

Preschool: A Promising Platform to Expand Life Opportunities for Children and Parents

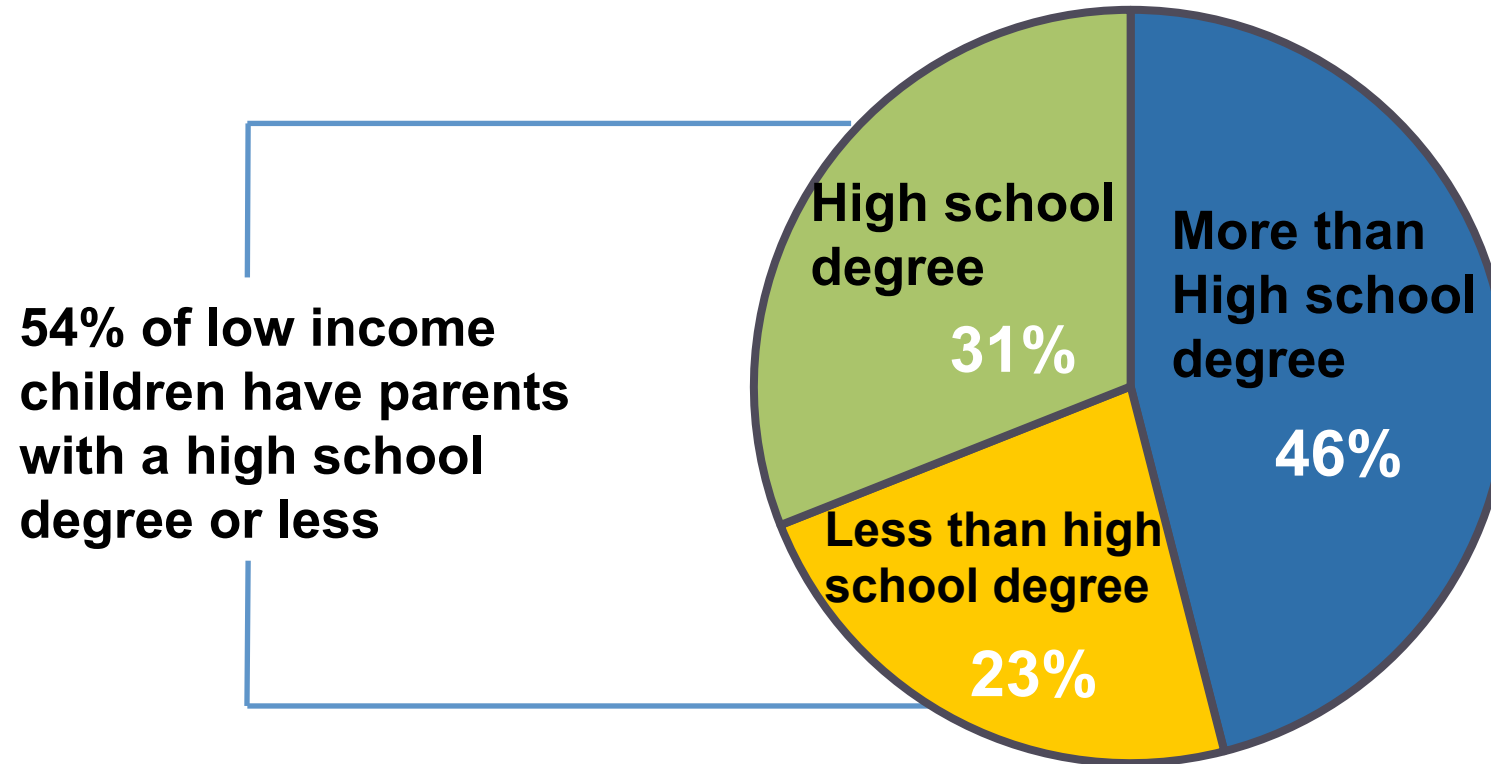
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Parents' Education among Low-Income Children Under Age 6, 2010



Basic Facts About Low-income Children, 2010: Children Under Age 6.
National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University

