

**DC Children and Youth Investment  
Trust Corporation (DCCYIT)**

***Outcomes Monitoring Project***

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**Monitoring outcomes  
for parents and children  
across  
70 DCCYIT funded  
programs in D.C.....**

# Outcomes Monitoring Study

- Longitudinal non-experimental study.
- Data collected from participants over several time points
- Participants not-randomly assigned, no comparison group
- Suggests whether outcomes targeted changing in desired way
- Cannot draw conclusions about causal relationships

# Project Timeline

- ***Summer 2001***: Produced three reports on importance of programs for youth development; revised logic models; suggested measurable outcomes.
- ***Fall 2001***: Recommended measures with high validity and reliability to be used in questionnaires for the three program tracks.
- ***Spring 2002***: Developed outcomes monitoring data collection instruments.
- ***Summer 2002***: Conducted a pilot study; completed three reports on pilot study findings.
- ***Fall and Winter 2002***: Collected baseline outcome data.

# Programs

- 8 Early Childhood programs
- 49 Out-of-School Time programs
- 13 Youth Entrepreneurship programs

# Recruitment

- Parental consent obtained from all program participants < 18
- Use of advertisements and fliers
- Use of financial incentives
- Materials in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese

# Data Collection Methods

- Self-administered questionnaires given to parents and youth (13+)
- Academic and immunization records provided to programs by participants (Information entered online database-WEBSTARS)

# Early Childhood Outcomes

- **Increases** in parental engagement and knowledge about child literacy and learning
- **Increases** in children receiving appropriate health care services
- **Increases** in school readiness, as evidenced by entry to school with immunizations and health screenings complete

# Out-of-School and Youth Entrepreneurship Outcomes

- **Decreases** in youth crime
- **Decreases** in teen pregnancy
- **Increases** in school attendance
- **Increases** in school advancement from grade to grade
- **Improved** school grades and standardized test scores
- **Increases** in enrollment in GED or other educational programs

# Outcome Measures

- Measures:
  - Data collection instruments validated in previous research
  - Widely used in national surveys (NLSY97, NELS:88, Add Health)
  - High validity and reliability
  - Provide benchmark comparison

