



## Friday C.A.F.É. Program Evaluation Results

F5SMC Commission Meeting  
April 24, 2023

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## The Friday C.A.F.É.

### Community And Family Engagement

- ❖ A professional network for family and community engagement practitioners that aims to:
  - Build connections through networking and peer support
  - Spark innovative thinking to expand knowledge and practice in authentic connection with families
  - Establish a professional identity for the Family Engagement field
  - Facilitate a restorative experience to sustain and inspire family engagement practitioners
  
- ❖ Funded by F5SMC since 2017 through a grant to the San Mateo County Office of Education



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## Friday C.A.F.É. Evaluation Project

- Mini-Surveys: A few key questions asked at the end of each CAFÉ
- Participant Feedback Survey: Longer program evaluation completed at the close of the 2021-22 program year
- Advisory Council Focus Group: Completed in Fall 2022
- Participant Focus Groups: Completed in Winter 2023
- Key Informant Interviews: In the planning phase (Spring 2023)
- Social Network Analysis: In the planning phase (Summer 2023)

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## Celebrating Success: Participant Survey

- Responses from 68 practitioners at 38 agencies
- Half provide direct services to families; the other half work in administrative, management, or executive roles
- 42% are supervisors
- 40% have worked at their organization for 3 years or less; 40% have worked at their organization for 10 years or more
- 46% have never attended an in-person Friday C.A.F.É.

