

FIRST 5 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



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Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Program Description

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is a comprehensive, evidence-based parenting and family support system designed to strengthen families by promoting positive relationships, teach parents and caregivers simple strategies for preventing and handling parenting challenges, and increase access to parenting information and support. Triple P uses a population health approach to make evidence-based parenting information and support universally available and tailored to meet the unique needs of every family, regardless of socioeconomic status or the types of challenges the family is experiencing. This enables communities that offer Triple P to reach a broader segment of the population and helps reduce the stigma and fear of being labeled as "high risk" or a "bad parent" that often prevents families from seeking help before a crisis occurs.

The Triple P system can reach an entire community, as well as individual families who need more intensive services, through the following five levels of interventions:

- Level 1: Universal Triple P disseminates information about positive parenting to the entire community through a media-based social marketing campaign and pocket guides.
- Level 2: Selected Triple P provides brief information through one-time consultations (Level 2 Individual) or a series of Seminars on general parenting topics (Level 2 Seminars).
- Level 3: Primary Care Triple P offers brief, targeted parent education and skills training through Workshops on specific topics (Level 3 Workshops) or 3-4 brief consultations on an individual basis (Level 3 Individual) or in a group with other families (Level 3 Brief Group).
- Level 4: Standard & Group Triple P provides in-depth parent education and skills training through 10 sessions with a practitioner on an individual basis (Level 4 Standard), or 8-9 sessions in a group with other families (Level 4 Group), or in an online, self-paced course (Triple P Online). A new variant (Level 4 Fear-Less) offers in-depth support (individually or in groups) to parents and caregivers of children aged 6 to 14 years who are experiencing anxiety.
- Level 5: Enhanced, Pathways, Family Transitions, and Lifestyle Triple P offer additional support and strategies to help parents deal with stress and improve communication with their partners or co-parents (Level 5 Enhanced), handle anger or other difficult emotions (Level 5 Pathways), co-parent after a divorce or separation (Level 5 Family Transitions), and make changes to lead healthy, active lives as a family when children are overweight or obese (Level 5 Lifestyle).

Beginning in late 2009, three local funders (First 5 Santa Cruz County, County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency, and County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department) established the Triple P system in partnership with other agencies that serve children and families. The program has been implemented and scaled up in stages, with the goal of making parenting information and support

widely available to families throughout Santa Cruz County. First 5 leads the county-wide implementation, building partnerships and leveraging resources to ensure the Triple P program is available in Santa Cruz County for:

- Families with children from birth 12 years old (Core Triple P)
- Families with teens 13 16 years old (Teen Triple P)
- Families with children who have special needs (Stepping Stones Triple P)

Throughout this section of the report, "parents" is used to mean anyone who is involved in raising a child, including biological, foster, and adoptive parents; grandparents or other relatives; family friends; or other caring adults.

Triple P Providers

First 5 coordinates the funding, training, service provision, outreach, social marketing, and evaluation of Triple P, then partners with non-profit and public agencies that provide services at their facilities or other locations throughout the county, including Family Resource Centers, schools, churches, health clinics, libraries, parks, and families' homes.

The majority of Triple P services are provided by these partners, through contracts with First 5 and other funders:

- Community Bridges Family Resource Collective (CB-FRC): The primary provider of all levels and variants of Triple P services since 2009, ensuring that Triple P services are free, accessible, and meet the needs of all families throughout the county, regardless of child ages, primary language, geographic location, income, health insurance, immigration status, or type of parenting support needed. CB-FRC is uniquely positioned to fulfill this role through its four Family Resource Centers (FRCs), located in Watsonville, Live Oak, Santa Cruz, and Felton. FRCs serve all families but prioritize those who are most likely to encounter service access barriers due to cultural and linguistic differences, social isolation, mental health issues, discrimination, low incomes, or immigration status. Bilingual/bicultural practitioners provide Triple P services virtually and at FRCs and other community locations (schools, child care centers, health clinics, libraries, parks). In FY 2024-25, CB-FRC provided Triple P services to 927 parents.
- Encompass Community Services Families Together (FT): Described in the partner profile in the next section of this report. FT is an innovative counseling program providing home-based services to families living throughout Santa Cruz County. Families referred by Santa Cruz County Family & Children's Services or CalWORKs are assigned a therapist who helps design customized services, including sessions in English or Spanish, in the home or other preferred location. A Family Support Specialist assists with enrolling interested families in FT and provides case management and parenting support prior to and concurrently with the counseling services. Families learn about parenting, child development, parent-child attachment, and general wellness, and they are connected with other community resources such as substance use counseling, interpersonal violence services, and early education support. Families Together staff provide brief or in-depth parenting support to families using the Triple P curriculum.

- Stanford Children's Health Neurodevelopmental Foster Care Clinic (NDFCC): Described in the partner profile in the previous section of this report. NDFCC provides brief, targeted parenting support to biological and foster parents using Triple P tip sheets, in individual or brief group settings.
- Parents Center: Provides Triple P services as a contractor for the Human Services Department's Family and Children's Services Division for parents who are required to participate in parent education classes by the Juvenile Dependency Court. The Parents Center offers bilingual Triple P parenting support through 8-week groups.
- Independent practitioners (contractors): First 5 contracts with a small cohort of individuals who provide Triple P services as private practitioners. The independent practitioners have deep expertise in Triple P, as well as other specialty areas such as counseling, disabilities or special needs, and working with families that have low incomes, are undocumented, or speak a language other than English.