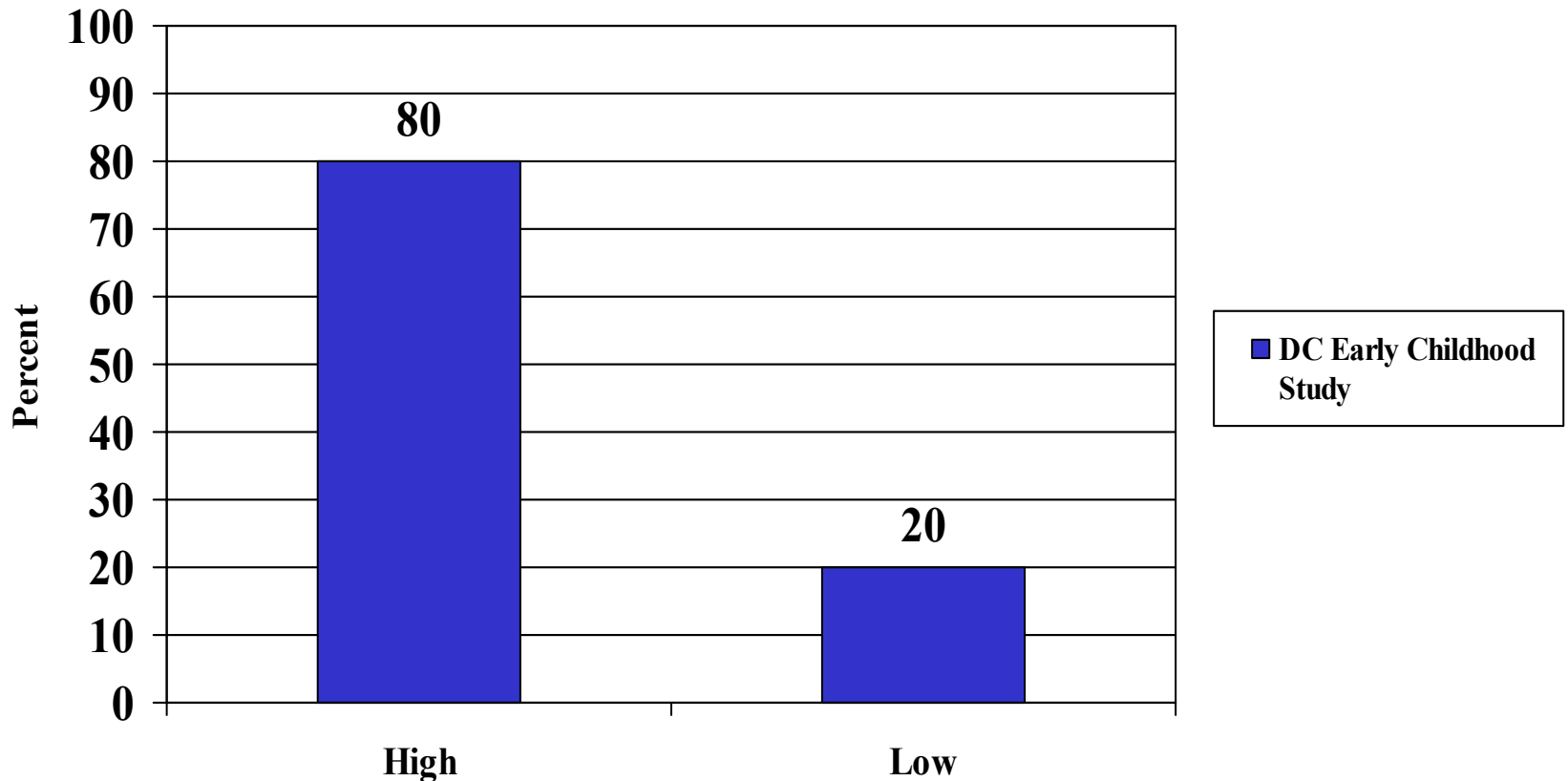
# Pilot Study

- Pilot study conducted during Summer 2002
- Purpose:
  - Assess feasibility of interviewing youth on larger scale using a select set of survey instruments
  - Logistics of data collection at program sites
  - Reactions to consent forms and survey instruments

