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Connecticut Office of Early Childhood

Early Prevention and Intervention Opportunities

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Our Vision

- All young children in Connecticut are safe, healthy, learning and thriving. Each child is surrounded by a strong network of nurturing adults who deeply value the importance of the first years of a child's life and have the skills, knowledge, support and passion to meet the unique needs of every child.

Our Mission

- To support all young children in their development by ensuring that early childhood policy, funding and services strengthen the critical role families, providers, educators and communities play in a child's life.



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Our Work

- Provides funding, standards, regulations, training and oversight to ensure that early care and education programs for young children are safe, healthy and nurturing; effectively support children's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development; and, are accessible to all children, particularly those facing barriers, risks or challenges to their healthy development and success.
- Provides home visiting services, funding and training to support families raising young children to ensure the children's health, well-being and positive growth and development and to prevent child abuse or neglect.



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Funds Four Evidence Based Home Visiting Programs Models

- Child First
- Early Head Start Home Based Option
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Nurturing Families Network Parents As Teachers



Nurturing Families Network Program Home Visiting Preservice Requirement

**Preparing Staff to Identify and Respond to
Family Violence (Domestic Violence and Child
Abuse and Neglect)**



Nurturing Families Network Program Home Visiting Training Provided by OEC

- Importance of Engaging Fathers - Real Dads Forever, Doug Edwards
- Fathers Exploring the Role as Leaders - 24-7 Dad
- Fathers as Nurturers - Nurturing Fathers, Mark Perlman
- The Intersection Between Fatherhood and Domestic Violence-David Mandell & Associates, LLC-
- Touchpoints

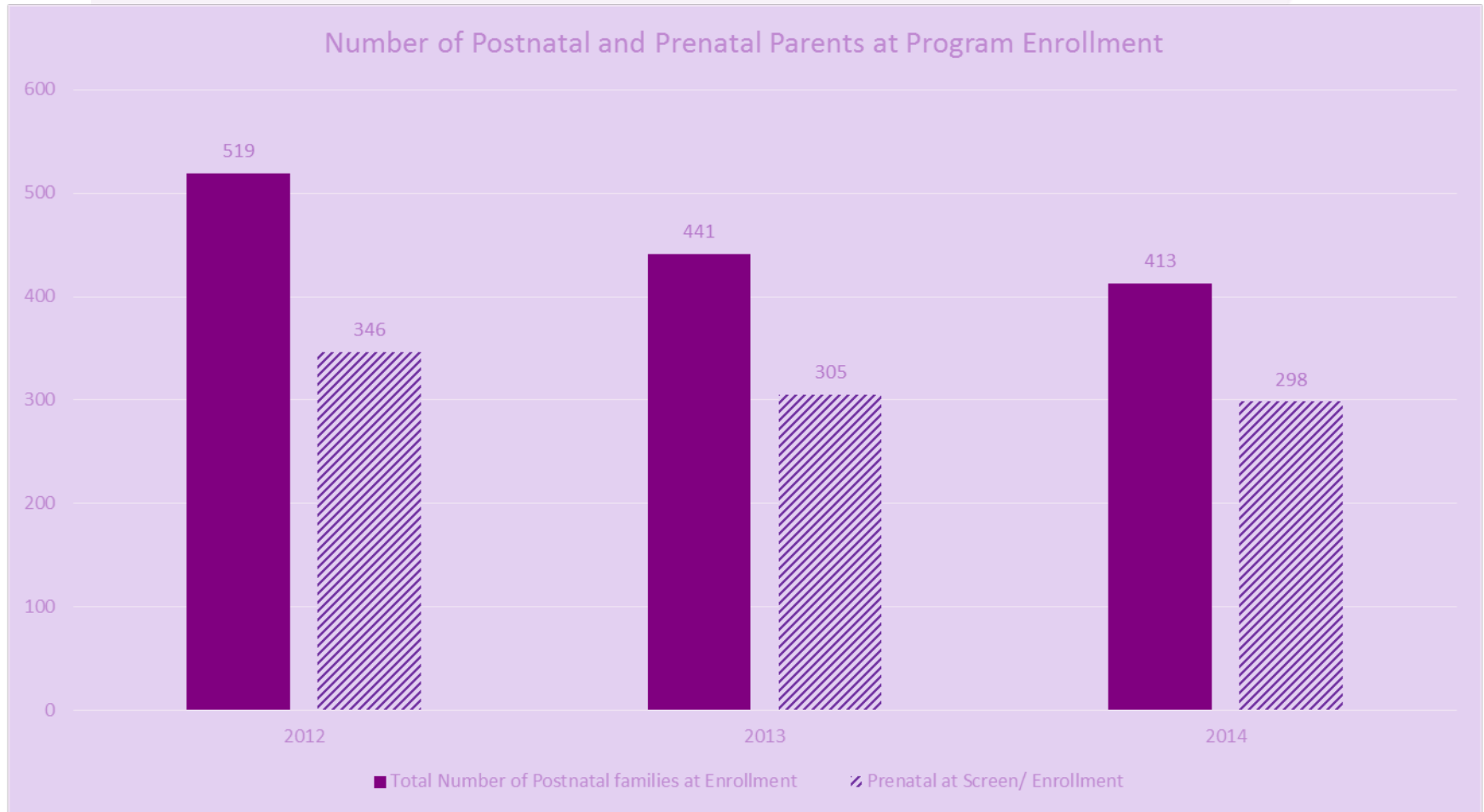


Tools Used to Assess Risk

- Revised Early Identification Screen
 - Families screened starting during pregnancy or until child is three months old
- Family Stress Checklist Assessment
 - Completed with family after agreeing to participate in home visiting



