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# Connecticut Children's Collective Local Collaborative Partners Parent Survey Summary 2022

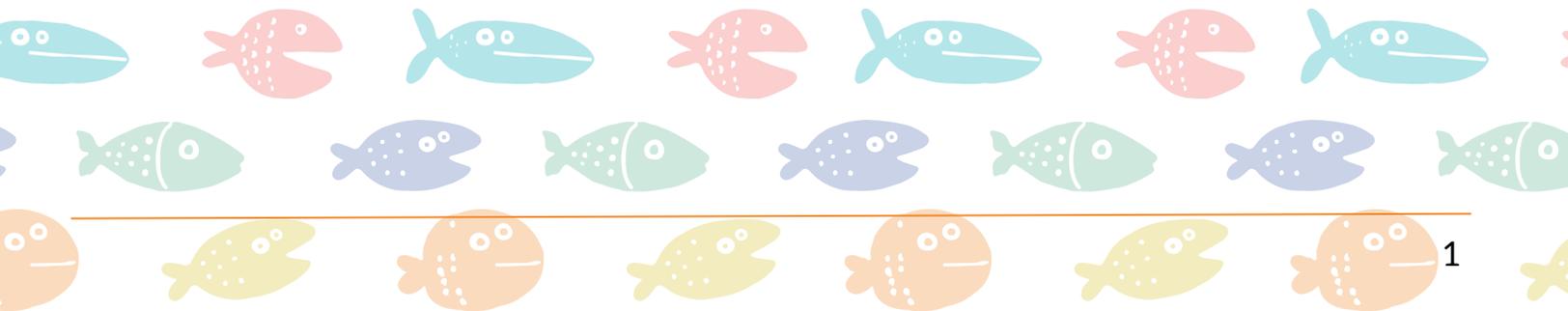
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# Introduction

The Connecticut Children's Collective works hand-in-hand with our local collaborative partners to ensure that the parents and families served are receiving the resources they need so **every Connecticut child grows up safe, healthy, happy, educated, connected, and employable**. Our mission is to help **people work together locally to improve the lives of children and families**.

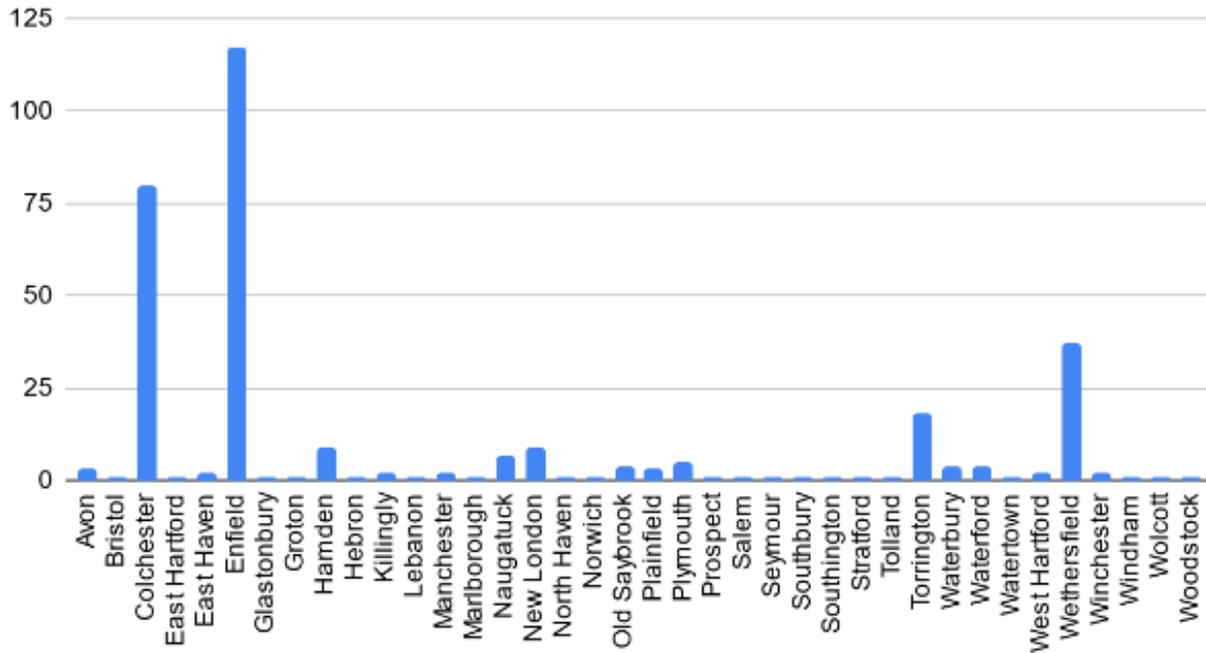
With this survey, administered by our local collaborative partners directly to the parents in their communities, we hope to gauge how well our collective work has positively impacted those we intend to help. This survey will be part of many that the Collective administers to make sure that we, along with our local parents and families, are all swimming in the right direction. Over 300 parents answered the survey, and this is what we found.

