



# Snapshot of Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (HMRE) Grant Recipients Serving Adults in Couples: Characteristics and progress during the first two grant years

In 2020, the Office of Family Assistance (OFA) in the Administration for Children and Families awarded Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works (FRAMEWorks) grants to promote healthy marriage and relationship education for adult couples and individuals. The primary service that FRAMEWorks grant recipients provide is group-based workshops; OFA also encourages them to promote employment and job and career advancement.

This snapshot focuses on adults in couples the grant recipients served and how they served them during the first two grant years (October 2020–September 2022). Data sources are described at the end of the snapshot.



**18 FRAMEWorks**  
grant recipients  
served adults in  
couples



**13,675** adults  
in couples  
enrolled in  
programs

by FRAMEWorks grant  
recipients during the first  
two grant years

## Exhibit 1. Characteristics of adults in couples who enrolled



**38.8 years**  
average age



**49%**  
female



Most common races  
and ethnicities

**28%** Hispanic or Latino

**25%** Black or African  
American (non-Hispanic)

**35%** White (non-Hispanic)



**60%**  
working, full-time

**15%**  
working, not full-time  
(including part-time  
and temporary)



**94%**  
married or in a  
steady relationship



**1.4 children**  
on average



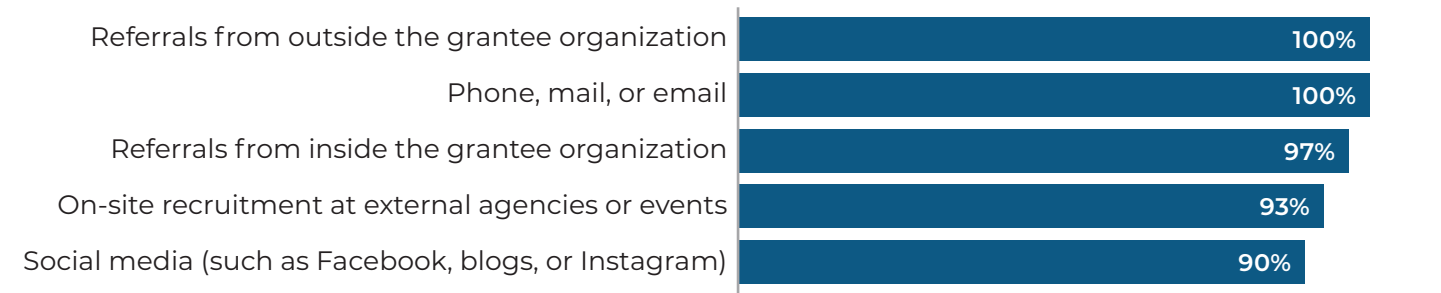
**69%**

Most common reason to enroll was  
to improve personal relationships,  
such as with a partner or co-parent

Source: Applicant characteristics surveys completed from April 7, 2021, through August 31, 2022. N = 13,675.

## Recruitment methods

**Exhibit 2.** Most common ways FRAMEWorks grant recipients recruited clients



Source: Program operations surveys completed from October 1, 2021, through September 27, 2022.  
Note: The graphic includes all FRAMEWorks grant recipients, including those that served adult individuals and/or adult couples. Grant recipients could select more than one response option. The graphic shows the five most common recruitment methods used by grant recipients. Other recruitment methods that grant recipients could select were street outreach and other. The yearly average number of grant recipients responding to the items in this graphic was 30.

## FRAMEWorks services

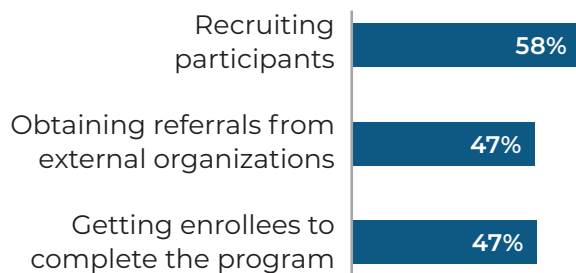
**Exhibit 3.** Participation of adults in couples in services offered by FRAMEWorks grant recipients