# Characteristics of Participants in Early Childhood Programs...

# Early Childhood Participants....

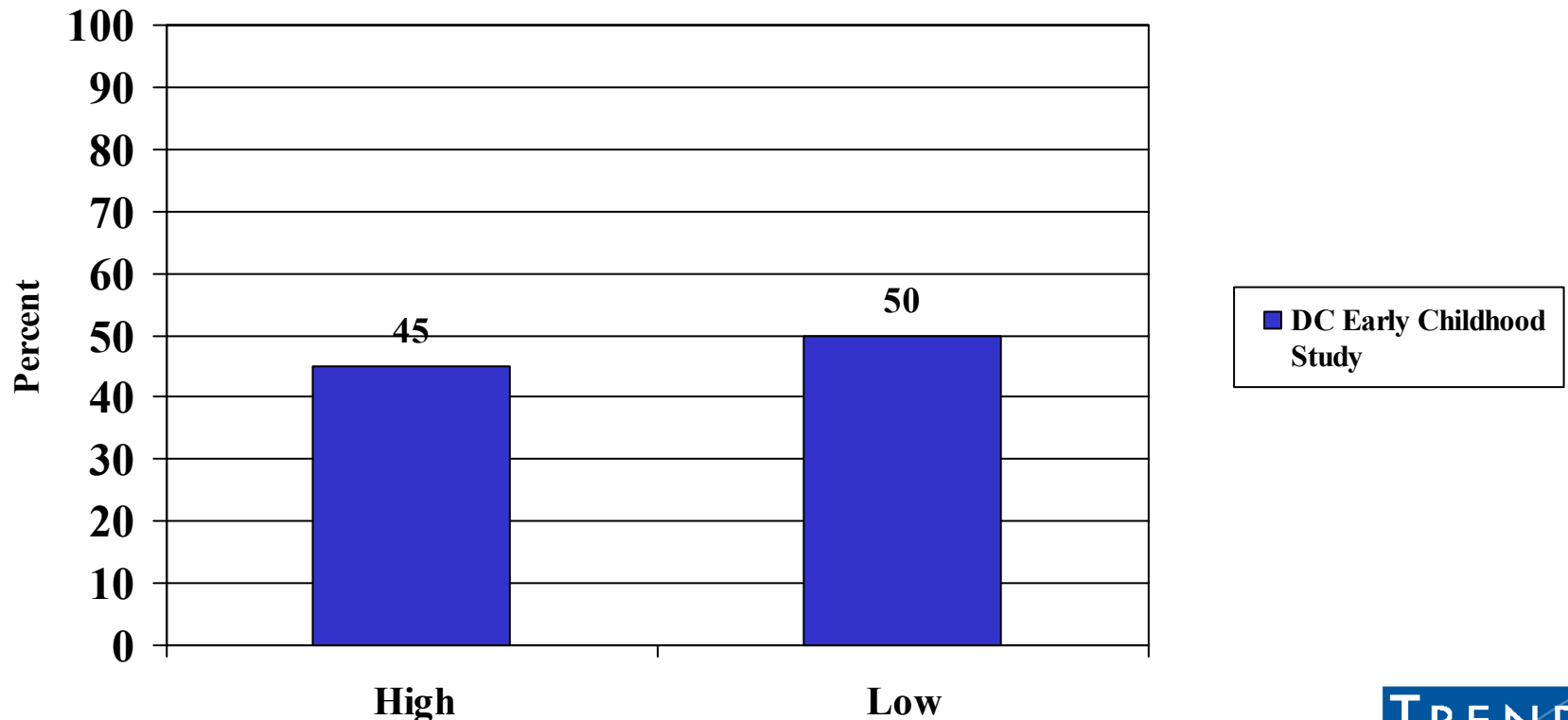
Parent reports of the frequency of Reading to Children in the  
DCCYIT Early Childhood Pilot Study



