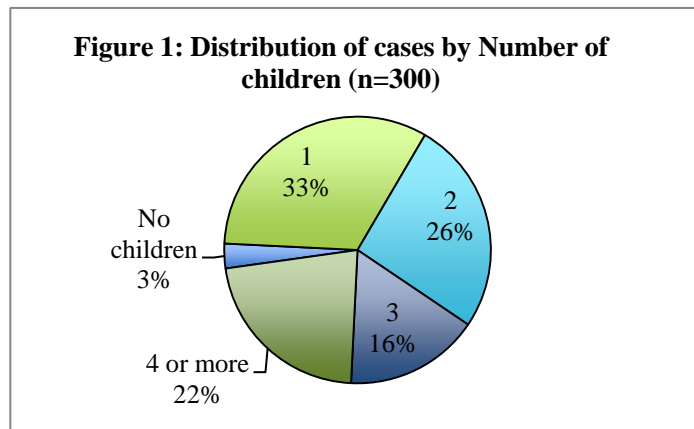


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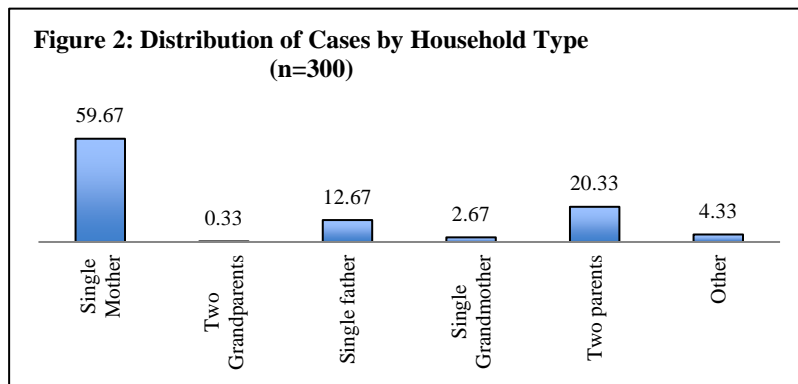
During the Jan 1st 2018 – Oct 31st 2021 period the Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative completed 584 assessments with 300 families using the FDM. This report presents the data collected in the FDM on these cases. The first two sections describe clients’ characteristics and outcomes on 20 indicators of wellbeing for the group of agencies conforming the Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative. The third section describes the changes in families’ needs and outcomes for families served during the pandemic shelter-in-place mandates while the last sections present conclusions and outcomes data disaggregated by agency.