Partnerships

First 5 continuously expands the availability and accessibility of Triple P services through partnerships with other agencies, systems, and funders. In 2024-25, First 5 coordinated the provision of Triple P services for these partners:

- Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) Family Engagement and Wellness Center: First 5 continued its agreement with PVUSD to provide Triple P classes throughout the school year at the district's Family Engagement and Wellness Center. Topics were selected based on input gathered from families by the district's Parent Engagement Team, and the district promoted the classes to families using flyers provided by First 5. Community Bridges conducted two concurrent series of classes: one in-person series conducted in Spanish, and one virtual series conducted in English. PVUSD provided child care to reduce potential barriers to participation. Families and PVUSD staff had positive feedback about the Triple P workshops, and the partnership will be continued in FY 2025-26.
- Cradle to Career Santa Cruz County (C2CSCC): First 5 partnered with the C2CSCC initiative to offer virtual and in-person Triple P workshops in Spanish (with simultaneous interpretation into English) for families throughout Santa Cruz County. Topics were selected by C2CSCC Parent Leaders (Guiding Your Child Through Bullying with Confidence, Enjoying Mealtimes, Morning and Bedtime Routines, and Stress-Busters for Parents and Caregivers) and taught by a Triple P practitioner from Community Bridges. C2CSCC staff helped promote the Triple P workshops to families in the school districts that have a formal partnership agreement with C2C (Live Oak, Santa Cruz City Elementary, Soquel Union Elementary, and San Lorenzo Valley Unified). Families in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) were also invited to participate in the workshops, as C2CSCC frequently collaborates with PVUSD staff and promotores working in South County. The classes were held virtually to make them accessible to families, no matter which area of the county they lived in. This was the ninth year that Triple P workshops were incorporated into the Cradle to Career initiative.

- CalWORKs: In FY 2020-21, First 5 partnered with the Human Services Department (HSD) to launch a small pilot of Triple P Online (TPOL) for CalWORKs participants. HSD contracted with First 5 to purchase TPOL program access codes, establish a referral and data collection process, and provide up to four coaching sessions to program participants. TPOL is equivalent to a Level 4 Triple P intervention.
 - The CalWORKs TPOL pilot expanded in FY 2022-23 to include referrals for all Triple P services, including and beyond TPOL. This partnership continued in FY 2024-25.
- Ventures Semillitas (college savings accounts): Ventures is using funding from the Collective of Results and Evidence-based (CORE) Investments to deposit funds in children's college savings accounts when their parents participate in a Triple P class or one-on-one session. Children enrolled in Semillitas can earn a one-time \$50 deposit to their Semillitas savings account when their parents complete this "milestone." First 5 Santa Cruz County, Triple P practitioners, and the Semillitas program are actively collaborating to raise awareness about this milestone by sharing details about it during Triple P classes and one-on-one sessions, including it in Triple P newsletters and social media platforms, and by setting up outreach tables at community events. Triple P partnered with Semillitas to co-host workshops, engage Semillitas families in Triple P workshops, and support them in accessing the one-time \$50 deposit incentive. All collaborative outreach efforts are aimed at increasing families' awareness of the availability and benefits of Semillitas savings accounts and making it as easy as possible for them to participate in Triple P services and earn the milestone deposit.

Additional investments in the county-wide Triple P System

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)

At the end of FY 2022-23, First 5 was awarded a 2-year grant from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to:

- Increase capacity to provide Triple P services for populations that are most likely to experience access barriers and health disparities (Latine families, non-English speakers, migrant workers, immigrants, parents and caregivers of children with physical, intellectual, or developmental delays or disabilities, LGBTQIA+ families).
- Improve equitable access to Triple P services that are culturally and linguistically responsive to the needs of the populations of focus.
- Strengthen positive parenting practices among parents and caregivers in the populations of focus.
- Improve child emotional and behavioral challenges, particularly among the selected populations of focus.

During FY 2024-25, First 5:

- Coordinated with Triple P America to schedule grant-funded Triple P trainings, and recruited practitioners for the Level 3 Primary Care Stepping Stones training conducted in June, the Level 5 Enhanced and Level 5 Pathways training conducted in September, and the Level 5 Family Transitions training conducted in November.
- Completed several implementation readiness and equity assessments required by CYBHI.

Kaiser Permanente

In FY 2024-25, grant funding from Kaiser Permanente enabled First 5 to:

- Launch Level 4 Fear-Less Triple P, the newest intensive program available in English and Spanish for parents and caregivers of children ages 6 to 14 experiencing anxiety;
- Train 10 practitioners to provide Fear-Less Triple P in order to broaden access to this newest program throughout the community;
- Increase the availability of brief, targeted parenting support (Level 3 Primary Care Triple P) as a prevention and early intervention service offered through HealthySteps programs at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Family Resource Centers, and other partner agencies;
- Enhance First 5's county-wide bilingual Level 1 Universal Triple P social marketing campaign by incorporating a stronger focus on promoting child and youth mental health through positive parenting strategies.
 - First 5 contracted with two community-based organizations—The Diversity Center and NAMI Santa Cruz County—to conduct listening sessions in English and Spanish. These sessions gathered input from families, parents, and caregivers to inform and refine the Triple P social marketing outreach messages, materials, and engagement strategies. This input will inform the development of a **new caregiver pocket guide** featuring strategies to support children and youth mental health using the principles of positive parenting.

Central California Alliance for Health

Grant funding from the Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) has enabled First 5 to significantly enhance access to Triple P services for Medi-Cal members with children aged 0-5, with a particular focus on supporting Spanish-speaking and Latine parents and caregivers.

In FY 2024-25, First 5:

- Trained 12 Community Health Workers (CHWs), promotores/parent leaders, and other providers in Level 3 Primary Care Triple P;
- Supported practitioners to deliver Level 3 Triple P brief services (including workshops and one-on-one sessions), with a targeted focus on Spanish-speaking and Latine families.

While Triple P services are already available in Santa Cruz County, this initiative marks a new effort for First 5 to enhance service delivery through CHWs, *promotores*/parent leaders (including Triple P graduates), and other trusted community members from various partners such as Cradle to Career, Salud Para La Gente, Santa Cruz Community Health clinics, Community Bridges-Family Resource Collective, and Alcanza (a *promotora* cooperative). This approach aims to diversify and sustain the workforce and funding for Triple P, ensuring future growth and success. Additionally, the project creates opportunities for economic self-sufficiency by supporting CHWs and *promotores*/parent leaders in becoming accredited Triple P practitioners—a globally recognized and valued credential that enhances career prospects and is highly sought after by First 5 and other organizations.

Human Services Department – Family & Children's Services

One-time grant funding from Santa Cruz County's Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP) enabled First 5 to offer a Level 4 Standard Core Triple P training to expand the use of evidence-based practices (EBPs) among service providers. This investment aimed to build local capacity to deliver interventions that prevent families' involvement with the child welfare system, particularly in the areas of mental health, parent education and support, and fatherhood initiatives. The Level 4 Triple P training contributed to the CPP's broader objective of creating a coordinated, community-driven approach to prevention that holistically supports children and families.

