





Snapshot of Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (HMRE) Grant Recipients Serving Youth: Characteristics and progress during the first two grant years

In 2020, the Office of Family Assistance (OFA) in the Administration for Children and Families awarded 24 Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (READY4Life) grants to promote healthy relationships and marriage for youth. The primary service that READY4Life grant recipients provide is group-based workshops.

This snapshot focuses on youth the grant recipients served and how they served them during the first two grant years (October 2020– September 2022). Data sources are described at the end of the snapshot.







24 READY4Life grant recipients served youth



15,034 youth enrolled in programs by READY4Life grant recipients during the first two grant years

Exhibit 1. Characteristics of youth who enrolled

			
<p>15.9 years average age</p>	<p>45% female</p>	<p>76% enrolled in school</p>	<p>Most common reasons to enroll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21% To meet a school requirement 18% To improve personal relationships, such as with my partner or co-parent 29% None of the listed options*
<p>Most common races and ethnicities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32% Hispanic or Latino 26% Black or African American (non-Hispanic) 18% White (non-Hispanic) 			

Source: Applicant characteristics surveys completed from April 7, 2021, through August 31, 2022. N = 15,034.
 * In addition to meeting a school requirement and improving personal relationships, the listed options in the applicant characteristics surveys were being a better parent, finding a job or better job, friends were coming, spouse or partner asked me to come, court order, parole or probation officer told me to enroll, and none of the above.

Recruitment methods

Exhibit 2. Most common ways READY4Life grant recipients recruited clients



Source: Program operations surveys completed from October 1, 2021, through September 27, 2022.

Note: Grant recipients could select more than one response option. The graphic shows the five most common recruitment methods used by grant recipients. Other recruitment methods that grant recipients could select were street outreach and other. The yearly average number of grant recipients responding to the items in this graphic was 24.

READY4Life services

Exhibit 3. Participation of youth in services offered by READY4Life grant recipients



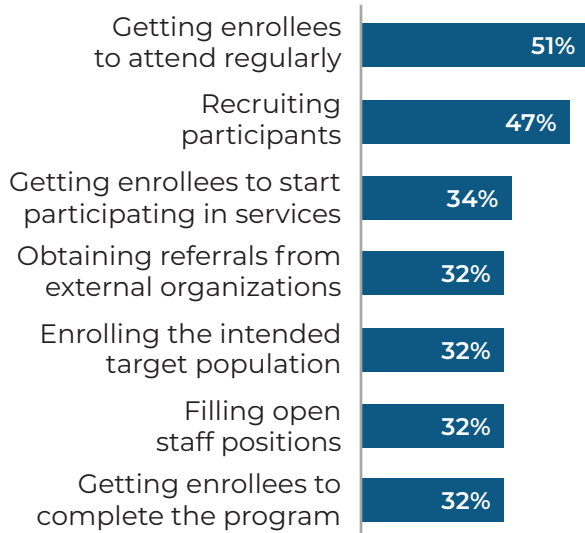
Source: nFORM 2.0 data reported from April 7, 2021, through September 29, 2022. N = 15,034.

Note: This graphic shows services received by clients who enrolled in the reporting period. Clients are counted as receiving services if they participated in any primary or optional workshop session, participated in a service contact lasting at least 15 minutes (regardless of the issues discussed), or received a referral, incentive, or program support. Days from first to last service contact is days between the client's first service contact (lasting at least 15 minutes) or workshop attendance and the client's last service contact (lasting at least 15 minutes) or workshop attendance. For clients with only one date for service contacts or workshop attendance, service duration = 1 day. For clients with missing data on service contacts and workshop attendance, service duration = 0 days. Service contacts lasting less than 15 minutes are excluded from the calculation of enrolled clients who received any service. Workshop hours include primary and optional workshops. Workshop hours and service contacts are reported as means across all enrolled clients.

nFORM = Information, Family Outcomes, Reporting, and Management.

Implementation of READY4Life programs

Exhibit 4. Most common implementation challenges for READY4Life grant recipients



Source: Program operations surveys completed from October 1, 2021, through September 27, 2022.
 Note: This graphic shows implementation challenges most commonly identified by grant recipients. Grant recipients were asked to select one or more challenges related to recruitment, enrollment, client participation, staffing, service delivery, weather, data, and program facilities. The yearly average number of grant recipients responding to the items in this graphic was 24.

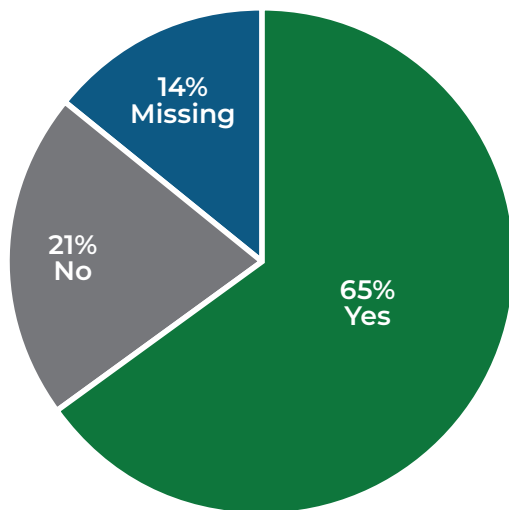
Exhibit 5. Percentage of grant recipients with staff that met one-on-one with supervisors at least biweekly



Source: Program operations surveys completed from October 1, 2021, through September 27, 2022.
 Note: This graphic shows percentages of grant recipients indicating their staff met with a supervisor at least biweekly, among grant recipients that had each position or role. Most grant recipients (87 percent or more) had facilitators, supervisors, and program managers. Sixty-four percent of grant recipients had case managers, and 44 percent had employment specialists. The yearly average number of grant recipients responding to the items in this graphic was 24.

Clients' perceptions of programs' helpfulness

Exhibit 6. Percentage of youth served by READY4Life grant recipients that rated the program as helpful overall



Source: Youth Healthy Marriage exit surveys completed from May 11, 2021, to September 29, 2022. N = 11,464.
 Note: The percentages in this graphic are of clients who rated the overall helpfulness of their program in the exit survey. Clients used a scale of 1 (not at all helpful) to 5 (extremely helpful). A rating of 4 or 5 means the client found the program helpful, and a rating of 1, 2, or 3 means the client did not find the program helpful. The exit survey was completed by 11,464 youth, or 76 percent of clients who enrolled..

Data

This snapshot includes information from a set of standardized performance measures that grant recipients collect and report through the Information, Family Outcomes, Reporting, and Management (nFORM) 2.0 management information system. The performance measures data in nFORM include client services, client characteristics and outcomes, and program operations entered by grant recipients. Grant recipients enter client services information on an ongoing basis and provide data on program operations by completing quarterly program operations surveys. Clients provide information on their characteristics at enrollment by completing applicant characteristics surveys. Clients provide information on outcomes at their first and last workshops by completing entrance and exit surveys, respectively. For shorter programs, clients complete exit surveys at least 14 days after the entrance survey.

For more information about the Building Usage, Improvement, and Learning with Data in Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Programs (BUILD HMRP) project, please visit the [project web page](#).

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