Number of Respondents	
English Version	310
Spanish Version	20
Total	330



# Question #1

What town do you live in?

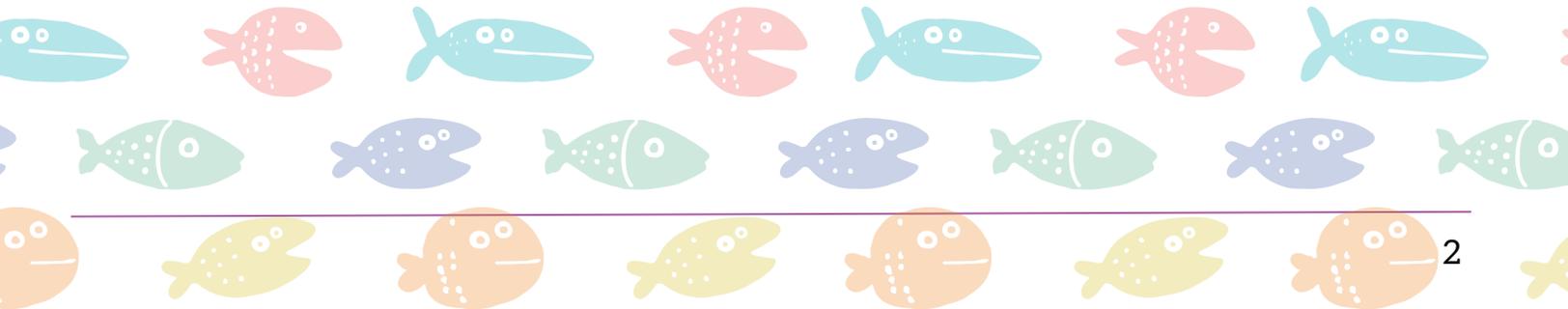


Total Number of Respondents in each Town (Both Spanish & English Versions)

38 Towns were represented.



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## Question #2

**I feel better able to deal with the day-to-day stress of raising a child.**

Sometimes the daily stresses of life can take its toll on parents. The same routines, the same tasks, oftentimes with new challenges to face along with the demands of raising a child, can prove to be too much. Knowing you have support can make all the difference in how you handle stress, and many of our local collaborative partners are these parents' support systems.

**75.31% of the respondents agreed they felt better able to deal with the day-to-day stress of raising a child; with 25.10% of those respondents strongly agreeing with the statement because of their local collaborative.**

**"The collaborative has put me in touch with so many resources and familiar faces in the community. I know I'm not alone and there are people struggling with the same things."**



**"It is great to feel supported in my role as a mother. I have found a place where I feel accepted and do not feel criticized."**

## Question #3

**I have people that I can talk to when times are hard.**

It is very common for parents, especially new parents, to feel isolated with nowhere to turn or no one to talk to for that added assurance. Our local collaborative partners not only teach parents new skills and knowledge, but they provide a platform for parents to form social circles with like-minded parents focused on raising their children and making it through the day- this can boost confidence and overall happiness with parents.

**81.82% of the respondents agreed they had people they could talk to when times were hard; with 33.62% of those respondents strongly agreeing.**

**"The local collaborative has been invaluable. It is hard to put into words the many ways it has helped our family. Through classes, our family relationships are forever changed for the better."**

**"The collaborative providing parenting classes, as well as classes for parent and child, has been an enormous support in raising my children. I feel it has been beneficial to our family."**



## Question #4

I am confident that I know where to turn if I need help with providing food, clothing, or shelter for my family.

Nothing can be more stressful on a parent when they cannot provide enough food or clothing, or even a place to live for their child; it makes them feel ashamed and hopeless. Our local collaborative partners are always happy and willing to offer help to parents in need, with no judgments attached. They provide food, diapers, formula, clothing, and resources and referrals to find housing and even employment. Our local collaborative partners give their parents hope.

**87.24% of the respondents agreed they were confident in knowing where to turn in a time of need; with 42.13% of those respondents strongly agreeing with the statement.**

**"New Opportunities y sus programas ayudan a resolver necesidades basicas en la comunidad. Translation: New opportunities and its programs help solve basic needs in the community."**



