
Cultural and Linguistic Diversity of Early Head Start Children at Age 1 Baby FACES

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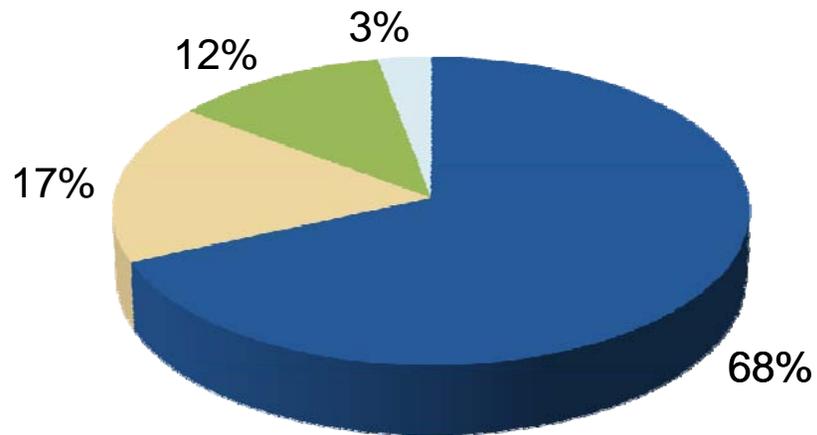


What is Baby FACES?

- **Nationally representative sample of 89 Early Head Start programs**
- **Children in 2 cohorts enrolled in spring 2009**
 - Pregnant women/Newborns < 9 weeks old (N=194)
 - 1-year-olds (10-15 months) (N=782)
- **Longitudinal design, children followed until age 3 or they leave the program**
- **Information based on parent and staff reports**

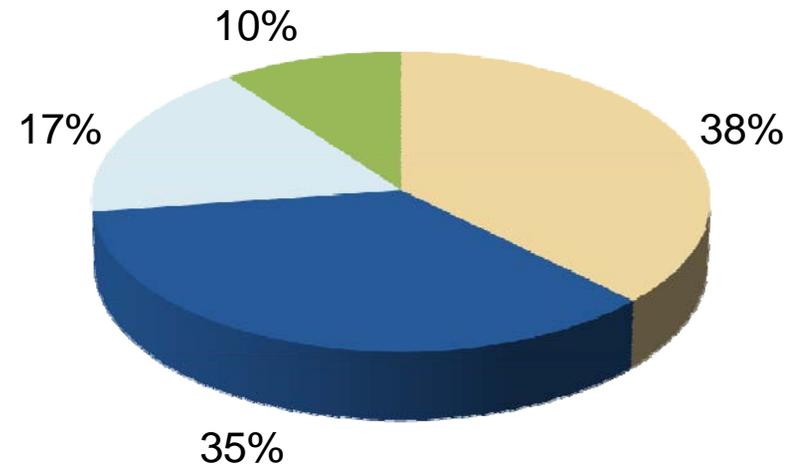
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Language