Source: nFORM 2.0 data reported from April 7, 2021, through September 29, 2022. N = 13,675.  
Note: This graphic shows services received by clients who enrolled in the reporting period. Clients are counted as receiving services if they participated in any primary or optional workshop session, participated in a service contact lasting at least 15 minutes (regardless of the issues discussed), or received a referral, incentive, or program support. Days from first to last service contact is days between the client's first service contact (lasting at least 15 minutes) or workshop attendance and the client's last service contact (lasting at least 15 minutes) or workshop attendance. For clients with only one date for service contacts or workshop attendance, service duration = 1 day. For clients with missing data on service contacts and workshop attendance, service duration = 0 days. Service contacts lasting less than 15 minutes are excluded from the calculation of enrolled clients who received any service. Workshop hours include primary and optional workshops. Workshop hours and service contacts are reported as means across all enrolled clients.  
nFORM = Information, Family Outcomes, Reporting, and Management.

## Implementation of FRAMEWorks programs

**Exhibit 4.** Most common implementation challenges for FRAMEWorks grant recipients



Source: Program operations surveys completed from October 1, 2021, through September 27, 2022.

Note: The graphic includes all FRAMEWorks grant recipients, including those that served adult individuals and/or adult couples. This graphic shows implementation challenges most commonly identified by grant recipients. Grant recipients were asked to select one or more challenges related to recruitment, enrollment, client participation, staffing, service delivery, weather, data, and program facilities. The yearly average number of grant recipients responding to the items in this graphic was 30.

**Exhibit 5.** Percentage of grant recipients with staff that met one-on-one with supervisors at least biweekly

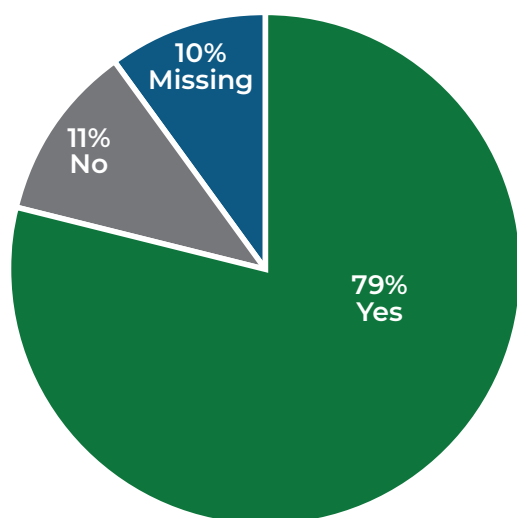


Source: Program operations surveys completed from October 1, 2021, through September 27, 2022.

Note: The graphic includes all FRAMEWorks grant recipients, including those that served adult individuals and/or adult couples. This graphic shows percentages of grant recipients indicating their staff met with a supervisor at least biweekly, among grant recipients that had each position or role. Most grant recipients (90 percent or more) had facilitators, case managers, supervisors, and program managers. Less than half of grant recipients had employment specialists (43 percent). The yearly average number of grant recipients responding to the items in this graphic was 30.

## Clients' perceptions of programs' helpfulness

**Exhibit 6.** Percentage of adults in couples served by FRAMEWorks grant recipients that rated the program as helpful overall



Source: Adult Healthy Marriage exit surveys completed from May 11, 2021, to September 29, 2022. N = 8,867.

Note: The percentages in this graphic are of clients who rated the overall helpfulness of their program in the exit survey. Clients used a scale of 1 (not at all helpful) to 5 (extremely helpful). A rating of 4 or 5 means the client found the program helpful, and a rating of 1, 2, or 3 means the client did not find the program helpful. The exit survey was completed by 8,867 adult clients in couples, or 65 percent of clients who enrolled.

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## Data

This snapshot includes information from a set of standardized performance measures that grant recipients collect and report through the Information, Family Outcomes, Reporting, and Management (nFORM) 2.0 management information system. The performance measures data in nFORM include client services, client characteristics and outcomes, and program operations entered by grant recipients. Grant recipients enter client services information on an ongoing basis and provide data on program operations by completing quarterly program operations surveys. Clients provide information on their characteristics at enrollment by completing applicant characteristics surveys. Clients provide information on outcomes at their first and last workshops by completing entrance and exit surveys, respectively. For shorter programs, clients complete exit surveys at least 14 days after the entrance survey.

**For more information about the Building Usage, Improvement, and Learning with Data in Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Programs (BUILD HMRP) project, please visit the [project web page](#).**

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