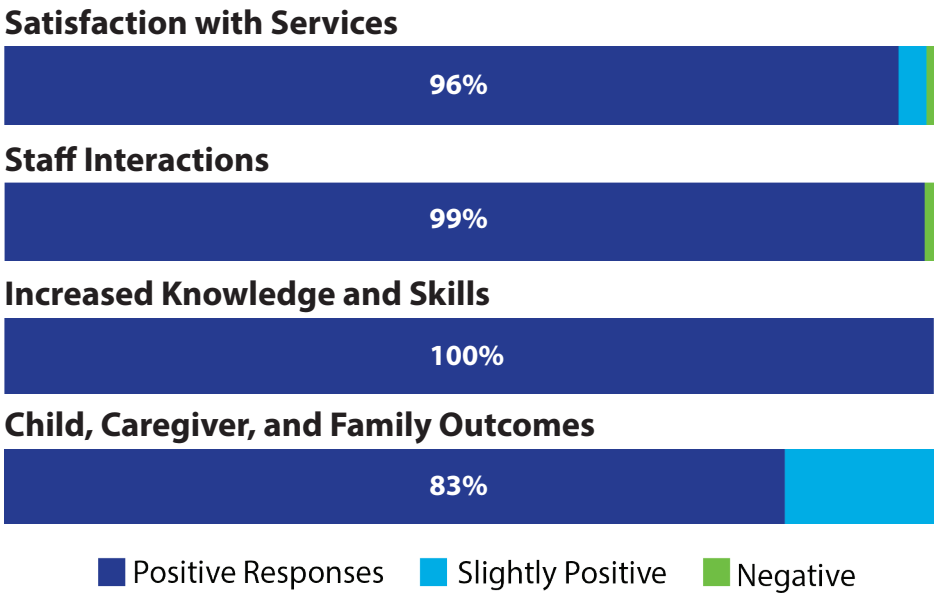


FAMILY SURVEY SHOWS POSITIVE RESULTS

A Family Service Survey was completed by 18 families who participated in Family Support Activities and/or received Enhanced Home Visitation. The survey assessed four domains: (1) satisfaction with services; (2) staff interactions; (3) increases in knowledge and parenting skills; and (4) outcomes. Across all four domains, the majority of families reported positively about their experiences receiving services from Kariñu.



What Families Had to Say

“Being part of the services has given me confidence as a parent and family/household.”

“I really appreciate this program and I would recommend it to anyone I know that needs it.”

“The most helpful thing they did was explained different ways on how to help our child...and how to understand and handle our child’s behavior.”



DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES MATTER!

<b>Milestones at 4 Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Begins to babble</li><li>□ Responds to affection</li></ul>	<b>Milestones at 6 Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Likes to play with others</li><li>□ Responds to own name</li></ul>	<b>Milestones at 9 Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Has favorite toys</li><li>□ Understands “no”</li></ul>
<b>Milestones at 1 Year</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Tries to say words you say</li><li>□ Waves “bye bye”</li></ul>	<b>Milestones at 2 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Begins to run</li><li>□ Begins to sort shapes, colors</li></ul>	<b>Milestones at 3 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Knows name and age</li><li>□ Climbs and runs well</li></ul>

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INTRODUCTION



Kariñu is Guam’s Early Childhood System of Care, located within the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). Initially funded in 2009 by a five year federal grant to develop an early childhood system of care for young children with behavioral health needs, Kariñu continues to provide early childhood mental health services through local funding. In 2014, recognizing the importance of prevention for young child wellness, Kariñu applied for and was awarded a second five year grant (Project LAUNCH - Linking Actions to Unmet Needs in Children’s Health) and expanded its services to include prevention services for all children birth – eight years of age.

