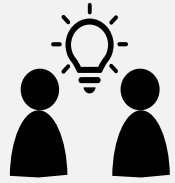
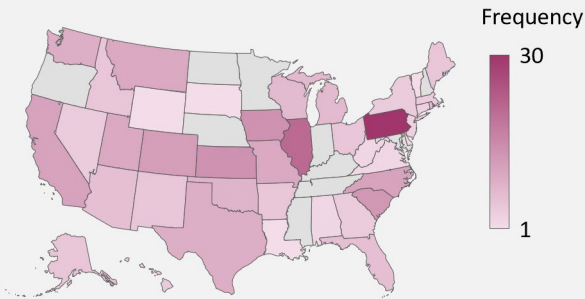


SURVEY OVERVIEW



TIER partnered with PAT National Center (PATNC) to administer a survey to PAT affiliates across the country to learn how PAT supports families who are involved with child protective services (CPS)

311 respondents from **40** states completed the online survey



PREVALENCE OF CPS INVOLVEMENT

97% of respondents reported their affiliate worked with families involved with CPS

88% of respondents reported their affiliate worked with families experiencing custody disruptions

Respondents estimated that, of families enrolled in program year 2021:

22% were involved with CPS
~ **1 of 5 families**



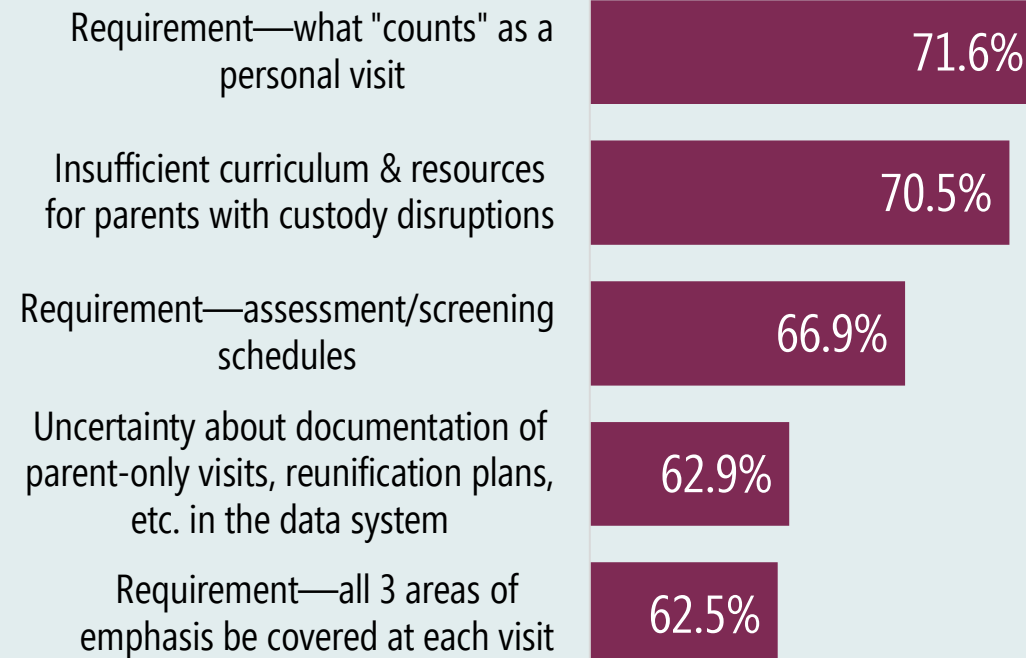
15% experienced custody disruptions
~ **1 of 6 families**

UNDERSTANDING OF PATNC GUIDANCE ON WHETHER PARENT-ONLY VISITS ARE "ALLOWED"

Fewer than half of respondents—**46.9%**—understood that PAT visits may take place without the child present if the family is experiencing custody disruptions and the goal is reunification

Top 5 challenges

PAT staff experience when supporting families involved with CPS



FAMILIES FIND VALUE IN PAT SUPPORT BEYOND A CPS REQUIREMENT

Nearly three-fifths of respondents—**58.3%**—estimated that all of the families at their affiliate, continued PAT services upon regaining custody



NATURE OF THE PAT-CPS RELATIONSHIP: IT'S COMPLICATED



"CPS often refers families to us. They understand how PAT can help increase the protective factors that keep children safe and healthy."

"Our relationship with CPS varies according to the worker. There are some CPS workers that communicate well... There are those who operate in an opposite way..."



"It's hard to trust an agency that oftentimes simply creates more stress and more benchmarks for families who are already struggling to meet their own basic needs."

Top 3 challenges

PAT staff experience when working with CPS

66.1%



High turnover rates among CPS staff

62.3%



CPS staff are overstretched, leaving limited time for collaboration

56.0%



Fear parents will associate PAT with CPS, harming the PAT- parent relationship