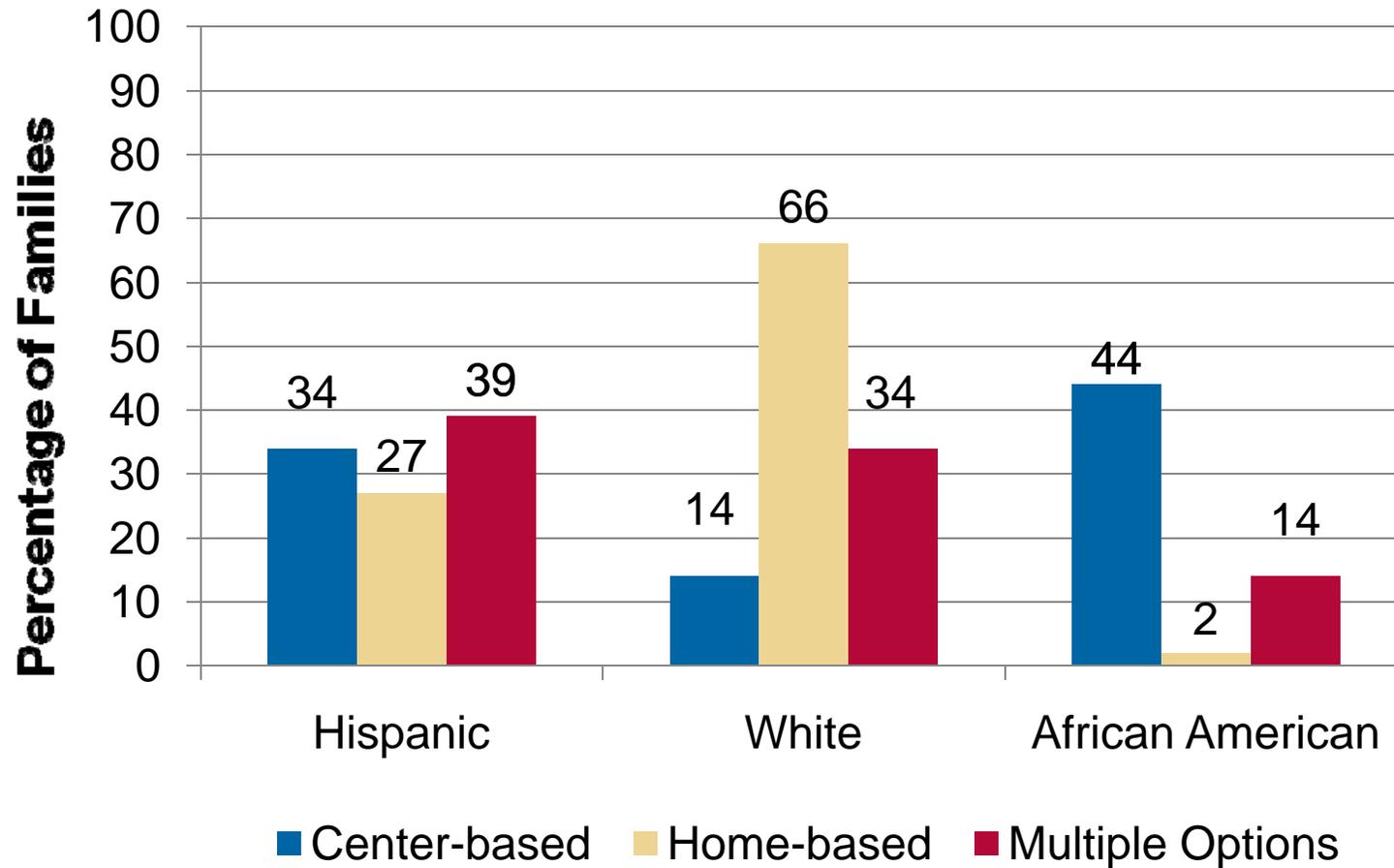
■ English ■ Spanish
■ English & Spanish ■ Other