In FY 2024-25, First 5:

- Trained 13 practitioners from eight partner agencies in Santa Cruz County, expanding the diverse network of practitioners providing in-depth Triple P services to families with children 0-12 years of age.
- **Supported practitioners to deliver** Level 4 Triple P in-depth services (one-on-one sessions), with a targeted focus on under-resourced communities facing inequalities.

Population Served

The total number of clients who participated in Triple P is comprised of three groups:

- Unique Clients: Those who participated in individual or group sessions AND who consented to have their assessment data anonymously included in this evaluation (who consequently provided enough information to create a Unique ID)
- 2) "Unidentified" Clients: Those who participated in brief services where only minimal client data were collected (usually not enough to create a Unique ID).
- 3) "Non-Consenting" Clients: Those who participated in individual or group sessions but did NOT consent to have their client data included in this evaluation of Triple P. They are only included in the analysis of numbers served.

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	This Funding Cycle				Cumulative Totals					
	2024-2025			2010-2025			2010-2025			
Unique Clients –client data analyzed *										
Parents					1,066					8,425
	AGES 0-5	AGES 6-12	AGES 13-16	AGES 17+		AGES 0-5	AGES 6-12	AGES 13-16	AGES 17+	
Children	88	91	33	12	224	2,658	2,237	766	340	6,001
"Unidentified" Clients – Includes duplicates; some client data analyzed **										
Parents (2010-2022 only)					-					9,991
Children (all ages)					2,046					29,874
"Non-Consenting" Clients – Client numbers only; no client data analyzed***										
Parents					8					487
Children (all ages)					10					727
TOTAL (INCLUDES DUPLICATES)										
Parents					1,074					18,903
Children (all ages)					2,280					36,602

Source: First 5 CCD database for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2025.

Note: The vast majority of participants are Santa Cruz County residents, with only minimal numbers from other counties.

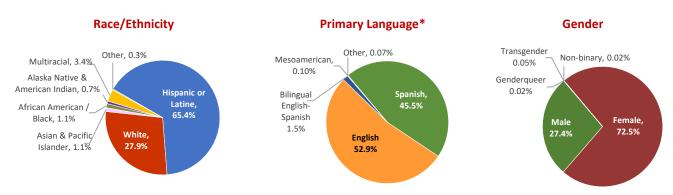
^{*} Unique Clients: Includes parents and children for whom enough personal information is collected to be able to create a Unique ID. Beginning in FY 2022-23, this includes parents participating in Level 2 Seminars and Level 3 Workshops, so now all parents in every level of Triple P are reported here. As usual, this also includes children of parents who participate in the more in-depth levels of Triple P: Levels 3 (Individual/Brief Group), 4, and 5. Parents may have participated in more than one Triple P service, but are only reported once in this calculation of the number of unique clients served. Children with unknown birth dates are not included.

^{**&}quot;Unidentified" Clients: Includes children in levels of Triple P where not enough information is collected to create a Unique ID (i.e., children of parents who participated in Level 2 Individual sessions, Level 2 Seminars and Level 3 Workshops). Prior to FY 2022-23, this also included parents in Level 2 Seminars and Level 3 Workshops, due to lack of data collection. Beginning in FY 2022-23, Unique IDs can be created for all parents, so all parents are now reported in the "Unique Clients" category. Consequently, the only "Unidentified" parents remaining in this category are from 2010-2022.

^{*** &}quot;Non-consenting" clients are those who did not consent to have their personal and evaluation information included in First 5's evaluation of Triple P. They are only included in this calculation of the total number of clients served.

Triple P Participant Details

Figure 31: Demographics of Triple P Parents/Guardians (2010-2025)



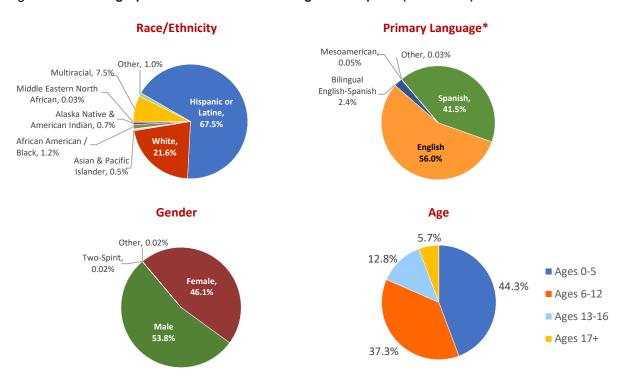
Source: First 5 CCD database for 2010-2025.

Notes: Parents participating in any level of Triple P where demographic information is collected are included in these analyses. More demographic information is collected for parents participating in the more in-depth levels of Triple P (Levels 3 Individual/Brief Group, 4, and 5), such as Race/Ethnicity, Language, and Gender. However, brief levels of Triple P (Level 2-Individual, L2 Seminars, and L3 Workshops) do collect the parent's language and gender, so these adults are also included in the analyses of these demographics. Clients with missing or unknown data for a demographic are excluded from that demographic's analysis.

* Parents in in-depth levels of Triple P are asked to indicate their preferred language. Brief levels of Triple P do not ask the parent to indicate their Primary Language; in these cases the Primary language is determined by the language of the evaluation forms. "Mesoamerican" languages include Mixtec, Oaxacan, and Zapoteco. "Other" languages include Multilingual and other languages.

N: (Ethnicity)=3,742, (Language)=8,410, (Gender)=8,085.

Figure 32: Demographics of Children benefiting from Triple P (2010-2025)



Source: First 5 CCD database for 2010-2025.

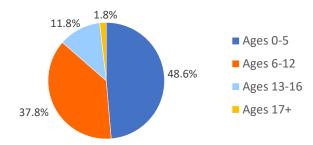
Notes: These demographic analyses include children of parents participating in the more intensive levels of Triple P (Levels 3 Individual/Brief Group, 4, and 5). Clients with missing or unknown data for a demographic are excluded from that demographic's analysis.

N: (Ethnicity)=5,755, (Language)=5,994, (Gender)=5,985, (Age)=6,001.

^{*} Children's Primary language is determined by the parent's language. "Mesoamerican" languages include Mixtec, Oaxacan, and Zapoteco. "Other" languages include Multilingual.