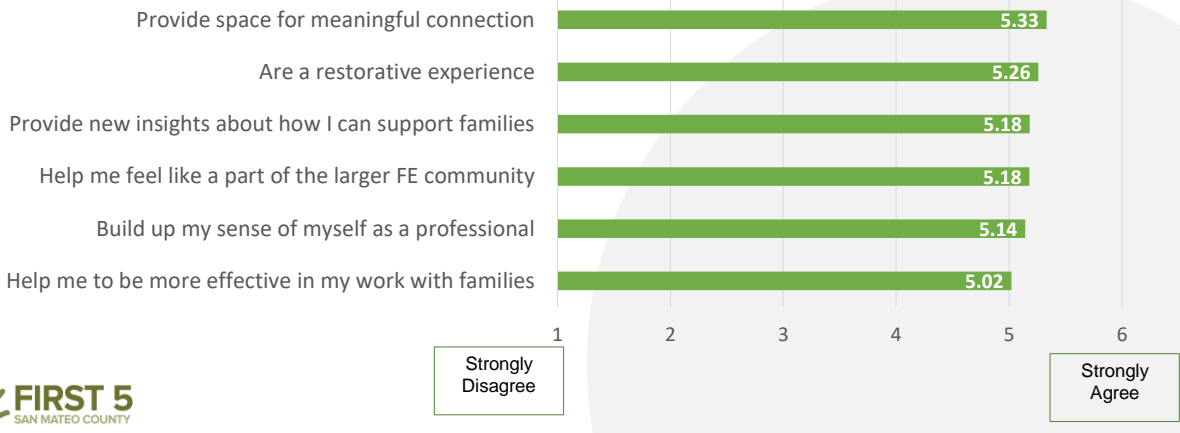


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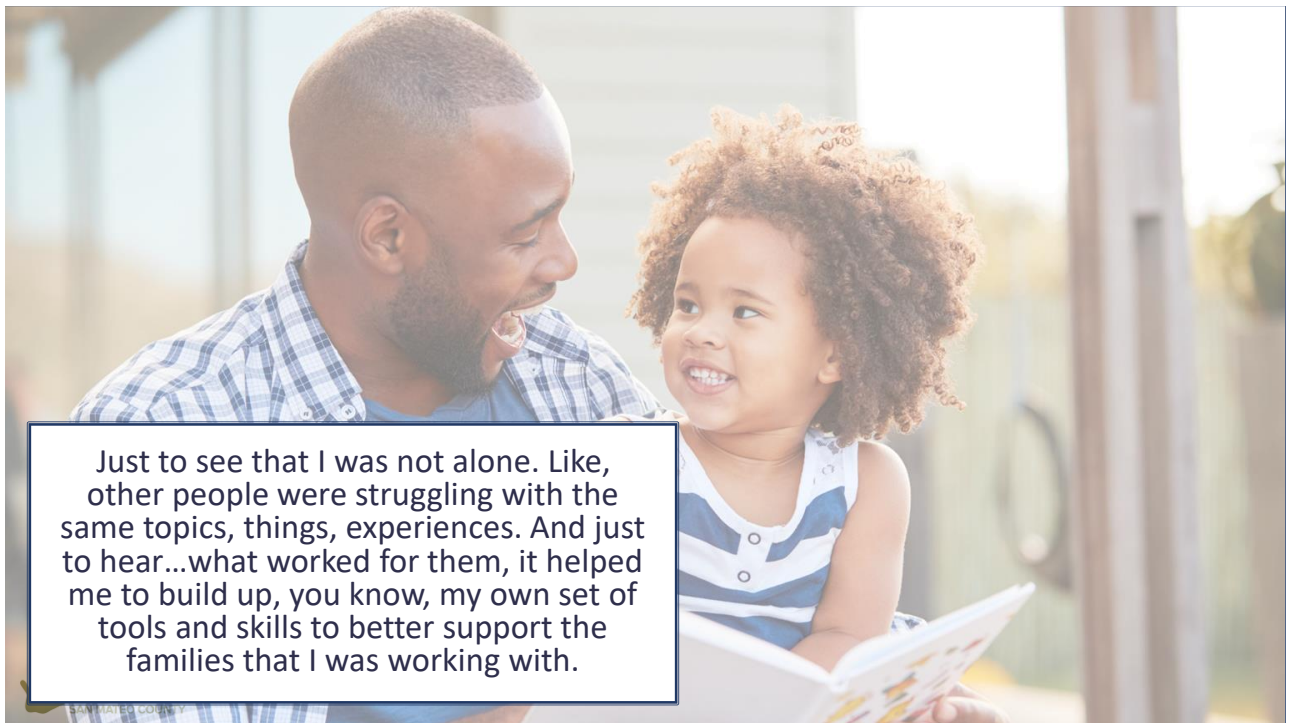
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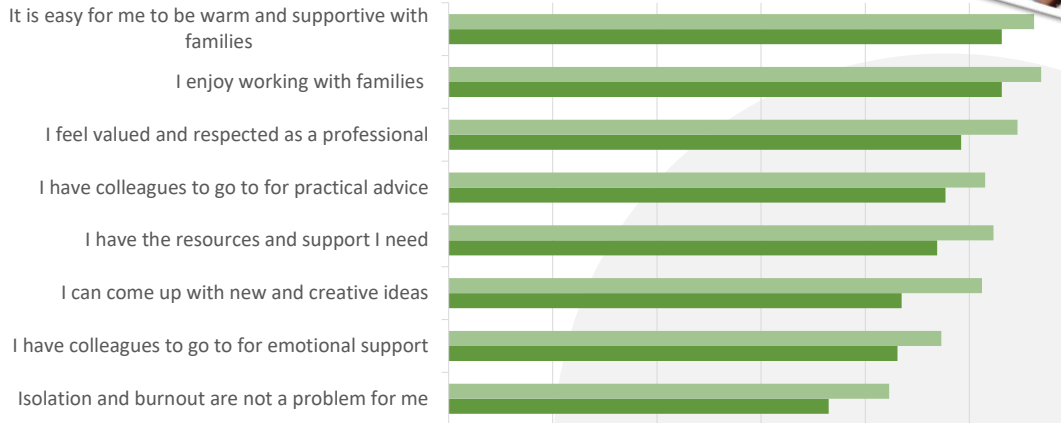
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Just to see that I was not alone. Like, other people were struggling with the same topics, things, experiences. And just to hear...what worked for them, it helped me to build up, you know, my own set of tools and skills to better support the families that I was working with.

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# Before and After Participation