### 1. Family Characteristics

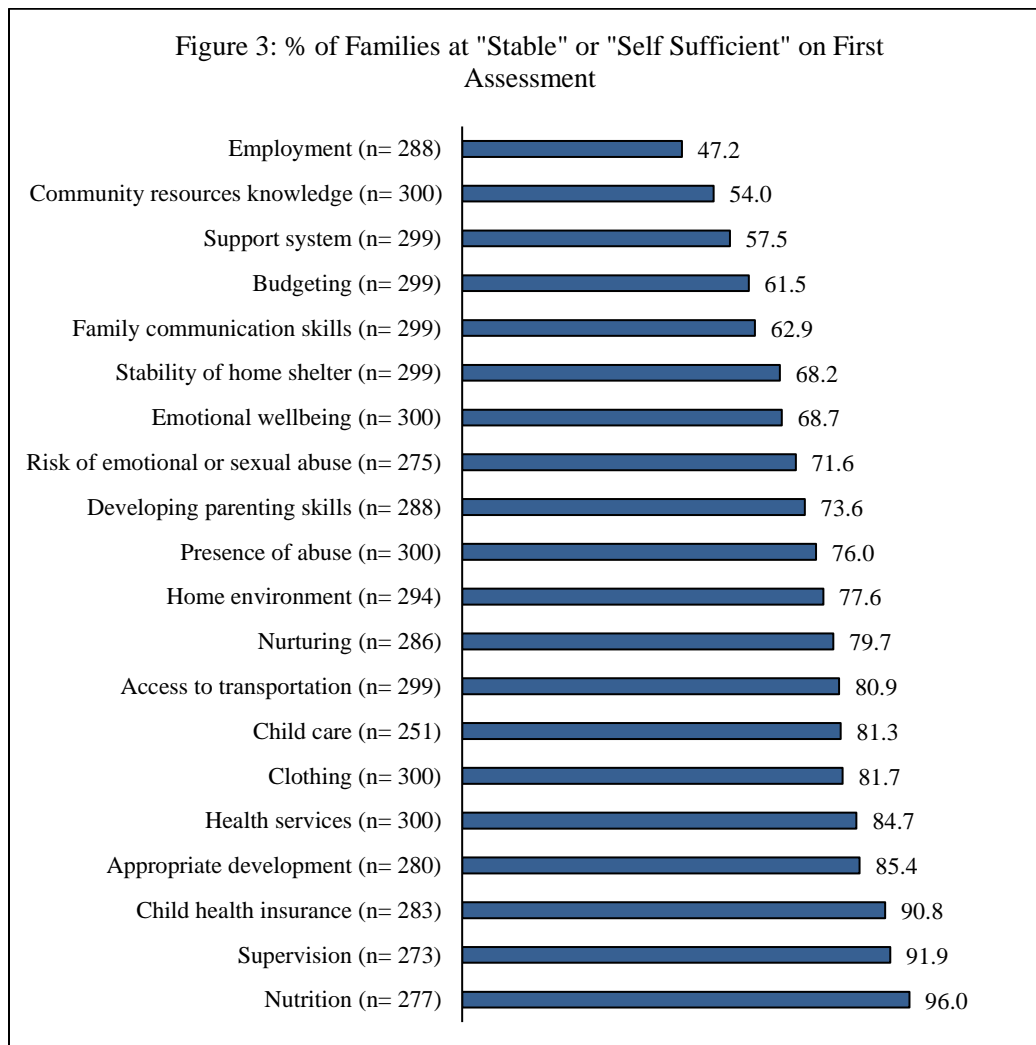
Of the 300 cases that received an FDM assessment at an agency in the Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative. About 96% of the cases identified themselves as African American and 95% corresponded to differential response path # 2. When asked about the number of children at home, about 97% of the families reported having at least one child (0 to 18 years old) at the time of the first assessment; 33% reported having one child, 26% reported having 2 children, 16% reported having 3 children, and 22% reported having 4 or more children. Figure 1 presents the detailed distribution of number children for the 300 cases that received at least one assessment.



When asked about household type, about 60% of cases reported being from a single mother household; about 13% identified themselves as single fathers, 21% reported being a two-parent or two-grandparent household; 3% were a single grandmother household and 4% reported being from other types of households (Figure 2).



Every case that receives an FDM assessment participates in a dialogue with a caseworker to assess the family’s strengths and challenges at the time of the assessment. The Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative uses 20 indicators to assess wellbeing. Each indicator is an ordinal measure reflecting a family’s situation relative to that dimension of wellbeing. Families can be rated as “in crisis”; “at risk”; “stable”; and “self-sufficient” depending on their situation. Indicators rated as “stable” or “self-sufficient” are considered strengths that can be leveraged to address the challenge areas on indicators rated as “in crisis” or “at risk.” Figure 3 presents the percentage of cases that report being “stable” or “self-sufficient” in each of the 20 indicators used by the Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative.