Parents in the more intensive services of Triple P completed assessments at the beginning and end of their services, as a way to measure improvement in parenting issues and child behavior. When parents filled out their assessments, they were asked to choose one child in their family (referred to as the "Index Child" in this report), whose behaviors they were most concerned about or had the most difficulty handling, and to complete the assessments keeping just that one child in mind.

Figure 33: Ages of Children chosen as the "Index" Child (2010-2025)

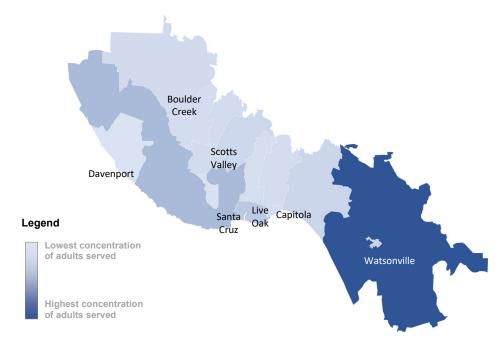


Source: First 5, Triple P Master Client Data Collection Template, 2010-2025.

Note: Includes children of parents in the more intensive levels of Triple P (Levels 3 (Individual or Brief Group), 4, and 5). Duplicates have been removed. N=2,769.

Analyses of clients' ZIP codes show that adults from all over the County are participating in Triple P, with the majority living in South County (Watsonville and Freedom, 57%).

Figure 34: Distribution of County Adults who received Triple P services, by ZIP Code (2010-2025)



Source: First 5 CCD database for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2025.

Note: Includes adults from any program where ZIP codes were collected (L2-Indiv, L2-Seminar, L3-Workshop, L3-Brief Group, L3-Individual, L4-Group, L4-Standard, L5-Family Transitions, L5-Lifestyle, Triple P Online). Only adults with known ZIP codes are included in this analysis. Adults who received multiple Triple P services are only included once in this analysis.

* Adults with Post Office mailing addresses in these areas were included in the area totals. N=4.137.

Figure 35: Number of County Adults who received Triple P services, by ZIP Code (2010-2025)

	ZIP	Adults Served			
AREA	CODE	Number	PERCENTAGE		
Aptos, Rio Del Mar*	95003	175	4.2%		
Ben Lomond	95005	81	2.0%		
Boulder Creek	95006	108	2.6%		
Brookdale	95007	12	0.3%		
Capitola	95010	80	1.9%		
Davenport	95017	1	0.02%		
Felton	95018	99	2.4%		
Freedom	95019	198	4.8%		

	ZIP	ADULTS SERVED			
AREA	CODE	Number	PERCENTAGE		
Mt. Hermon	95041	2	0.1%		
Santa Cruz*	95060	557	13.5%		
Santa Cruz (Live Oak)*	95062	375	9.1%		
Santa Cruz	95064	22	0.5%		
Santa Cruz	95065	56	1.4%		
Scotts Valley*	95066	146	3.5%		
Soquel	95073	82	2.0%		
Watsonville*	95076	2,143	51.8%		
Total	-	4,137	100%		

Source: First 5 CCD database for July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2025.

Note: Includes adults who participated in any level of Triple P. Only adults with known ZIP codes are included in this analysis. Adults who received multiple Triple P services are only included once in this analysis.

Triple P Highlights

Triple P's population-based approach to parenting support provides the minimally sufficient level of care for parents to enable them to independently manage their family issues. This section provides an overview of how families in Santa Cruz County have been helped to receive the levels of support that they needed through their participation in Triple P, and highlights some of the key achievements in each of these levels.

In the following analyses, several years of data have been aggregated (based on the number of years that each assessment has been in use) in order to present a more robust portrait of the extent to which families are demonstrating improvement in their parenting knowledge and skills. Beginning in FY 2020-21, the results for four Level 4 assessment tools that were used from 2010-18 are no longer reported in these analyses of Triple P outcomes, and only the results for the current Level 4 assessments are included.

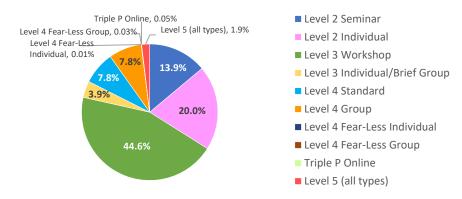
The vast majority of these clients live in Santa Cruz County, but with the advent of virtual classes, this analysis also includes the few who attended from other counties. See Appendix D for more detailed information about the population of clients included in these analyses, and the methodologies used to calculate the amount of improvement and statistical significance.

The following charts show the levels of Triple P in which parents have participated, since the commencement of the program.

When all years are combined, results show that families are engaged in all levels of Triple P. Not surprisingly, the majority of parents are participating in the briefest services, which include Level 2 Seminars, one-time Level 2 Individual consultations, and Level 3 Workshops. This mirrors the intent of the Triple P system, with a greater proportion of the community accessing briefer, targeted parenting support, and a smaller proportion of the community accessing in-depth, comprehensive parenting support.

^{*} Adults with Post Office mailing addresses in these areas were included in the area totals.

Figure 36: Percentage of participants in each level of Triple P (2010-2025)



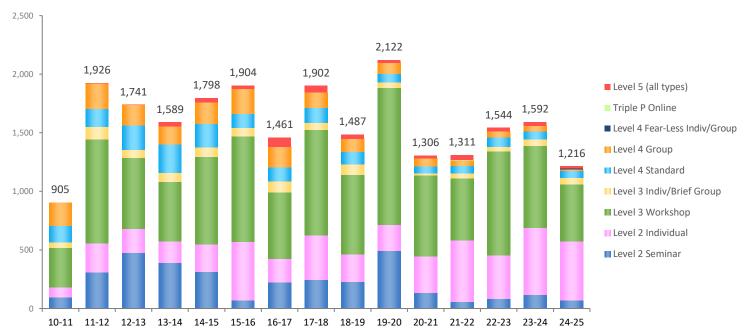
Source: First 5, Triple P Master Client Data Collection Template, 2010-2025. Notes:

- This analysis includes all clients each time they participated in any Triple P service (consequently, some clients may be reported multiple times if they participated in more than one level of Triple P, or the same level of Triple P more than once).
- It also includes "non-consenting" clients ("Non-consenting" clients are those who did not consent to have their personal and evaluation information included in First 5's evaluation of Triple P; only their client numbers and services in which they participated are reported).
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N=23,804 participants (includes clients each time they participated in any Triple P service).

