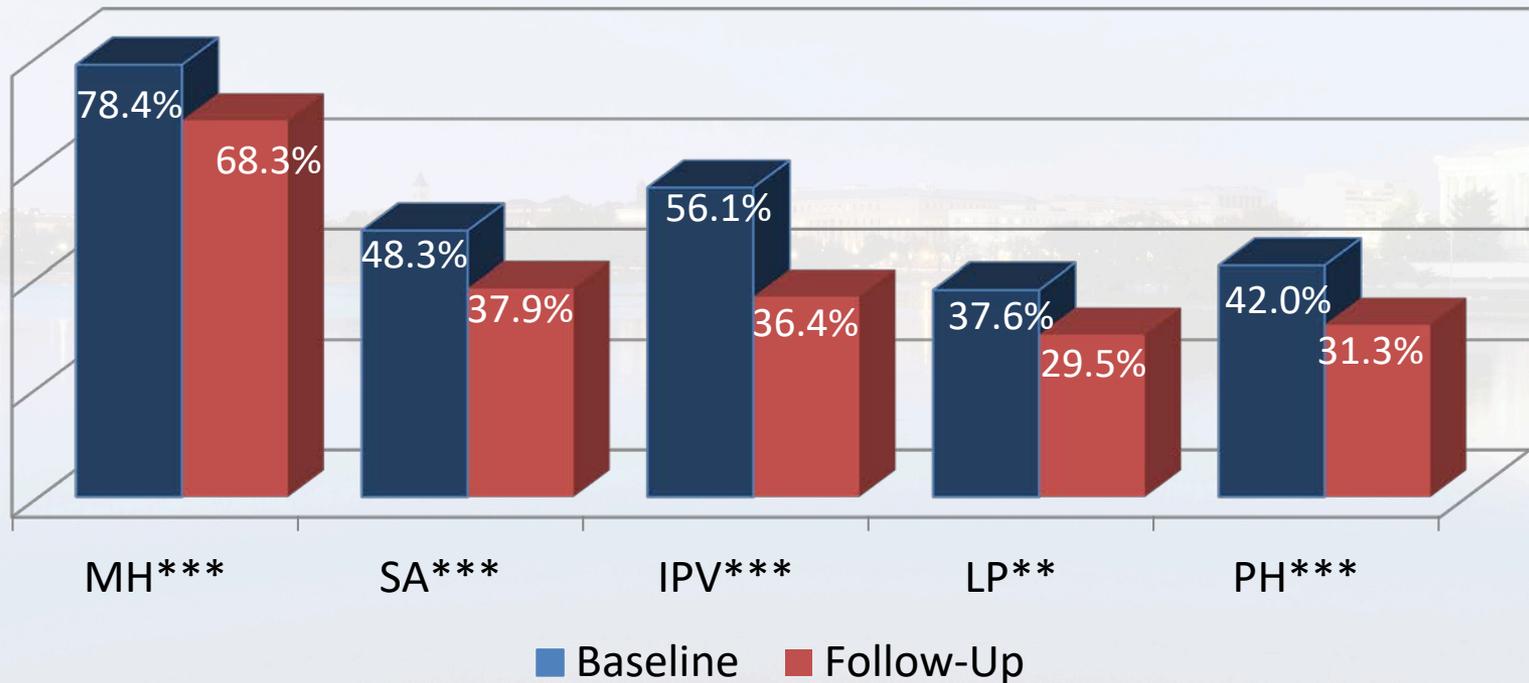
TAP Follow-up Study (Leukefeld et al, 2012)

- There were statistically significant decreases from baseline to 6-month follow-up (n=322) for:
 - MH symptoms
 - Substance use
 - Intimate partner violence
 - percentage of participants with an open child welfare case
 - percentage of participants experiencing work difficulty
 - reliance on TANF decreased while employment increased