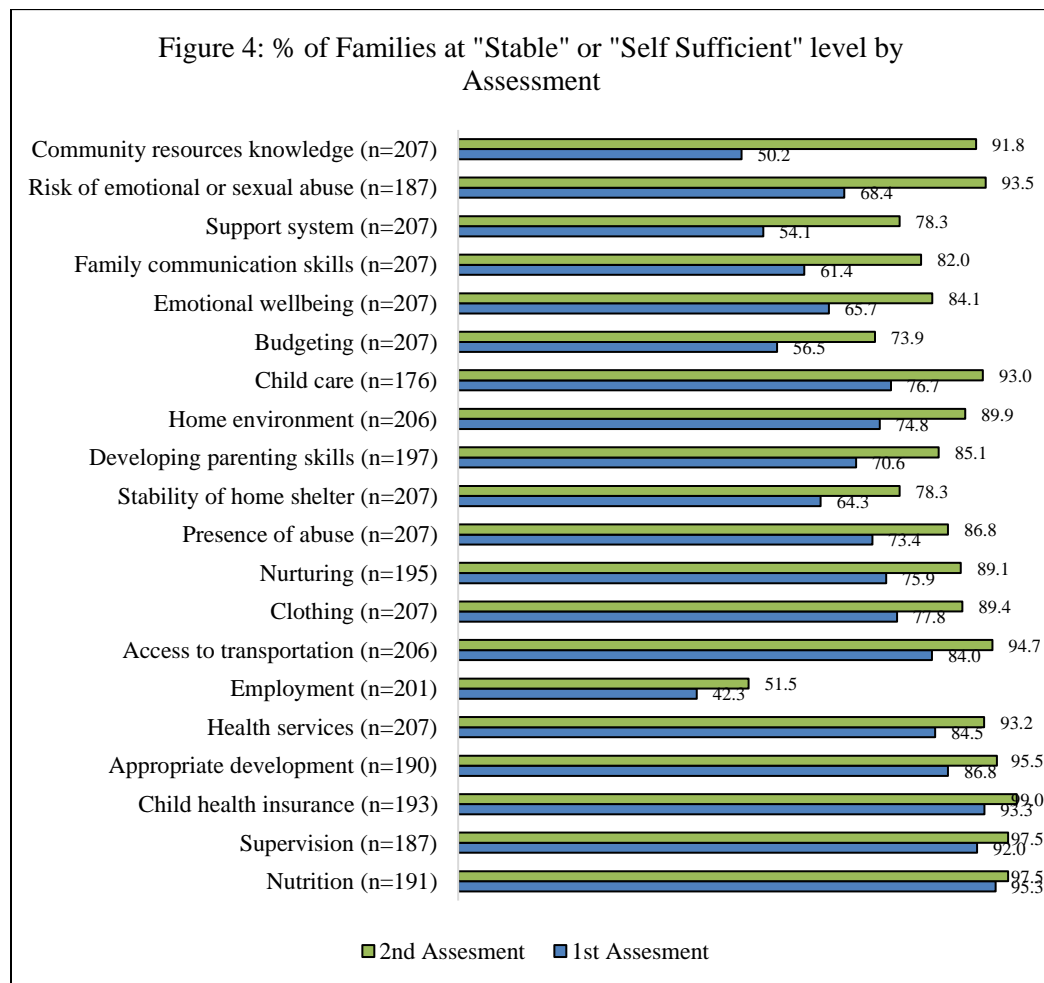
As Figure 3 shows, only 47% of families arrive at the agencies in the Collaborative with a score of “stable” or “self-sufficient” in the indicator of *Employment* at the time of the first assessment. Additionally, about 54% are at the “stable” or “self-sufficient” level in the indicator of *Community resources knowledge* and 58% on the indicator of *Support systems*. Other indicators with relatively lower numbers of cases rated as “stable” or “self-sufficient” levels at first assessment are those of *Budgeting*

(62%); *Family communication skills* (63%), *Stability of home shelter* (68%) and Emotional wellbeing (69%). This distribution of scores clearly presents a picture of the vulnerable population served by the agencies in the Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative. These families tend to be under economic distress and disconnected from community resources and/or social support.

