

LEGACY FOR CHILDREN AND THE MEDICAL HOME

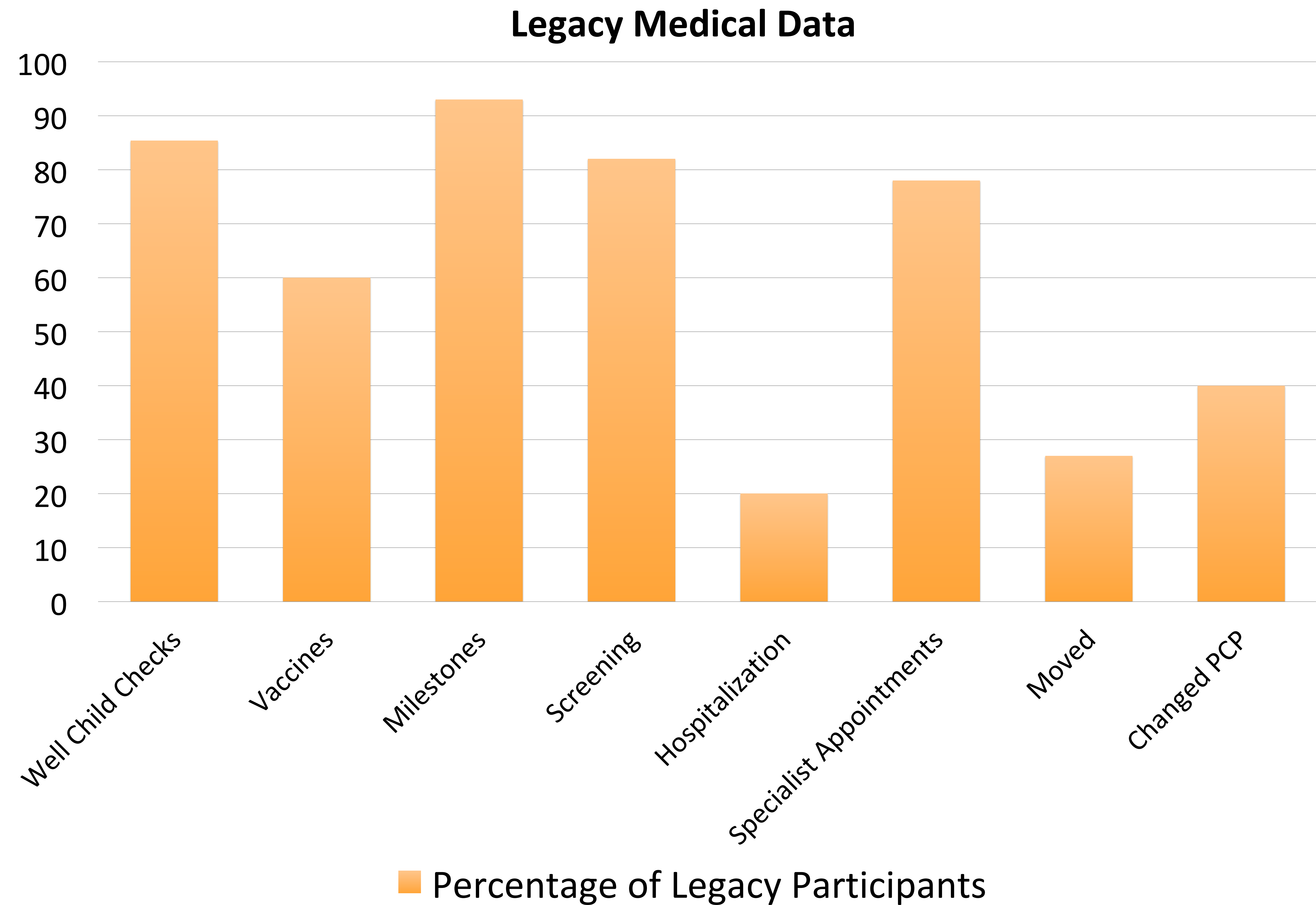
An Audit of Legacy for Children's Impact on Children's Health and Family Medical Compliance

BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVES

Legacy for Children has been studied and shown to improve the parent-child relationship and make positive change in parenting practices. This study is a review to determine the program's impact on children's health and family medical compliance. We hypothesize that participation in the Legacy for Children program will have a positive impact on a child's health and the family's overall medical compliance.

DESIGN & METHODS

We used a retrospective patient chart review to evaluate the program's effect on the child's health. Due to limited numbers of participants our numerical measures are statistically insignificant.



RESULTS & CONCLUSIONS

Of the charts reviewed there was: 1) 85.4% kept well child checks appointments, (2) 60% received vaccines on schedule, (3) 93% had appropriate growth and met milestones, (4) 20% had a hospitalization (5) 82% underwent appropriate screening at visits, (6) 78% kept appointments with specialists, (7) 27% moved to a new home, (8) 40% changed primary care physicians. It is unclear whether participation in the Legacy for Children Program has an impact on a patient's medical compliance. This study has a very small sample size. In order to better determine if Legacy has a positive impact on a patient's medical compliance, we would need to have a larger sample size in the program, do comparative studies, or to conduct qualitative studies in either interview or focus group formats. Given the importance of the caregiver/child bond to health and development and the cost of Legacy implementation, further studies are warranted.