# Question #5

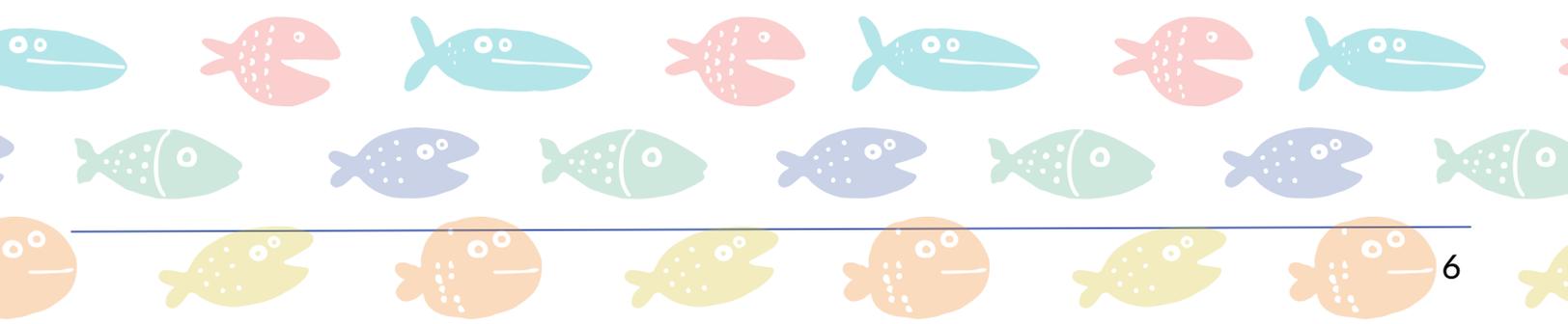
**I have a better understanding of why my child(ren) acts as they do.**

*Being a parent, you worry about your child. It just comes with the role! Parents worry whether their babies and toddlers are developing as they should, if they're ready for kindergarten, or how to best handle an adolescent outburst. Our local collaborative partners offer an array of parenting classes focused at every stage and age level. Parents feel more confident when they know why their child is acting as they are, and this leads to more patience, and ultimately a happier home.*

**74.89% of the respondents agreed they had a better understanding of why their child(ren) acted as they do; with 22.98% of those respondents strongly agreeing.**

**"The parenting class has fundamentally changed the way my husband and I react to our toddlers!"**

**"The parenting assistance classes that I have attended has helped me to understand my child in a more psychological way and understand meaning behind behavior which has directly resulted in my response to behavior. This has improved my parenting toolbox and helped me to have increased teachable moments with my child. It has been invaluable."**



## Question #6

**My relationship with my child has improved.**

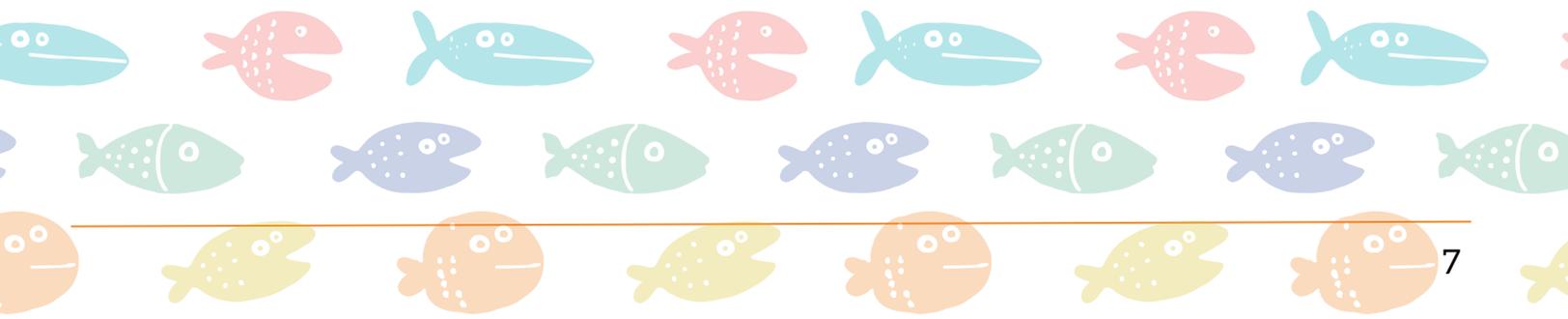
No parent wants to constantly be in conflict with their child. Some of the happiest moments are when parents and children are spending time together baking cookies, reading books, playing outside, or just talking. Our local collaborative partners provide the tools to parents so they can have more happy moments with their child everyday.

**71.07% of the respondents agreed that their relationship with their child had improved; with 28.09% of those respondents strongly agreeing with the statement.**

**"The school readiness program was life changing for our small family. It helped us both so much!"**



**"The parenting class has improved my parenting toolbox and helped me to have increased teachable moments with my child. It has been invaluable."**



# Question #7

**Overall the local collaborative has been helpful to me and my family.**

We all need support. We all need a sense of community and belonging. Our local collaborative partners form lasting relationships with parents and families because they help them with the most personal challenges. Raising children is hard. Asking for help is hard. But collectively, raising children will be joyful and asking for help will simply be on the path to greater things.

**78.72% of the respondents agreed that the local collaborative has been helpful to them and their families; with 42.98% of those respondents strongly agreeing.**



**"Gracias a la colaboración local mi hijo pudo asistir a Preschool. Translation: Thanks to the local collaboration my son was able to attend Preschool."**



**"Our local collaborative has been helpful in giving me information on how to get my child registered for preschool, important information about events in our community, and much more."**