## 2. Second and Third Assessments

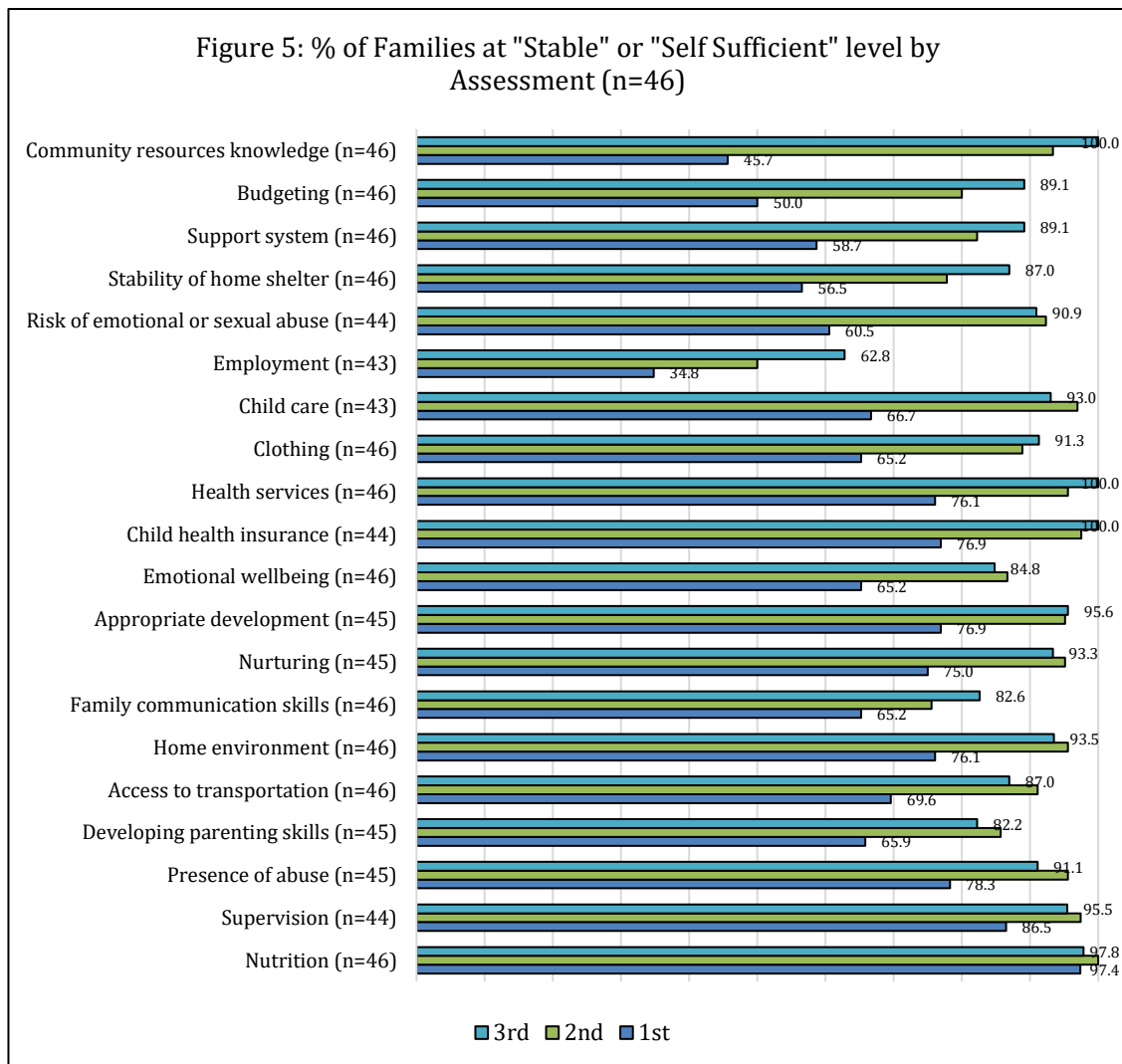
Out of the 300 cases that received a first assessment between January 2018 and October 2021, 207 received a second assessment and 93 had not received a second assessment by the date these data were downloaded (November 18<sup>th</sup> 2021). A previous analysis conducted in November 2020 revealed that only 4% of all clients did not receive a second assessment due to not engaging in the case management. The rest either did not required a second assessment or moved from the area.

The results presented in Figure 4 show the percentage of cases at stable or self-sufficient level at first and second assessments only for cases that had at least 2 assessments. The cases that had at least 2 assessments as a group showed improvements in all the indicators between first and second assessment.



As Figure 4 presents, the greatest gains in the percentage of cases that scored at stable or self-sufficient on the second assessment when compared to the first assessment were observed in the indicators of *Community Resources Knowledge*, *Risk of emotional/sexual abuse*, *Support System*, and *Family communication skills* (with differences of 41, 25, 24, and 21 percentage points respectively). For the indicators of *Emotional wellbeing*, and *Budgeting* and *childcare* the gains were also substantial (19, 17, and 16 percentage points respectively). Differences in scores were assessed for statistical significance using a pooled test of difference in proportions. The results showed that all the differences, except for the differences in the indicators of *employment* and *nutrition*, were statistically significant at the .05 level.

Out of the 207 cases that had a second assessment, 46 received a 3<sup>rd</sup> assessment. The percentages of cases at the stable or self-sufficient level in each assessment for this group of cases is presented in Figure 5.



As Figure 5 shows, these cases faced significant challenges at the first assessment when compared with all the cases that received a first assessment (Figure 3) or families that received 2 assessments (Figure 4). However, by their third assessment they show improvement on all indicators and specifically substantial improvement on the indicators of *Community resources knowledge*, *Budgeting*, *Support System*, *Stability of home shelter*, and *risk of emotional or sexual abuse*, and where the percentage of families at stable or self-sufficient level increased by 54, 39, 30, 30, and 30 percentage points respectively.

