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2. The support received from the Infant/Toddler Specialist in meeting the goal(s) developed 97% Agree or Strongly Agree
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7. The group meetings attended with other participants 99% Agree or Strongly Agree
Fifty-seven participants (83%) worked in family child care homes.

Twelve participants (17%) worked in child care centers.

THE FIVE PROTECTIVE FACTORS

1. Resilience - Parents can overcome hard times and rebound.
2. Social Connections - Parents have friends.
4. Concrete Supports in Time of Need - Parents know where to turn for help.
5. Social Emotional Competence of Children - Children learn to talk about and handle feelings.

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Information and results included in this report cover the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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