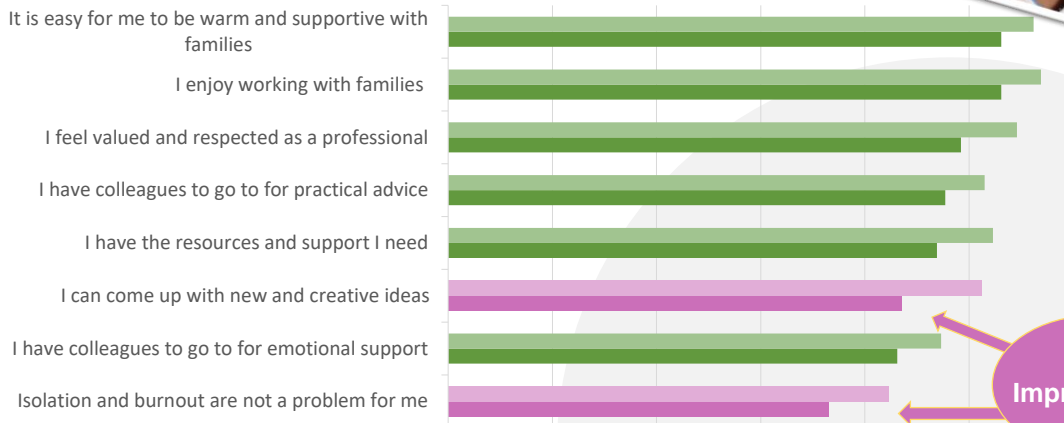


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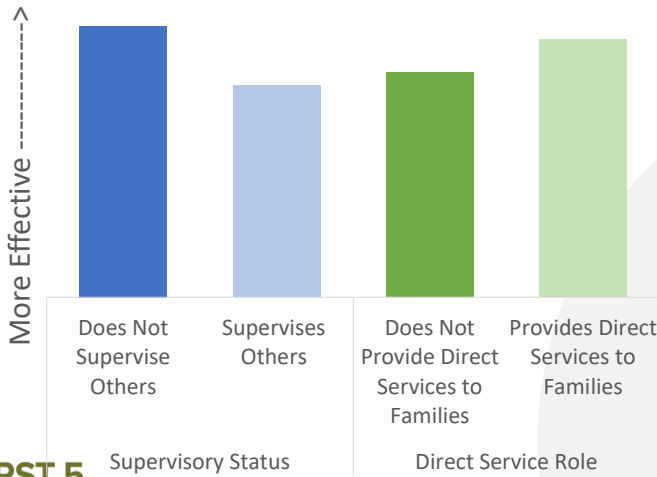
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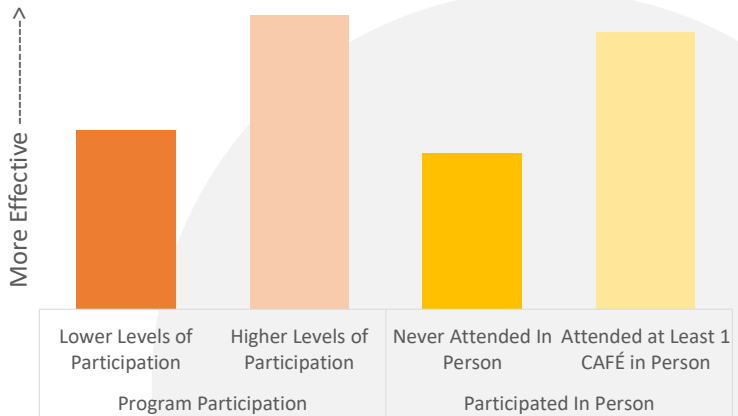
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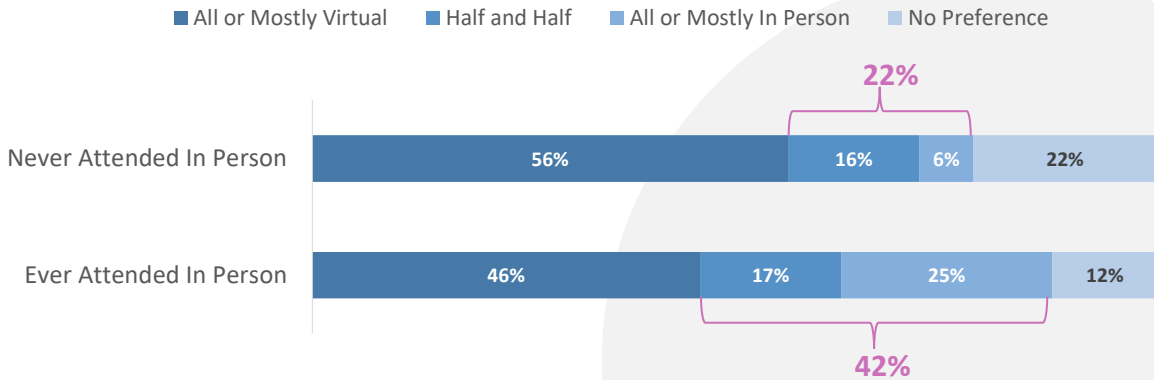
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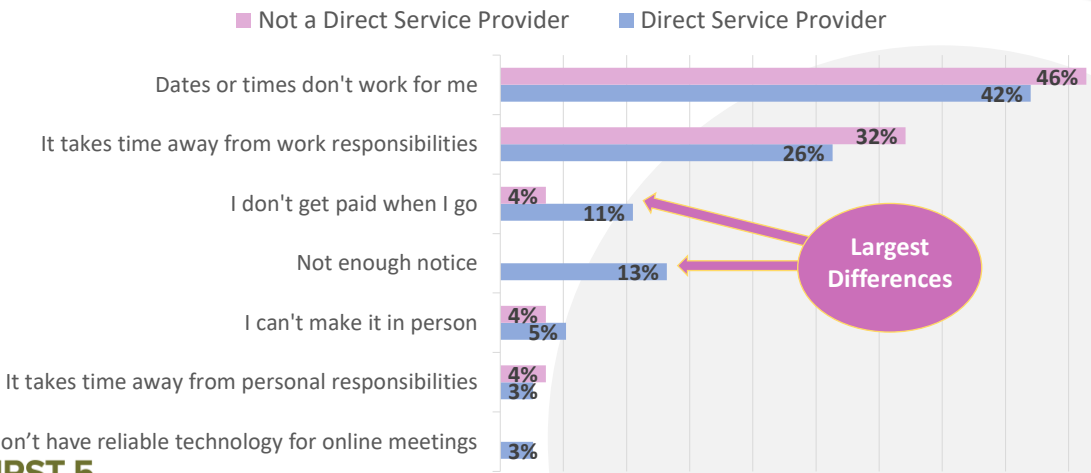
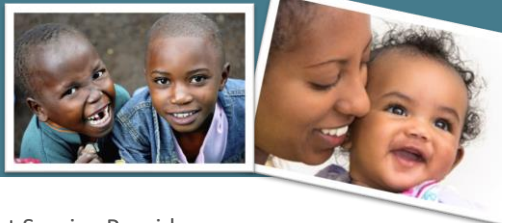
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# Planning for the Future: In-Person or Virtual?