Source: DCCYIT Early Childhood Programs- Pilot Study

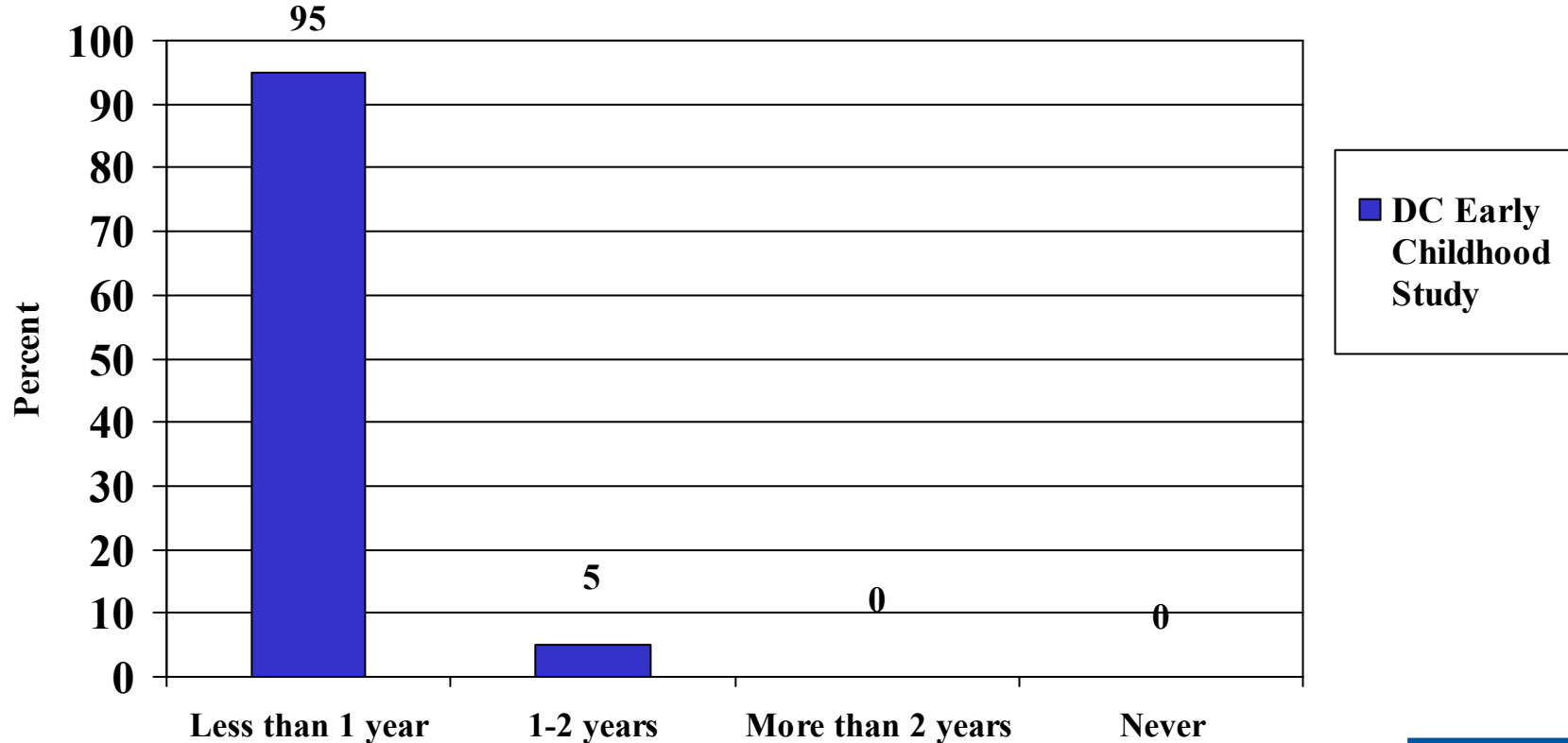
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