The goal of Kariñu’s prevention component is to foster the healthy development of all young children on Guam through five core strategies:

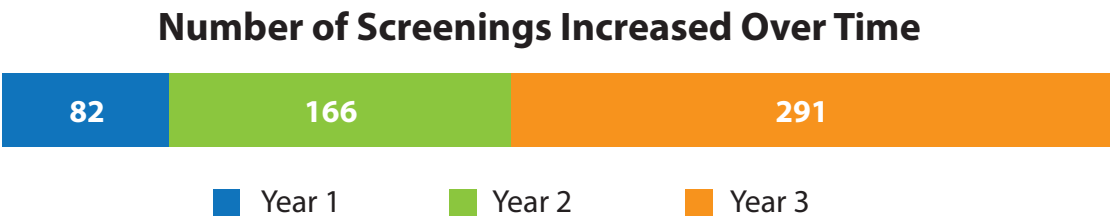
- 1. Developmental screening
- 2. Enhanced home visitation
- 3. Family strengthening and parenting skills training
- 4. Integration of behavioral health and primary care
- 5. Early childhood mental health consultation

Kariñu began providing prevention services to children and families through the DPHSS Southern Community Health Center (CHC) in June 2015 and now provides services at both the Southern and Northern CHCs, at their office in Hagatna, and in children’s homes and other community locations frequented by families of young children. This initiative also partners with other early childhood programs to increase awareness and knowledge of young child wellness and bring about systems change.

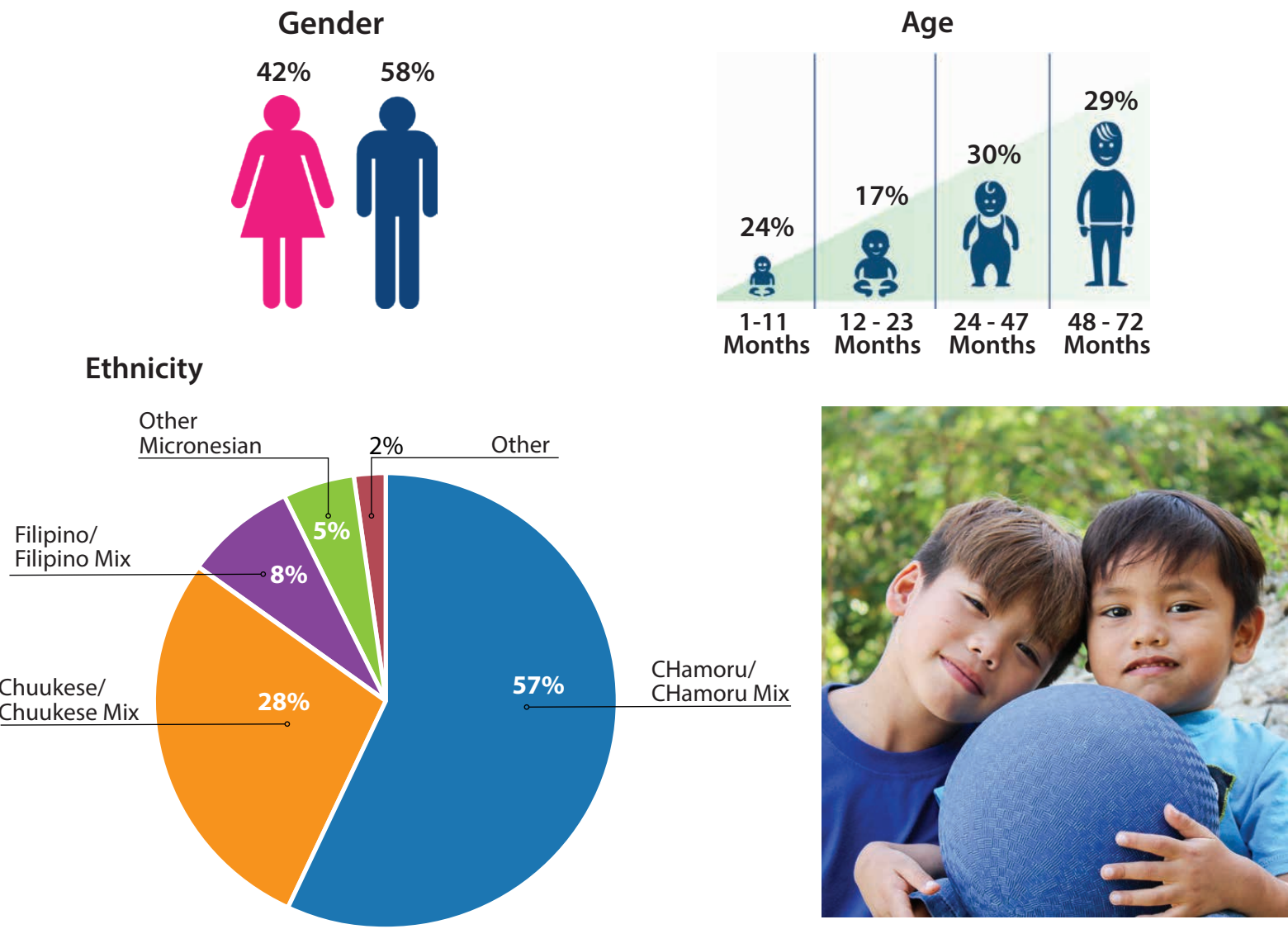
**About the Report**  
This report provides initial evaluation findings for Kariñu’s prevention component from the first three years of the grant. Findings related to developmental screening and family support activities are highlighted.