Total Number Parents Enrolled 2012-2014

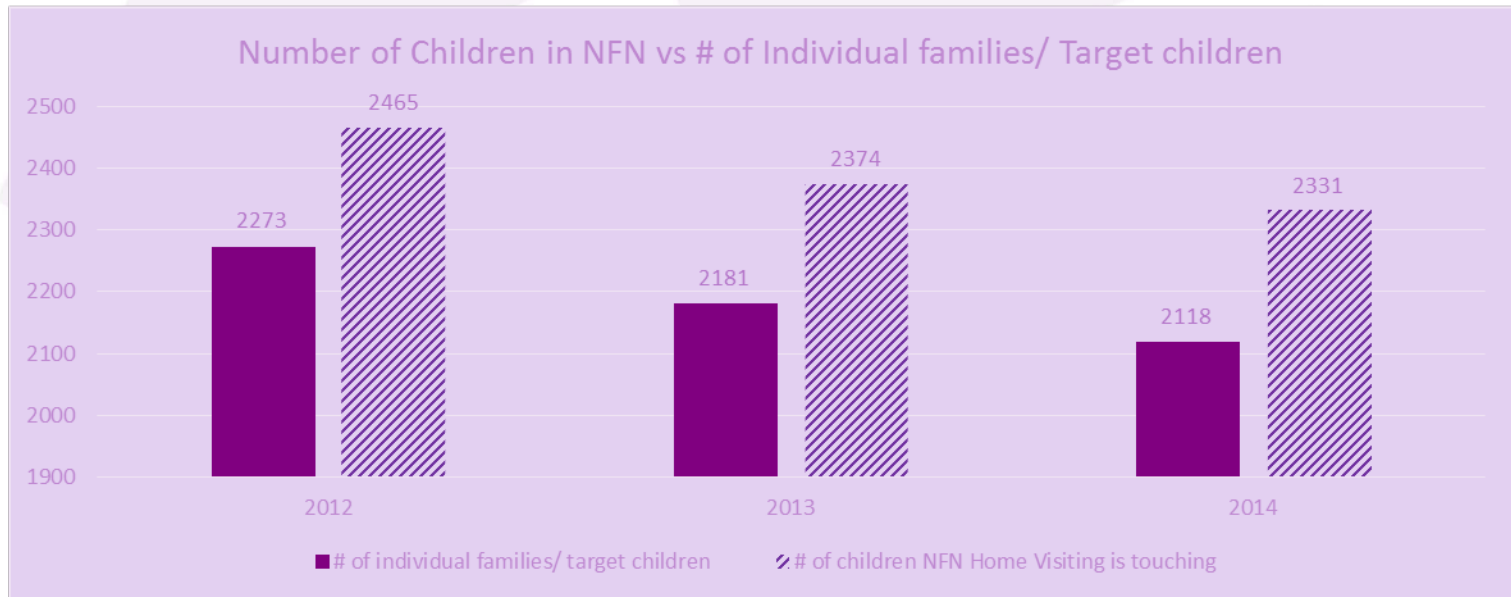


Four Targeted Areas of Intervention

- Nurturing Parenting
- Healthy Families
- Parent Life Outcomes
- School Readiness