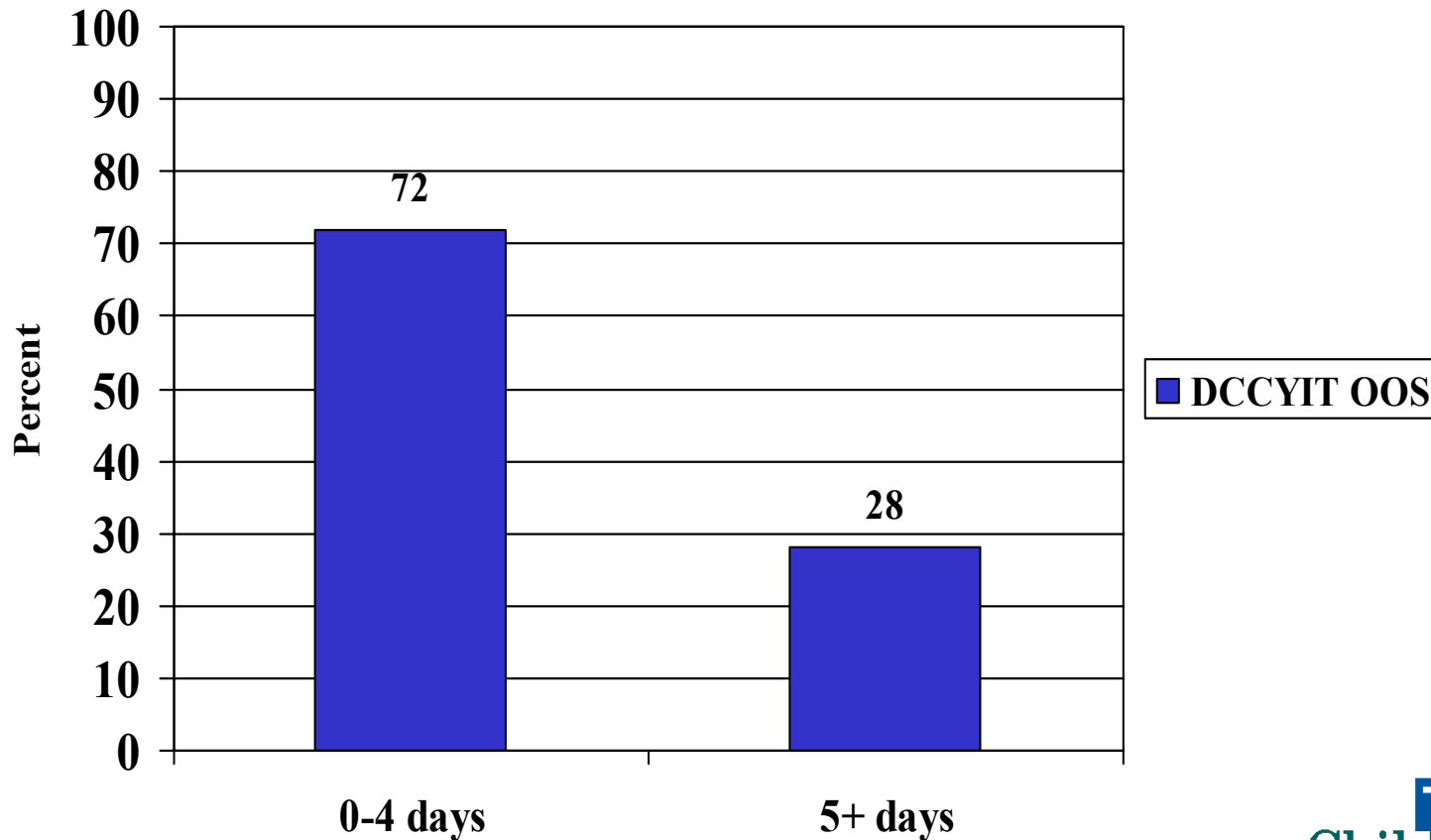
Parent Reports of Visits to the Doctor,  
DCCYIT Early Childhood Study