 When looked at individually, each year follows this pattern, with brief services being the most frequently utilized.

Figure 37: Number of participants in each level of Triple P, by Fiscal Year



Source: First 5, Triple P Master Client Data Collection Template, 2010-2025.

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Level 1: Universal

First 5 continues to implement a robust social marketing campaign to saturate the community with positive parenting messages, normalize the need to seek help for parenting challenges, and promote First 5 as the central point of contact for getting assistance with accessing Triple P services. Information is disseminated through print and electronic media, social media, community outreach events, sponsorships, advertising, and locally-developed marketing materials.

In 2025, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors proclaimed January as Positive Parenting Awareness Month (PPAM) for the 13th year in a row. The local proclamation and month-long celebration are led by First 5 as part of the Level 1 Universal Triple P campaign. Other California counties that implement Triple P have adopted PPAM, drawing on First 5 Santa Cruz's model and tools.

January 2025 also marked the 6th year that the State Assembly and Senate passed a resolution declaring January as Positive Parenting Awareness Month throughout California. First 5's Triple P Consultant co-led this statewide effort with Triple P America and a coalition of other Triple P coordinators throughout the state.

Data indicate that the local social marketing campaign is an effective way to reach and engage families in Triple P services, and that they are highly satisfied after receiving services.

- Accessibility of information. Families are responding to Triple P messages in the media and online. They are using First 5's website to register for parenting classes and requesting assistance with accessing Triple P services through the centralized "warmline," Facebook, and the Triple P email address.
- Updates in Social Marketing Campaign. With support from the CYBHI and Kaiser grants, First 5
 Santa Cruz County updated existing Triple P social marketing materials, including refreshed
 posters and revised caregiver pocket guides.
- Encouragement to participate. Since the beginning of the Triple P program, approximately 19,000 unique parents and 37,000 unique children have benefited from Triple P services. These figures include parents who participated in multiple services, and reflect the widespread interest in—and reach of—this parenting program.

Client Participation in Triple P

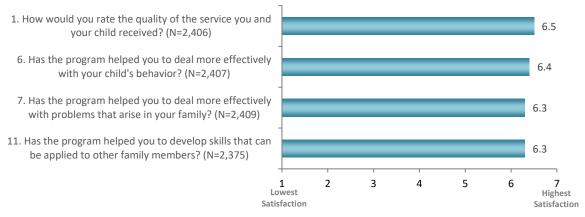
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Children (all ages)	2,280	36,602

Source: First 5, Triple P Master Client Data Collection Template, 2010-2025.

Note: These totals include "Unique Clients" who may have participated in more than one Triple P service (see the previous "Population Served" section for an explanation of which clients fall in the "Unique Clients" category).

Satisfaction with services. On average, parents rated the quality of services very high, strongly
agreeing that they were dealing more effectively with problems in their family, and were able to
apply the skills they learned to other family members.

Parents' Satisfaction with Various Aspects of the Triple P Program (2010-2025)



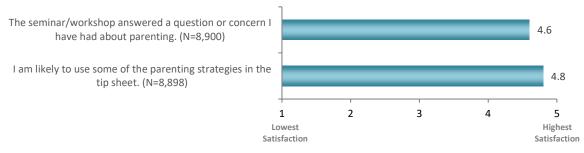
Source: Triple P data from the Parent Satisfaction Survey, Jan. 2010 - June 2025.

Level 2: Selected (Individual & Seminars) & Level 3: Primary Care (Workshops)

The briefest forms of Triple P services are giving parents an opportunity to be introduced to Triple P principles and strategies and are providing easy access to general parenting support.

- Gateway to more services. Over the past several years, analyses have consistently shown that brief services are an effective way of engaging parents in the program and gives them an opportunity to participate in further services. Parents who attend Seminars and Workshops frequently request follow-up services, and parents who participate in one or two brief consultations for specific parenting concerns often return later for in-depth consultations and multi-session programs.
- Continued use of the skills they learned. On average, parents strongly agreed that the Seminars
 and Workshops answered their questions, and that they would continue to use the strategies they
 learned.

Seminars/Workshops: Satisfaction Survey (2010-2025)



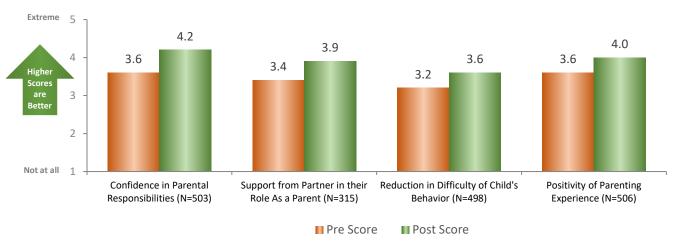
Source: Triple P data from the Seminar/Workshop Satisfaction Survey, Jan. 2010 - June 2025.

Level 3: Primary Care (Individual or Brief Group)

Brief consultations about specific parenting concerns are resulting in increased positive parenting experiences.

Support for specific parenting challenges. Parents are reporting statistically significant improvements in their confidence in parenting, support from their partners, number of difficult child behaviors, and enjoyment in their parent/child relationship. Regarding parent confidence, partner support, and reduced difficult behaviors, parents on average experienced a moderate to large magnitude of change, indicating that these observed differences were not only statistically significant but also meaningful.

Increases in Positive Parenting (2010-2025)



Source: Triple P data from the *Parenting Experience Survey, Questions 3, 6, 1, and 2,* Jan. 2010 - June 2025.

Note: The *Parenting Experience Survey* measures issues related to being a parent, and each question is analyzed separately. For Q1-6, scores could range from 1 to 5. There are no clinical cut-offs for this assessment. This analysis only includes parents who participated in Level 3 Primary Care (Individual/Brief Group) services.

