

# Evaluation Results from Catawba County, NC

## PROJECT PARTNERS

QIC-AG partnered with **Catawba County Social Services**.

## CONTINUUM PHASE

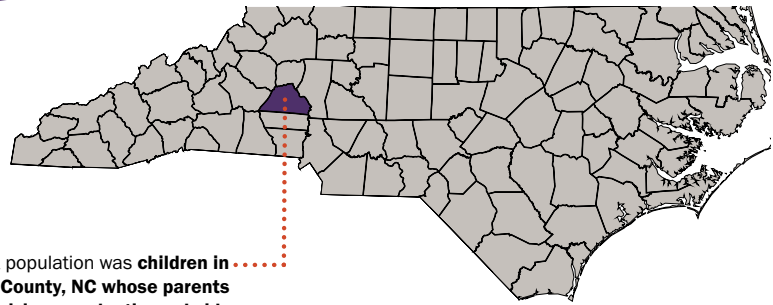
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## INTERVENTION

**Reach for Success** is a proactive outreach program which aims to increase post-adoption engagement with Success Coach Services, which are designed to improve wellbeing and prevent adopted youth from re-experiencing foster care. The intervention was comprised of a survey to assess risk, followed by proactive outreach to families.

## STUDY DESIGN

Experimental



The target population was **children in Catawba County, NC whose parents were receiving an adoption subsidy** and were subsequently identified for outreach.

## RESEARCH QUESTION

Will the target population who receive Reach for Success experience a reduction in post permanency discontinuity, improved wellbeing, and improved behavioral health as compared to children who do not receive the additional Reach for Success outreach?

## Findings

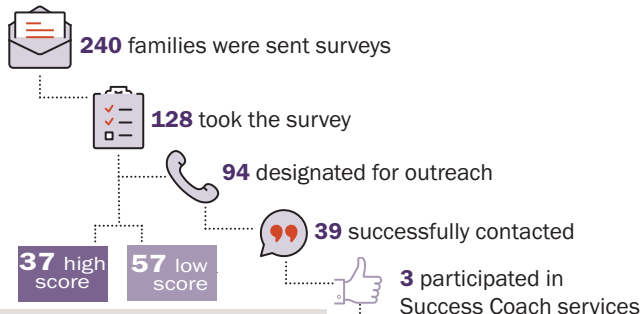
### DEMOGRAPHICS



#### Snapshot of Survey Respondents' Target Child:

- 75% white
- 58% female
- 69% parents were married
- Average age at permanence: **6.18 years old**
- Average time in foster care: **1.97 years**

### OUTREACH



Score groups are based on survey responses about service needs and parental assessments of their child's behavioral issues. The survey results supported the classification of families into high and low-score groups with high-score families having higher scores on the Behavioral Problem Index (BPI), and could be a useful way to identify families in need.

2 high score  
1 low score

**128**  
FAMILIES  
RESPONDED

### OVERALL, FAMILIES ARE THRIVING!



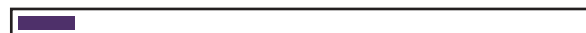
✓ **94%** of caregivers said they never thought about ending adoption or guardianship



✓ **71%** said that adoption/guardianship had an extremely positive impact on their family



✓ **35%** identified services their family needed (mental health, specialized medical or dental care, educational supports, and child developmental services)



✓ only **10%** reported youth experienced negative school and legal outcomes.

### RECOMMENDATION

A small, but significant proportion of families reported unmet needs. Perhaps with additional time, families may contact the Success Coach program for services. CCSS should continue to track families over the next few years to see if families identified for additional outreach end up requesting services. In addition, it may be beneficial if CCSS would follow up with families 1-2 years after finalization to determine if they have any unmet needs and introduce them to services.



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