# Characteristics of Participants in Out-of-School Programs....

# Out-of-School Time Participants...

Percentage of Days Absent from School in the Previous Advisory Period,  
DCCYIT Out-of-School Time Pilot Study

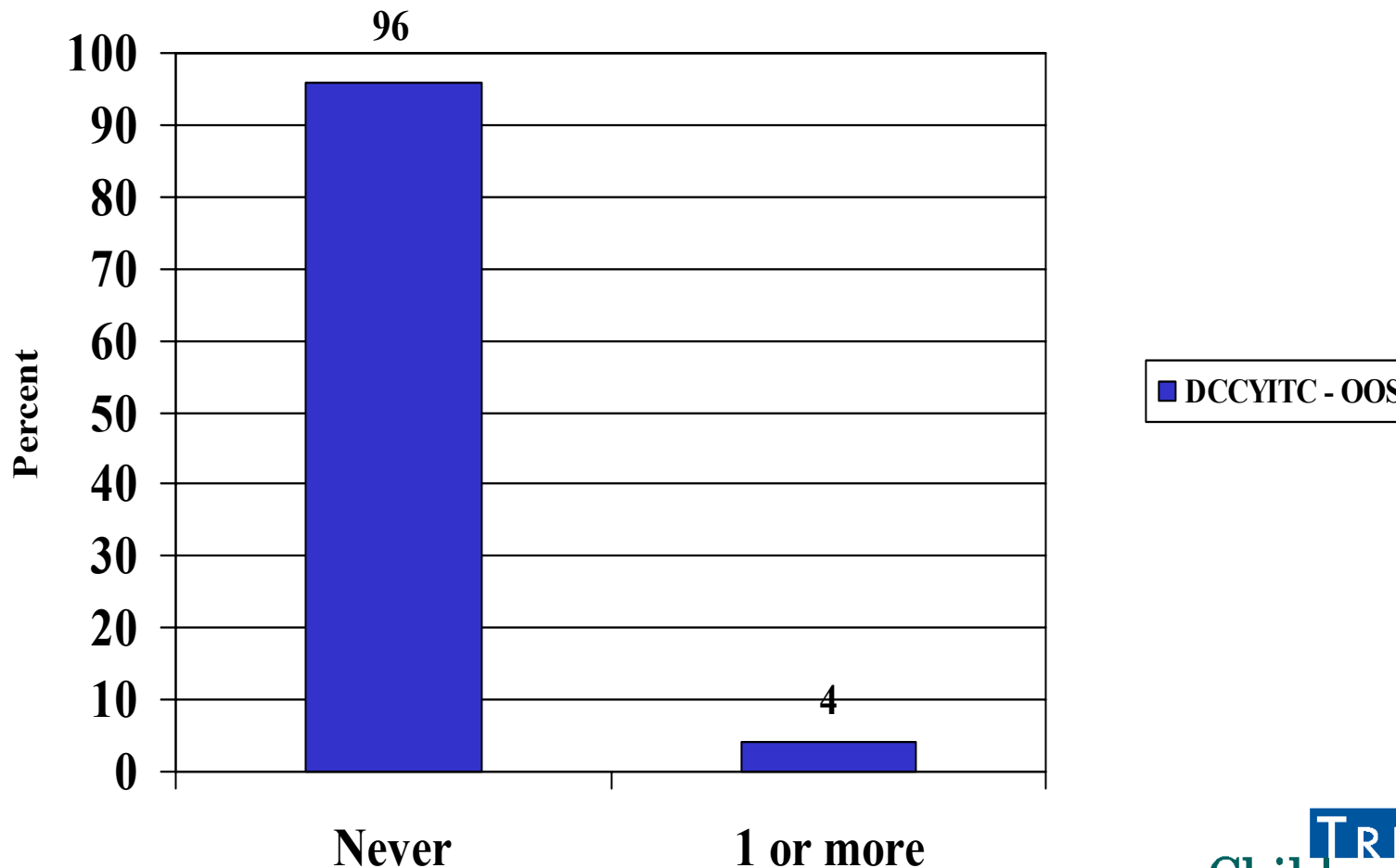


Source: DCCYIT Out-of-School Time Pilot Study



# Out-of-School Time Participants...

Percentage Youth Reporting Being Pregnant or Getting Someone Pregnant in the Past 12 Months, DCCYIT Out-of-School Pilot Study