Families and Children Served 2012-2014



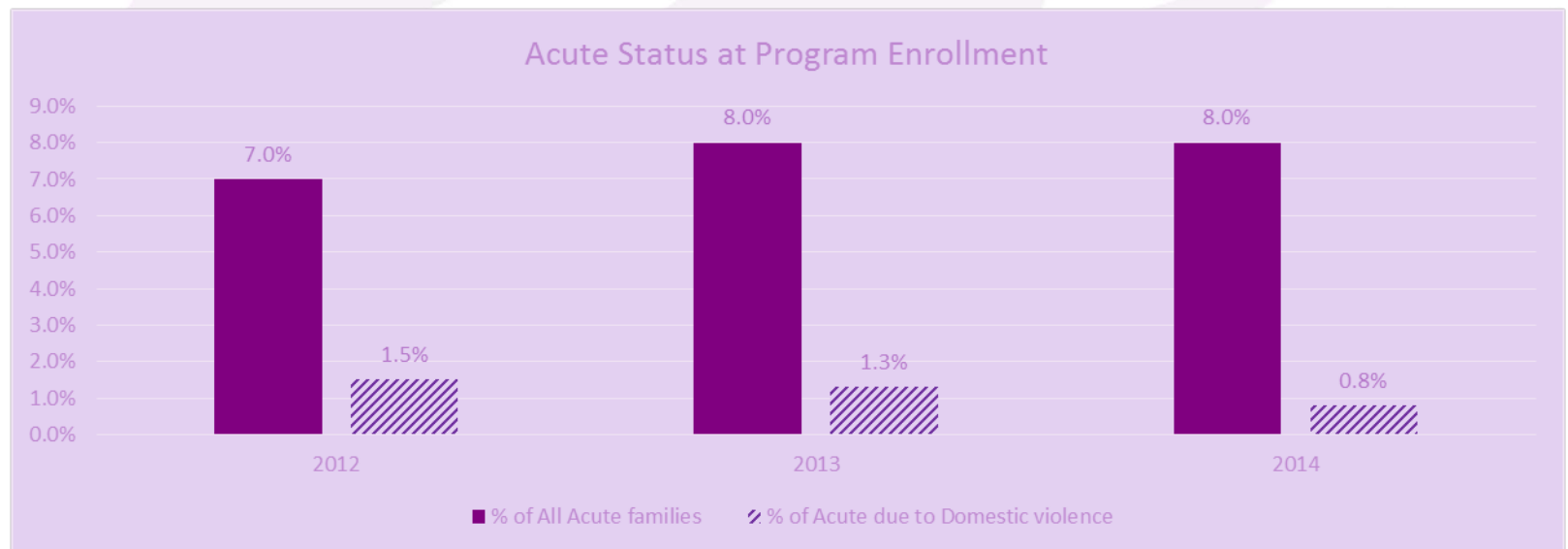
NFN Families with Acute Problems Policy

Parents experiencing current or recent problems causing an acute crisis related to mental health, exposure to violence including domestic violence or substance abuse

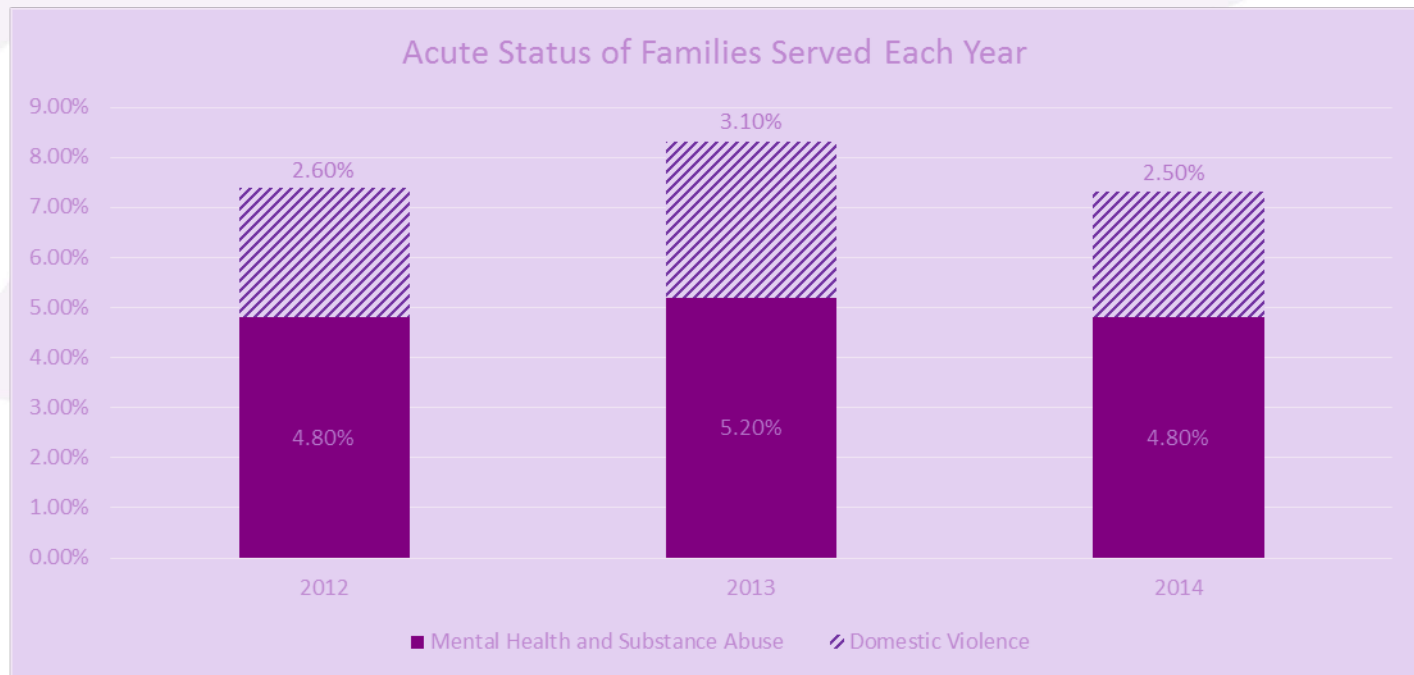
- Site Options
- Following the crisis



Parents Acute at Program Enrollment 2012-2014



Families Identified as Acute During 2012-2014



Current Study Underway

Child Outcome Study