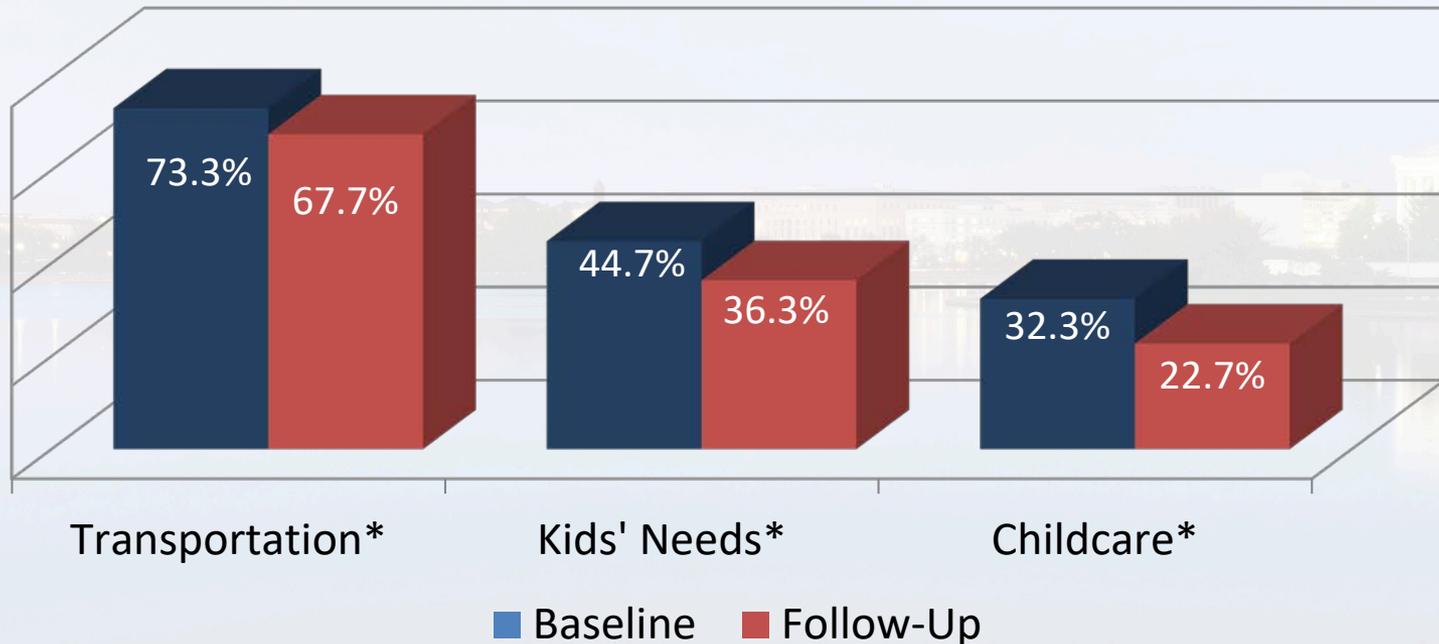
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At 6-month follow-up (n=322), the percent of participants with assessed barriers significantly decreased