# Planning for the Future: Barriers to Participation

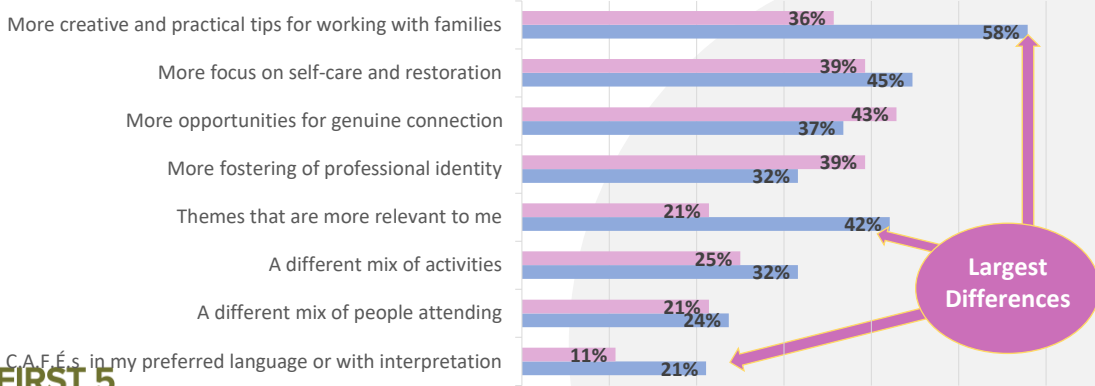


# Planning for the Future: Support for Attending



What would make you more likely to attend Friday C.A.F.E.s?

■ Not a Direct Service Provider ■ Direct Service Providers



What we don't have is a space where we come together and dance, we come together and breathe. We come together for mindfulness. And so, for me, I think it's just so important that that continues to be the focus of these C.A.F.É.s...I think that has been the beauty. And I keep hearing from staff that we need places where there's joy and happiness....We are hearing such difficult stories from families and we're experiencing our own sadness....But we wanna dance, you know, [and] after the hour and a half you feel like your cup is more full.