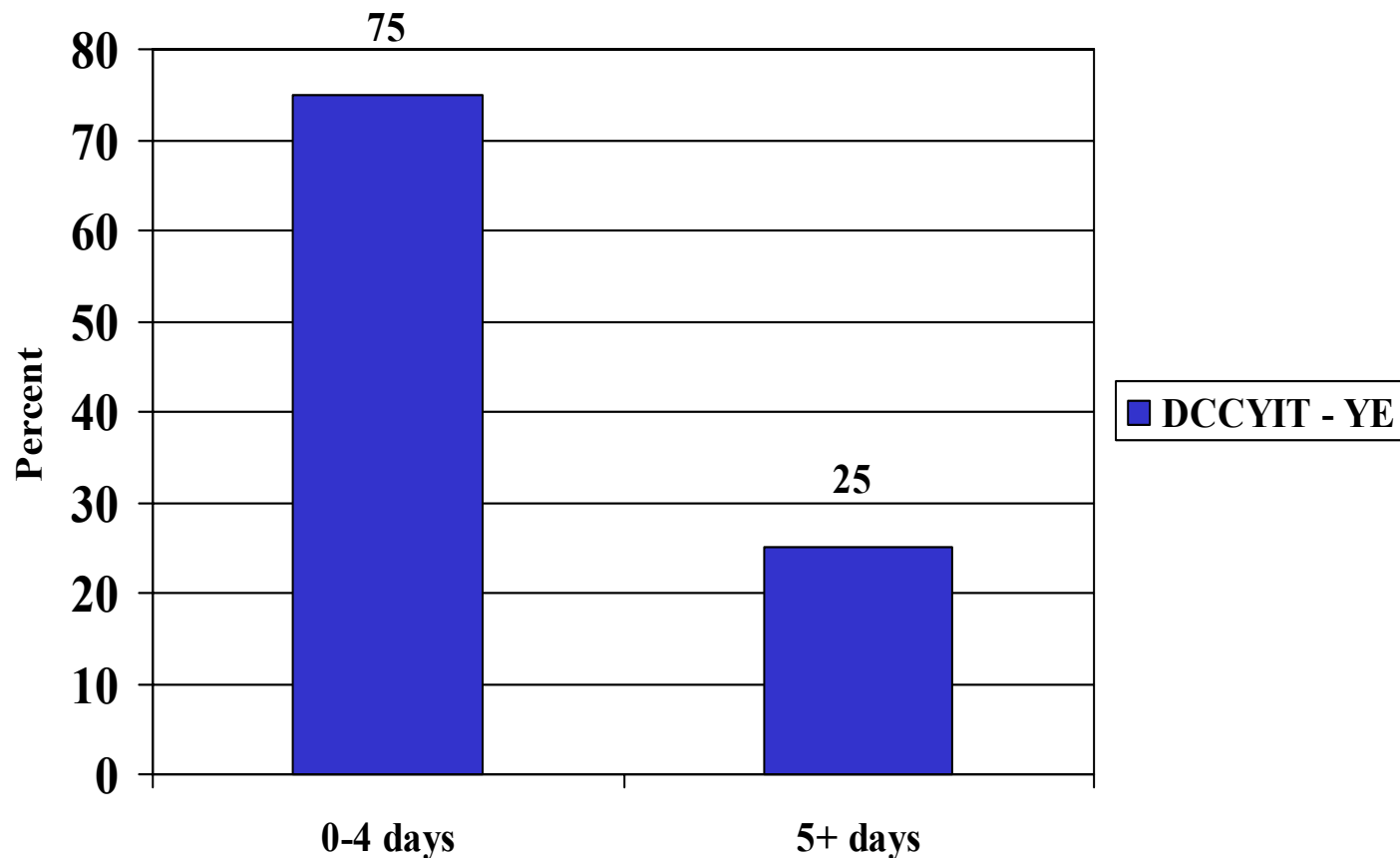
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# Characteristics of Participants in Youth Entrepreneurship Programs.....