Level 4: Standard & Group

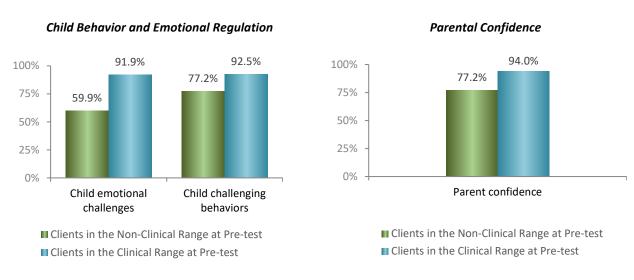
Through more intensive services, families are receiving in-depth support for moderate to severe behavioral and emotional difficulties.²⁵

- Intensive services may have a stronger impact on parents who begin the program experiencing more serious parenting issues. First 5's evaluation results have consistently shown that:
 - On average, the majority of parents who completed intensive services demonstrated improvements in key parenting domains. Parents reported improvements in child emotional

²⁵ These Level 4 analyses include clients who participated in Level 4 Standard or Group services (including those who afterwards additionally participated in Level 5 Pathways or Level 5 Enhanced). They do not include clients who only participated in Level 5 Family Transitions or Level 5 Lifestyle as those are standalone programs that incorporate the Level 4 topics within them, so these clients are NOT considered as also having participated in a separate Level 4 program.

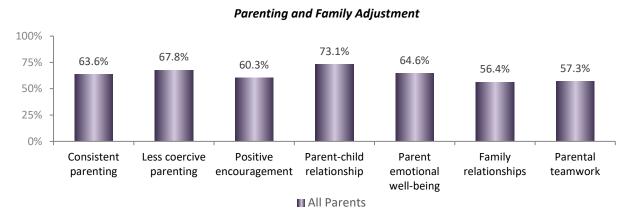
- and behavior regulation, parental confidence, parental emotional well-being and family relationships, and increased use of positive parenting styles.
- Parents whose pre-assessment scores were high enough to be in a "Clinical Range of Concern" were even more likely to show improvement by the end of the program, suggesting that Triple P was effective for parents who were experiencing more serious parenting issues.
- The majority of parents who began the program in a "Clinical Range of Concern" had moved out of the range of concern by the end of the program.

Percentage of Parents who demonstrated improvement in key parenting issues after completing services (2018-2025)



Source: Triple P assessment results, July 2018 - June 2025. Child Adjustment and Parent Efficacy Scale (CAPES) subscales.

N: (Emotional challenges) Non-Clinical=317, Clinical=37; (Challenging behaviors) Non-Clinical =372, Clinical=40; (Confidence subscales) Non-Clinical=338, Clinical=50.

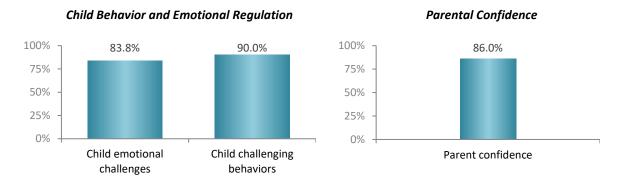


Source: Triple P assessment results, July 2018 - June 2025. Parenting and Family Adjustment Scales (PAFAS) subscales.

Note: There is no clinical cut-off for the PAFAS scores, so there is no "Clinical Range at Pre-test" sub-population to analyze for this assessment.

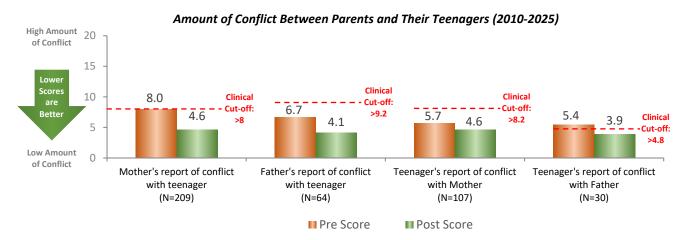
N: (Consistent parenting)=448; (Less coercive parenting)=400; (Positive encouragement)=388; (Parent-child relationship)=275; (Parent emotional well-being)=435; (Family relationships)=392; (Parental teamwork)=255.

Percentage of Parents who moved out of the "Clinical Range" of concern in key parenting issues after completing services (2018-2025)



Source: Triple P assessment results, July 2018 - June 2025. *Child Adjustment and Parent Efficacy Scale (CAPES)* subscales. N: (Emotional challenges)=37; (Challenging behaviors)=40; (Confidence subscales)=50.

- Parents in Teen Triple P report decreased amounts of conflict with teenagers. While the majority of parents who received in-depth services were in Core Triple P (for families with children ages 0-12), a modest number of parents have completed Teen Triple P (for families with youth ages 13-16).
 - On average, both mothers and fathers reported significant decreases in the amount of conflict between themselves and their teenagers. Mothers and fathers both experienced a moderate to large magnitude of change, indicating that their decreases in conflict were not only statistically significant but also meaningful.
 - By the end of the program, teenagers also reported significantly lower amounts of conflict with their mothers and fathers.



Source: Triple P data from the Conflict Behavior Questionnaire, Jan. 2010 - June 2025.

Note: For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the lowest amount of conflict at "Pre" are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.

- Improvements in child behavior and emotional regulation. On average, all Parents and all subpopulations reported significant improvements in their children's emotional and behavioral challenges.
 - On average, All Parents and all sub-populations also experienced a moderate to large magnitude of change, indicating that these observed differences were not only statistically significant but also meaningful.
 - The amount of improvement was *highest* for parents who had scores in the Clinical Range of Concern at the beginning of their services

Child Emotional and Behavioral Challenges (2018-2025) High level of emotional and behavioral challenges 63 54 Clinical Cut-off: 45 Better 36 31 30 30 28 28 28 28 27 24 27 20 19 18 9 Low level of emotional and behavioral challenges All Parents Clinical Range Male Female Hispanic or White Spanish English Child Welfare (N=416)at PreTest (N=126)(N=290)Latine (N=120)(N=165)(N=247)Involved (N=40)(N=258)(N=52)

■ Pre Score ■ Post Score Source: Triple P data from the Child Adjustment and Parent Efficacy Scale: Total Intensity subscale, July 2018 – June 2025. Note: For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the lowest level of challenges at "Pre" are

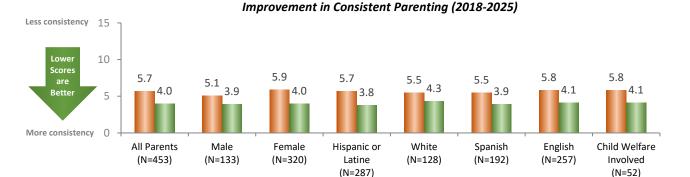
omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the

Increased use of positive parenting styles. There were significant improvements in parents'
overall style of discipline, as their parenting style became more consistent and less coercive
through the course of the Triple P program.

improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.