539 CHILDREN WERE SCREENED

Every child’s development is unique and proceeds at its own pace. At the same time, there are developmental milestones that children should reach at certain ages. Developmental screening helps families track their children’s development and identifies children who may have a developmental delay or who may be at risk for developmental challenges in the future. Children whose development is delayed or at risk are referred for other services and/or assessment. From 2015 to 2017, the number of children who received developmental screening increased over time and a total of 195 post screening referrals were made to other early childhood services.



Demographic Information of Children Screened Between 2015-2017



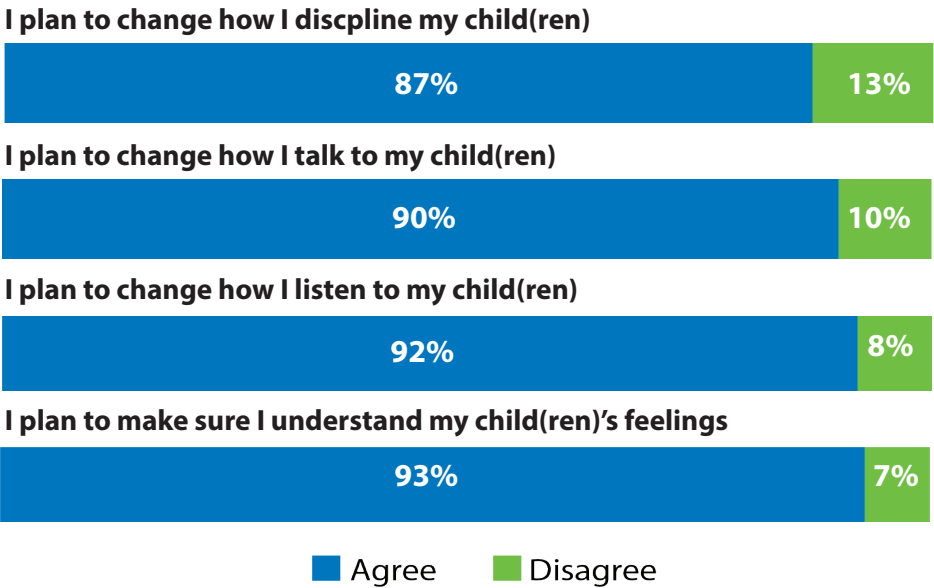
STRONGER FAMILIES AND IMPROVED PARENTING

Kariñu provides Family Support Activities to build families’ protective factors and develop their parenting knowledge and skills. These include: (1) Parent Cafés; (2) Peer Family Support Groups; and (3) Interactive Play Dates. Through Kariñu’s partnership with the Micronesians Resource Center One Stop Shop (MRCOSS), families from Guam’s Micronesians community have access to parenting workshops conducted in their preferred languages at locations that are convenient for them.

21 Family Support Activities Were Conducted



Caregivers Reported Learning New Parenting Skills



What Families Liked About Peer Family Support Groups

“Being able to talk about how stressful life can be. Also, finding ways to cope and just stay positive.”

“I love the activities for kids and parents. The loving atmosphere.”

“Learn (ing) how to deal with our children.”