### 3. The impact of COVID 19 on families served by the collaborative

The COVID 19 pandemic had a profound impact on many families across the state and the country. In California, most of the public health restrictions that affected schools, businesses, and public services were enacted in March 2020 and lasted until June 2021. Agencies in the Sacramento Cultural Broker’s collaborative continued to provide services and assess clients using the FDM. Their client’s needs, however, changed during this period.

**Table 1: Percent of families at "Stable" or "Self Sufficient" level in 1<sup>st</sup> and second assessment pre and during the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions.**

Indicator	First Assessment		Second Assessment	
	Pre-Pandemic (n=125)	During Pandemic (n=81)	Pre-Pandemic (n=125)	During Pandemic (n=81)
Access to transportation	80.8	88.8	92.8	97.5
Appropriate development	84.4	90.0	93.3	98.7
Budgeting	56.8	55.6	70.4	79.0
Child care	78.2	74.3	90.3	97.2
Child health insurance	92.9	93.8	98.3	100.0
Clothing	73.6	84.0	86.4	93.8
Community resources knowledge	54.4	43.2	89.6	95.1
Developing parenting skills	71.3	69.1	83.5	87.5
Emotional wellbeing	66.4	64.2	83.2	85.2
Employment	42.1	41.8	47.6	57.3
Family communication skills	61.6	60.5	83.2	80.0
Health services	82.4	87.7	90.4	97.5
Home environment	76.0	72.5	89.6	90.1
Nurturing	78.8	71.6	87.5	91.4
Nutrition	93.6	97.5	95.8	100.0
Presence of abuse	72.8	74.1	83.2	92.4
Risk of emotional or sexual abuse	74.5	60.0	91.7	96.2
Stability of home shelter	61.6	67.9	79.2	76.5
Supervision	95.3	87.3	98.3	96.2
Support system	56.0	50.6	76.8	80.2

As the table left panel of Table 1 shows, families that were served during the pandemic (March 2020 June 2021) were less likely to be at stable or self-sufficient levels than families served before the pandemic (January 2018 February 2020) in the indicators of *Community resources knowledge, Risk of emotional or sexual abuse, Nurturing, Supervision, and Support systems* when they arrived at the agencies. This trend is consistent with other research pointing the challenges families faced with having to work while their children were at home during the shelter-in-place mandates. However, as the right panel of Table 1 presents, families served during the pandemic achieved comparable outcomes in these indicators than families served before the pandemic. The percentage of families at stable or self-sufficient levels at second assessment was statistically similar between the two groups. This suggest that Cultural Brokers accommodated their services to the needs of families during the most challenging times of the pandemic and achieved results comparable to pre-pandemic levels.

#### **4. Summary**

In Conclusion, the data in this report shows that during the January 2018 – October 2021 period, The Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative served a group of families facing many challenges. They provided services and referrals for 300 cases and achieved a high engagement rate with the families they served. The 207 clients that returned for a second assessment, as a group, report significant positive changes in all indicators between first and second assessment; specially in the areas of support systems and being linked to local resources, but also in critical areas of wellbeing such as basic family communication skills, budgeting, emotional wellbeing, which reduce the risk of abuse.

Cultural Brokers continued to work during the pandemic to provide services for families with increased vulnerability in the areas of risk of emotional or sexual abuse and supervision, nurturing, and support systems during the school closures. Their family assessment data shows that even during these challenging times they were able to move families to a stable or self-sufficient level at rates to those before the pandemic.

#### **5. Agency level data**

The Sacramento Cultural Brokers Collaborative is comprised by 3 agencies. Table 2 presents all the agencies and the assessments they conducted during the January 2018-October 2021 period. The client demographic characteristics vary across agencies in terms of household type and number of children, as shown in tables 3 and 4. The cases served by the 3 agencies in the Collaborative also presented varied needs across different agencies. As table 5 presents, the percentage of cases that arrived to the agencies at a stable or self-sufficient level varied by indicator across the different agencies. Finally, Table 6 shows the percentage of cases at the stable or self-sufficient level at first and second assessment only for cases that had at least 2 assessments. The needs for families that received a second assessment varied by agency, but each agency shows families made substantial gains between first and second assessments in all indicators.