- In addition to the significant improvements in consistent parenting, on average All Parents and almost all sub-populations (Female, Hispanic or Latine, White, primarily Spanishspeakers, primarily English-speakers, Child Welfare involved) experienced a moderate to large amount of improvement.
- Similarly, in addition to the significant decreases in coercive parenting, All Parents and almost all sub-populations (Female, Hispanic or Latine, White, primarily Spanish-speakers,

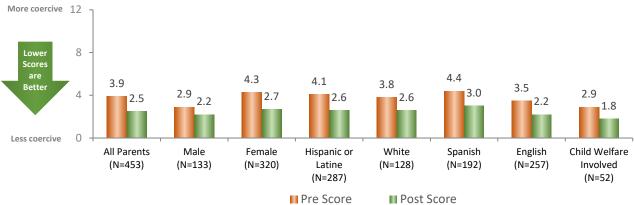
primarily English-speakers, Child Welfare involved) also experienced a moderate to large magnitude of change.



Pre Score

Decrease in Coercive Parenting (2018-2025)

■ Post Score



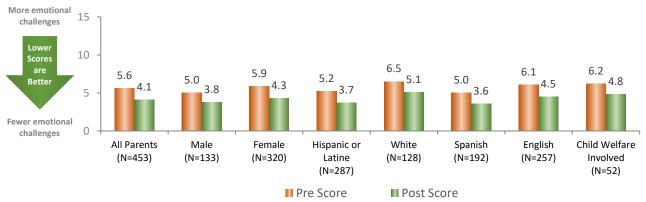
Source: Triple P data from the Parenting and Family Adjustment Scales (PAFAS), Consistent Parenting and Coercive Parenting Subscales, July 2018 – June 2025.

Note: For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the highest amount of consistent parenting at "Pre," or lowest amount of coercive parenting at "Pre," are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.

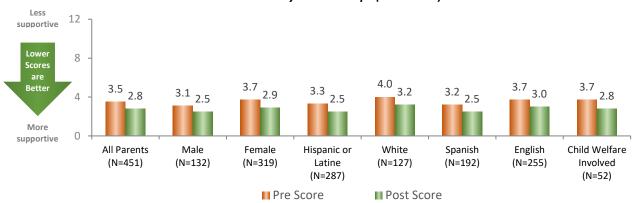
- Improvements in parental emotional well-being and family relationships. On average, parents reported significant improvements in their emotional well-being and significantly fewer relationship issues that were problems after participating in the program.
 - On average, All Parents and all sub-populations reported significantly fewer emotional challenges. All Parents and many sub-populations (Female, Hispanic or Latine, primarily Spanish-speakers, primarily English-speakers) also experienced a moderate to large magnitude of change, indicating that their improvement was not only statistically significant but also meaningful.
 - Similarly, on average, All Parents and all sub-populations reported significant improvements in family relationships, feeling more supported by the end of their services. In addition, parents who were Hispanic or Latine, and primarily Spanish-speakers also experienced a

moderate magnitude of change, indicating that their observed differences were not only statistically significant but also meaningful.

Parental Emotional Well-being (2018-2025)



Family Relationships (2018-2025)

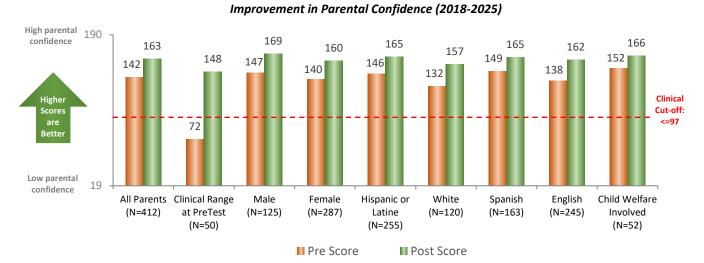


Source: Triple P data from the Parenting and Family Adjustment Scales (PAFAS): Emotional Well-being and Family Relationships subscales, July 2018 – June 2025.

Note: There is no clinical cut-off for this assessment's scores. For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the lowest number of challenges at "Pre,", or highest amount of support at "Pre," are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.

- Increased parental confidence. On average, all Parents and all sub-populations reported significant improvements in parents' confidence through the course of the Triple P program.
 - All Parents and almost all sub-populations (Male, Female, Hispanic or Latine, White, primarily English-speakers, and parents with scores in the Clinical Range of Concern at the beginning of their services) also experienced a moderate to large magnitude of change, indicating that their improvement was not only statistically significant but also meaningful.

 The amount of improvement and magnitude of change was particularly substantial for parents who had scores in the Clinical Range of Concern at the beginning of their services.



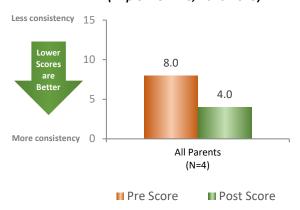
Source: Triple P data from the *Child Adjustment and Parent Efficacy Scale*: Parent Confidence subscale, July 2018 – June 2025.

Note: For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the highest amount of confidence at "Pre" are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.

- Support for parents of children with anxiety. Parents in Fear-Less Triple P are offered in-depth support (individually or in groups) to parents and caregivers of children aged 6 to 14 years who have anxiety. The number of parents who have completed this new program is small but growing. As participation increases, analyses of the impact of this program on parents' depression and anxiety, their children's anxiety level in comparison with other children their age, and the parent's skills in managing their children's anxiety will become available.
- **Triple P Online.** This program is equivalent to a Level 4 Standard or Group program, but is provided as an online, self-paced course.

Although the number of parents who have completed this program is small, preliminary results are already showing *statistically significant* improvements in consistent parenting through the course of the Triple P program. More results will be available as participation grows.