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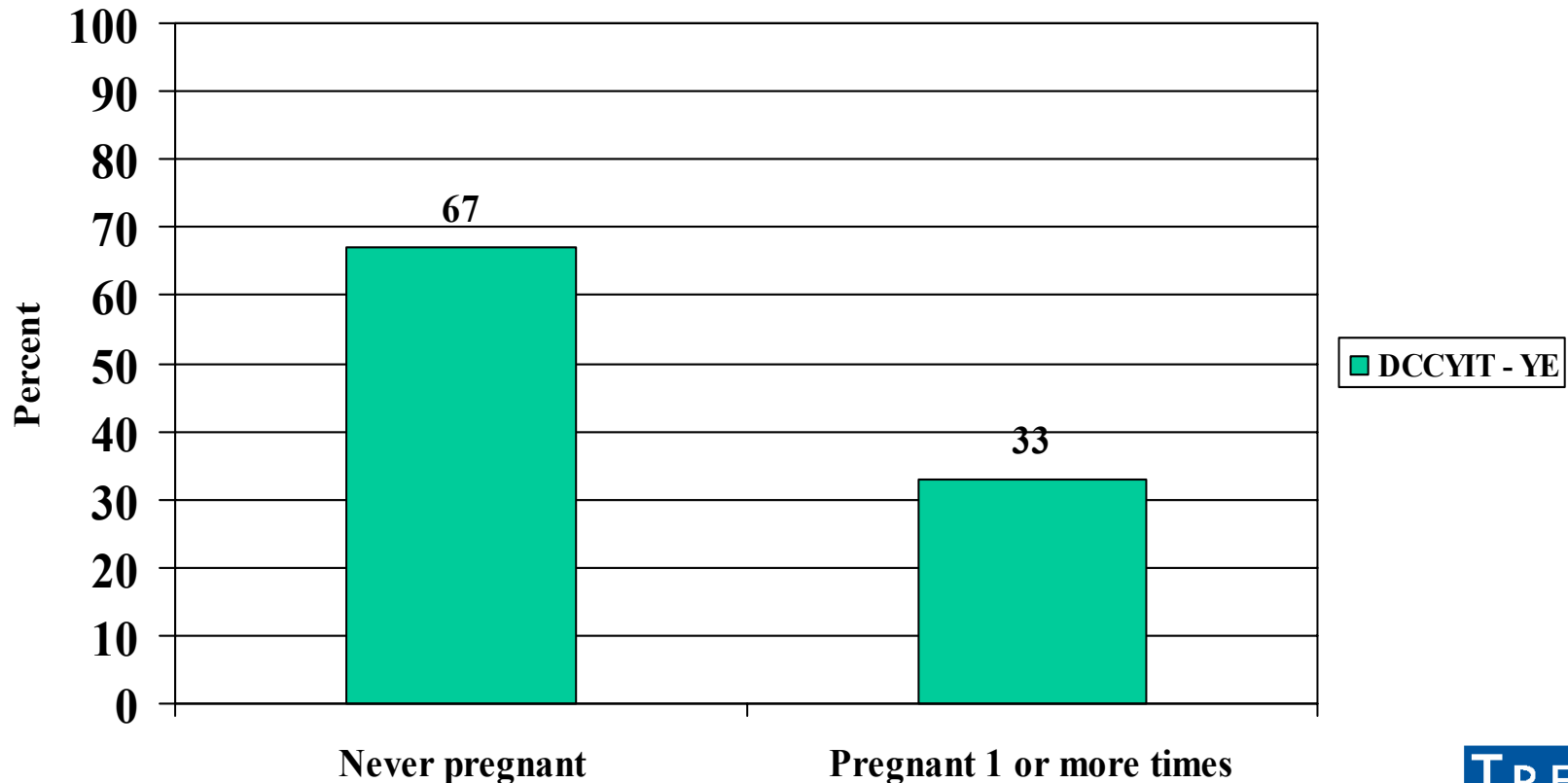
Number of Days of School Missed in Previous Advisory Period (Youth Self Report),  
DCCYIT Youth Entrepreneurship Pilot Study



Source: DCCYIT Youth Entrepreneurship Pilot Study

# Youth Entrepreneurship Participants...

Percentage of Youth Reporting on Being Pregnant and Getting Someone Pregnant,  
DCCYIT Youth Entrepreneurship Pilot Study



Source: DCCYIT Youth Entrepreneurship Pilot Study

# Where are we now?...

- Fall data collection completed
- Expansion of surveys to capture additional youth outcomes
- Completion of baseline reports planned
  - Budget deficits



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