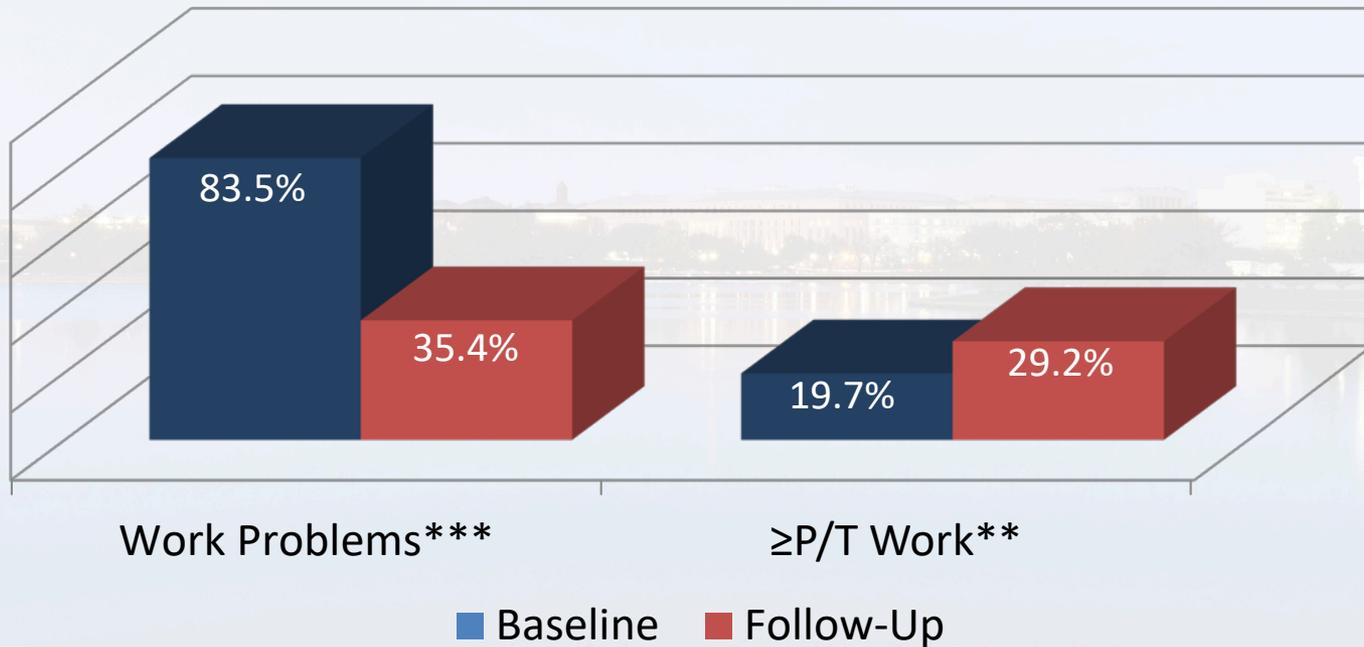


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Participants also reported significant decreases in unmet basic needs at 6-month follow-up (n=322)

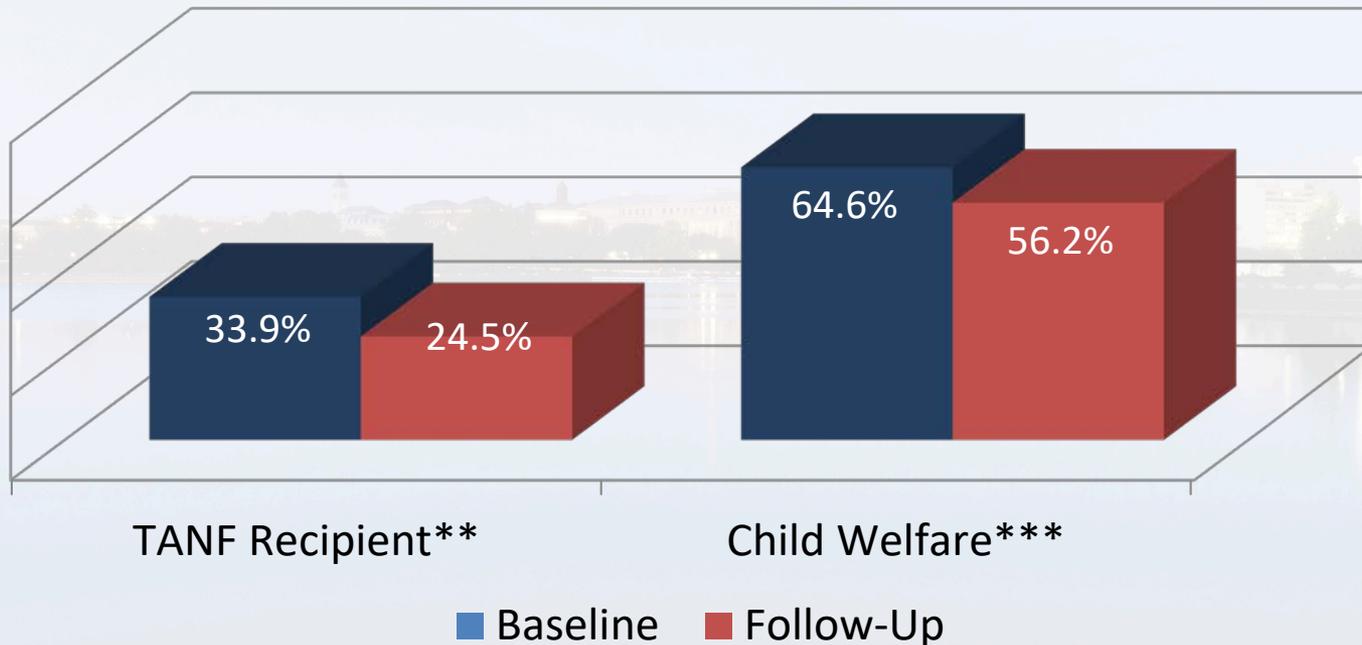


Participants reported significant changes in employment-related outcomes at 6-month follow-up (n=322)



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Participants reported significant decreases in welfare receipt and child welfare involvement at 6-month follow-up (n=322)



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Participant case

“Jenny”



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