Improvement in Consistent Parenting (Triple P Online; 2020-2023)



Source: Triple P data from the Parenting and Family Adjustment Scales (PAFAS), Consistent Parenting subscale, July 2020 - June 2023.

- For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the highest amount of consistent parenting at "Pre" are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.
- No new Families Together clients have completed this assessment since FY 2022-23.

Level 5: Enhanced, Pathways, Family Transitions, and Lifestyle

Level 5 offers additional support for families where parenting issues are compounded by parental stress and/or relationship difficulties (Level 5 Enhanced), there is risk for child maltreatment due to parents' difficulties with anger management or negative beliefs about their children's behaviors (Level 5 Pathways), parents are divorced or separated, and navigating a co-parenting relationship (Level 5 Family Transitions), or parents of children who are overweight or obese (Level 5 Lifestyle).²⁶

The following results demonstrate the considerable improvement in parents' ability to manage anger and decrease co-parental conflict. As participation increases, additional analyses of the impact of these specialized programs on parents' confidence and competence in raising children, healthy eating and activity as a family, and on the quality of parent-child relationships, will become available.

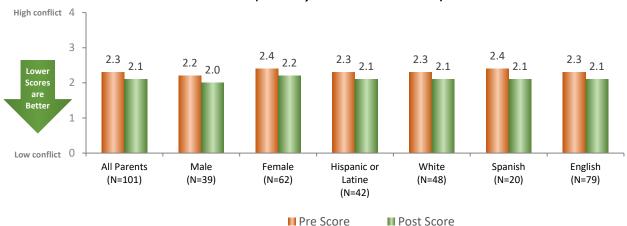
- Reduced levels of conflict between divorced/separated parents. After participation in Level 5 Family Transitions, All Parents and all sub-populations reported small—yet statistically significant—decreases in the level of conflict with their divorced or separated partner or co-parent.
 - In addition, the Hispanic or Latine subpopulation and Spanish-speaking subpopulation also experienced a moderate magnitude of change, indicating that their improvement was not only statistically significant but also meaningful.

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²⁶ Level 5 Pathways and Level 5 Enhanced are programs that are designed to be provided after participants have completed a Level 4 Standard or Group service; Level 5 Family Transitions is a standalone program that doesn't require any previous Triple P services. Analyses of Level 5 Lifestyle are not included in this report, as no new data were available in FY 2024-25.

Level of Co-Parental Conflict Between Divorced or Separated Parents (L5 Family Transitions: 2013-2025)



Source: Triple P data from the Acrimony Scale, 2013-2025

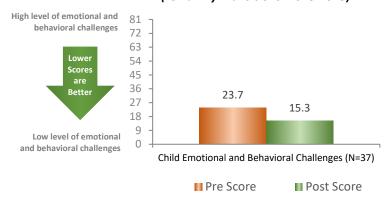
Note: For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the lowest amount of conflict at "Pre" are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.

Improvements in key parenting domains between divorced/separated parents and co-parents.

After participation in Level 5 Family Transitions, parents also reported small—yet also *statistically significant*—improvements in child emotional and behavior regulation, parental emotional well-being, increased use of positive parenting styles, and parental confidence.

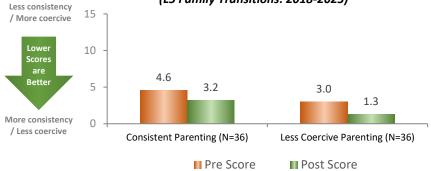
 On average, All Parents also experienced a moderate to large magnitude of change, indicating that their improvement was not only statistically significant but also meaningful.

Improvement in child emotional and behavioral challenges (L5 Family Transitions: 2018-2025)



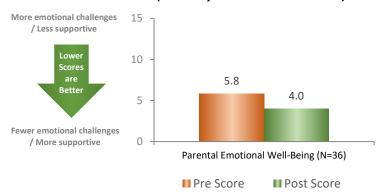
Source: Triple P data from the *Child Adjustment and Parent Efficacy Scale*: Total Intensity subscale, July 2018 – June 2025.

Improvement in positive parenting styles (L5 Family Transitions: 2018-2025)



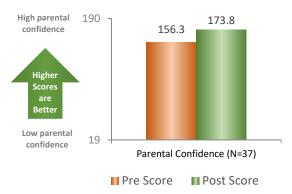
Source: Triple P data from the *Parenting and Family Adjustment Scales* (PAFAS), Consistent Parenting and Coercive Parenting Subscales, July 2018 – June 2025.

Improvement in parental emotional well-being (L5 Family Transitions: 2018-2025)



Source: Triple P data from the *Parenting and Family Adjustment Scales* (PAFAS): Emotional Well-being subscale, July 2018 – June 2025.

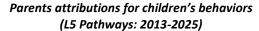
Improvement in parental confidence (L5 Family Transitions: 2018-2025)

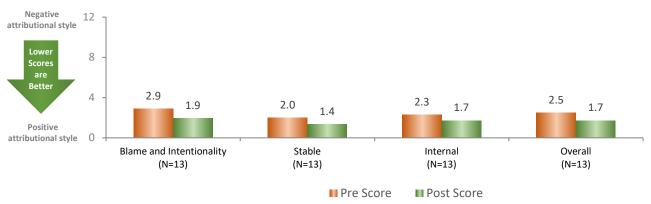


Source: Triple P data from the *Child Adjustment and Parent Efficacy Scale*: Parent Confidence subscale, July 2018 – June 2025.

Note: For all analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the lowest level of difficulties at "Pre" are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.

- Improved anger management. Level 5 Pathways helps parents learn how to handle anger or other difficult emotions, and to better understand the reasons for their children's behavior.
 - Results show that on average, parents who complete the program make statistically significant improvements in their anger management, and consequently respond more positively in their understanding of their children's behavior.
 - These results are particularly noteworthy considering the small number of parents who have participated in this program so far.





Source: Triple P data from the *Parents Attributions for Child's Behavior Measure*, Jan. 2013 - June 2025.

• For the analyses of the amount of improvement, participants whose assessment scores already reflect the most positive attributional style at "Pre" are omitted from the improvement analyses, as no improvement is possible. There may therefore be a slightly lower number of clients included in the improvement analyses than the total number of all clients reported in these charts of average Pre/Post scores.