

The Fostering Hope Initiative (FHI) is a neighborhood-based Collective Impact Initiative in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties, Oregon. FHI promotes optimum child and youth development by supporting vulnerable families, encouraging connections between neighbors, strengthening systems to ensure collective impact, and advocating for family friendly public policy (www.fosteringhopeinitiative.org). *The figures show Parenting Stress Index (PSI) change scores from baseline to 12 months and baseline to 24 months.* Results are shown for all participants residing in Marion and Yamhill Counties (i.e., overall), as well as disaggregated results for Hispanic/Latino participants and those residing in Marion County.

Results illustrate that, relative to families in comparison neighborhoods, *families receiving services through the Fostering Hope Initiative (treatment group) reported reductions in stress* (i.e., PSI scores decreased) after both 12 and 24 months.

Key Findings:

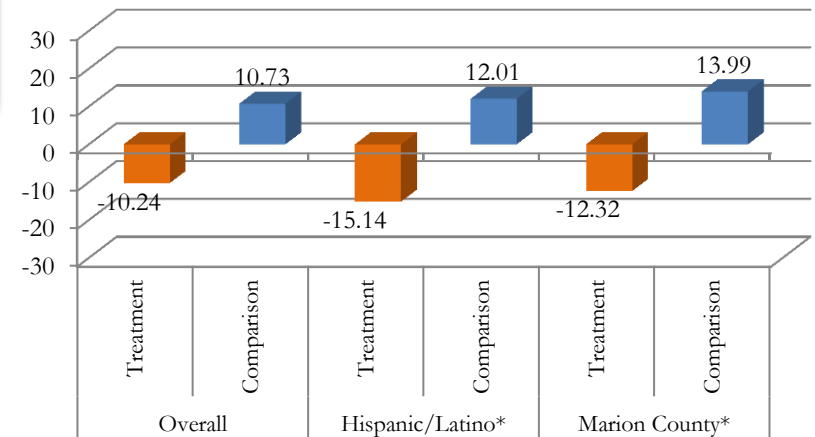
- At 12 and 24 months, Hispanic/Latino participants reported greater decreases in stress than the study population overall.
- At both time-points residents from neighborhoods in Marion County, where the Collective Impact Initiative had a stronger history of working collaboratively, reported greater reductions in stress than the overall study population.
- Upon completion of the evaluation, none of the study participants had been the subject of a substantiated case of child maltreatment.

Study Participant Demographics:

- Over 70% reported a household income under \$30,000.
- Half of the study participants had less than a high school diploma/GED.
- The majority of participants (76%) were Hispanic/Latino.

Pacific Research and Evaluation (www.pacific-research.org) conducted the evaluation of the Initiative from 2010-2013 in Marion and Yamhill Counties. Program participants received at least 12 months of Healthy Families America home visiting with wraparound support and access to parenting education, community cafés, and neighborhood connections. Data were analyzed using analysis of covariance (ANCOVA). Statistically significant results ($p < .05$) are indicated with an asterisk ().*

PSI Total Stress Score Change
Intake to 12-Months



PSI Total Stress Score Change
Intake to 24-Months