**Table 2: Number of Assessments by Agency, Jan 2018 - October 2021**

Assessments	Better Life Children Services	Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center	Sacramento Children's Home	Total
1	112	122	66	300
2	97	64	46	207
3	24	21	1	46
4 or more	12	18	1	31
Total	245	225	114	584

**Table 3: Distribution of Cases' Household Type by Agency, Jan 2018 - October 2021**

Household type	Better Life Children Services %	Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center %	Sacramento Children's Home %	All %
Single Mother	51.79	65.57	62.12	59.67
Two Grandparents	0	0	1.52	0.33
Single father	14.29	14.75	6.06	12.67
Single Grandmother	1.79	4.1	1.52	2.67
Two parents	25	13.93	24.24	20.33
Other	7.14	1.64	4.55	4.33
Total N	112	122	66	300

**Table 4: Distribution of cases' reported number of children by agency, Jan 2018 - October 2021**

Number of Children	Better Life Children Services %	Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center %	Sacramento Children's Home %	All %
No children	6.25	1.64	0	3
1	41.07	25.41	31.82	32.67
2	23.21	29.51	24.24	26
3	14.29	18.85	15.15	16.33
4 or more	15.18	24.59	28.79	22
Number of families	112	122	66	300

**Table 5: Percentage of clients at Stable or Self-Sufficient status at time of first assessment by agency, Jan 2018 - October 2021**

Indicator	Better Life Children Services %	Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center %	Sacramento Children's Home %	All %
Access to transportation	96.4	65.3	83.3	80.9
Appropriate development	87.2	86.7	80.3	85.4
Budgeting	63.4	71.9	39.4	61.5
Child care	84.4	82.6	74.6	81.3
Child health insurance	99.0	79.3	100	90.8
Clothing	75.9	86.1	83.3	81.7
Community resources knowledge	51.8	60.7	45.5	54.0
Developing parenting skills	66.3	76.9	78.8	73.6
Emotional wellbeing	63.4	77.9	60.6	68.7
Employment	57.5	46.6	31.3	47.2
Family communication skills	58.9	72.7	51.5	62.9
Health services	87.5	82.0	84.8	84.7
Home environment	72.3	87.2	69.2	77.6
Nurturing	70.7	88.4	77.3	79.7
Nutrition	96.8	96.6	93.8	96.0
Presence of abuse	74.1	83.6	65.2	76.0
Risk of emotional or sexual abuse	72.8	82.1	51.5	71.6
Stability of home shelter	58.9	82.6	57.6	68.2
Supervision	98.9	90.6	84.8	91.9
Support system	45.5	74.4	47.0	57.5
Number of Families	112	122	66	300



**Table 6: Percentage of clients at Stable or Self-Sufficient status at first and second assessment by agency, Jan 2018 - October 2021**

Indicator	Better Life Children Services		Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center		Sacramento Children's Home		All	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Access to transportation	96.9	99.0	65.1	85.9	82.6	97.8	84.0	94.7
Appropriate development	91.3	96.7	84.4	92.2	82.6	97.8	86.8	95.5
Budgeting	60.8	75.3	67.2	90.6	32.6	47.8	56.5	73.9
Child care	82.1	98.7	74.6	88.7	71.7	88.9	76.7	93.0
Child health insurance	98.8	100.0	81.3	96.9	100.0	100.0	93.3	99.0
Clothing	73.2	88.7	82.8	92.2	80.4	87.0	77.8	89.4
Comm. res. knowledge	51.5	92.8	56.3	85.9	39.1	97.8	50.2	91.8
Dev. parenting skills	65.5	80.4	71.9	95.3	78.3	80.4	70.6	85.1
Emotional wellbeing	63.9	83.5	73.4	93.8	58.7	71.7	65.7	84.1
Employment	54.3	56.4	37.5	59.0	24.4	31.1	42.3	51.5
Family comm. skills	58.8	82.5	68.8	87.3	56.5	73.9	61.4	82.0
Health services	87.6	96.9	81.3	89.1	82.6	91.3	84.5	93.2
Home environment	71.1	88.7	87.3	98.4	65.2	80.4	74.8	89.9
Nurturing	69.4	87.0	84.4	96.9	76.1	82.6	75.9	89.1
Nutrition	98.8	100.0	93.8	93.8	91.3	97.8	95.3	97.5
Presence of abuse	72.2	90.7	84.4	90.5	60.9	73.3	73.4	86.8
Risk of emo./sex abuse	70.5	97.8	77.8	95.2	52.2	82.6	68.4	93.5
Stability of home shelter	57.7	72.2	79.7	96.9	56.5	65.2	64.3	78.3
Supervision	100.0	100.0	90.5	96.8	80.4	93.5	92.0	97.5
Support system	45.4	76.3	73.4	89.1	45.7	67.4	54.1	78.3
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