Race/Ethnicity



■ Hispanic ■ White
■ Black ■ Other

Service Approach by Race/Ethnicity



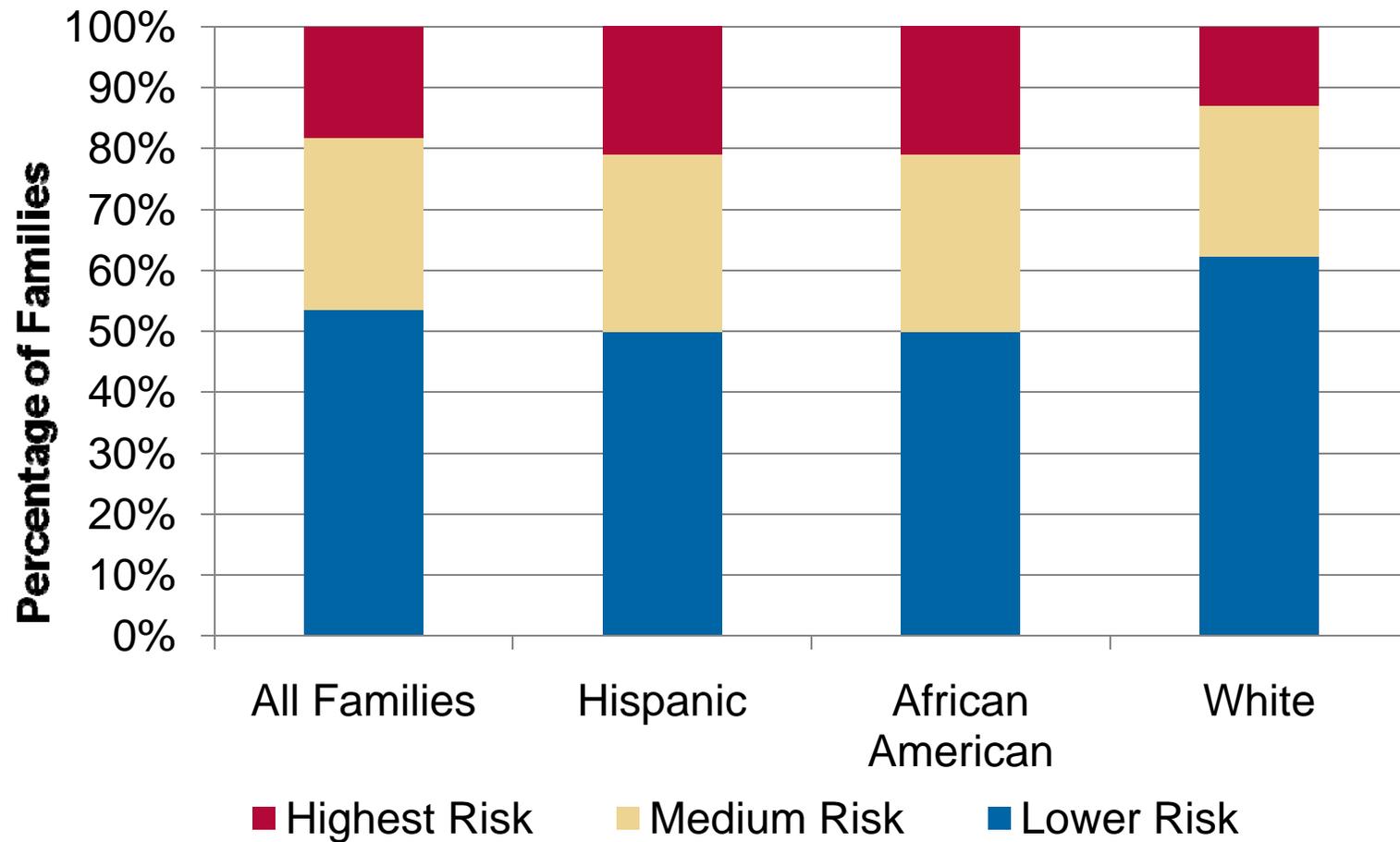
Source: Baby FACES Spring 2009 Parent Interview

Staff-Family Language Match

- **High rates of language matching between staff and families**
 - **95% of families have their home language used during home visits**
 - **96% of children have their home language used in the classroom**

- **Among families speaking Spanish:**
 - **90% of children have a Spanish-speaking home visitor**
 - **88% of children have a Spanish-speaking teacher or another adult in the classroom**

Maternal Demographic Risk



Child Development at Age 1

- **Word Comprehension (Staff report)**
 - DLL children understand more words in Spanish than in English; but know more words overall than non-DLL children
- **Social/Emotional Development (Staff & Parents)**
 - Parents report DLL children have more delays in social-emotional development, staff report no differences between DLL and non-DLL
 - Staff report African American children most delayed in social-emotional development
- **General Development (Parent reports)**
 - African American least likely to reach at-risk cutoffs in Communication & Gross Motor

For More Information

- **Visit the OPRE website for our first report, information on the measures used at each time point, and the instruments themselves**

Learning as We Go: A First Snapshot of Early Head Start Programs, Staff, Families and Children.

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/ehs/descriptive_study/index.html

- **Data will be available for public use at the end of the study in 2013.**