Two-Generation Human Capital Programs

Simultaneously implement
parent and child education programs

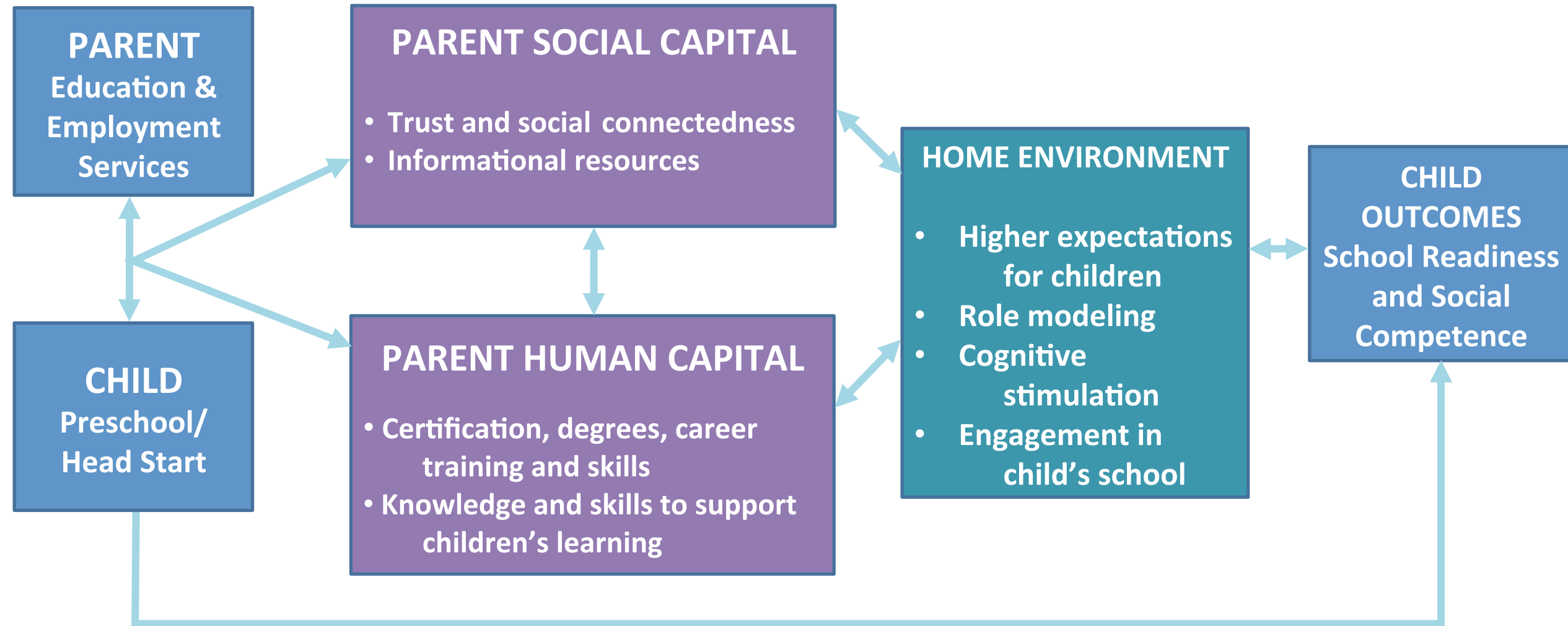
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Parent

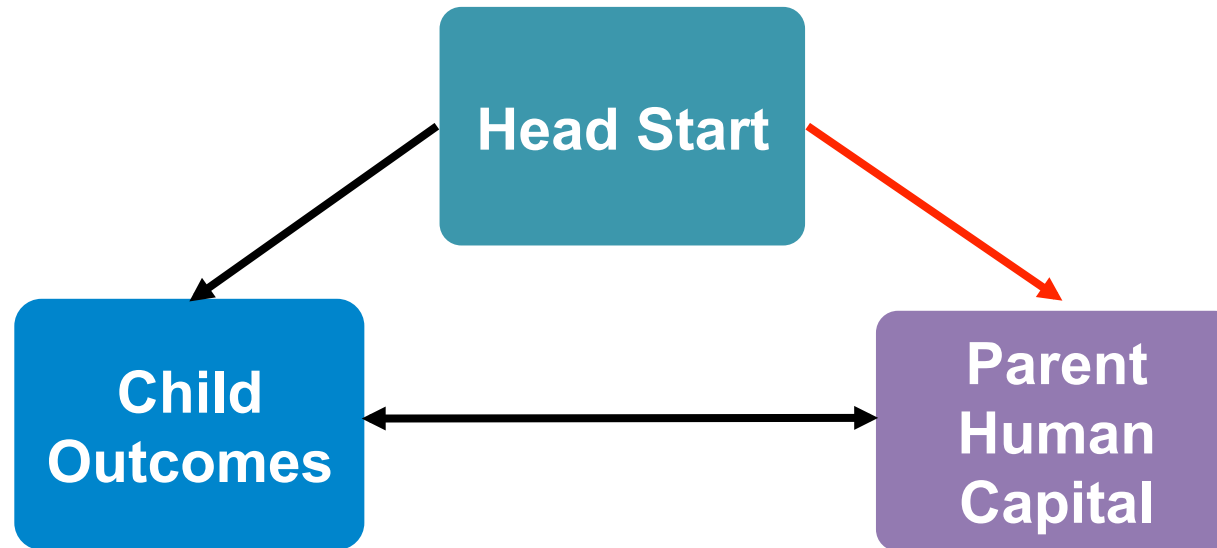


Two-Generation Human Capital Theory



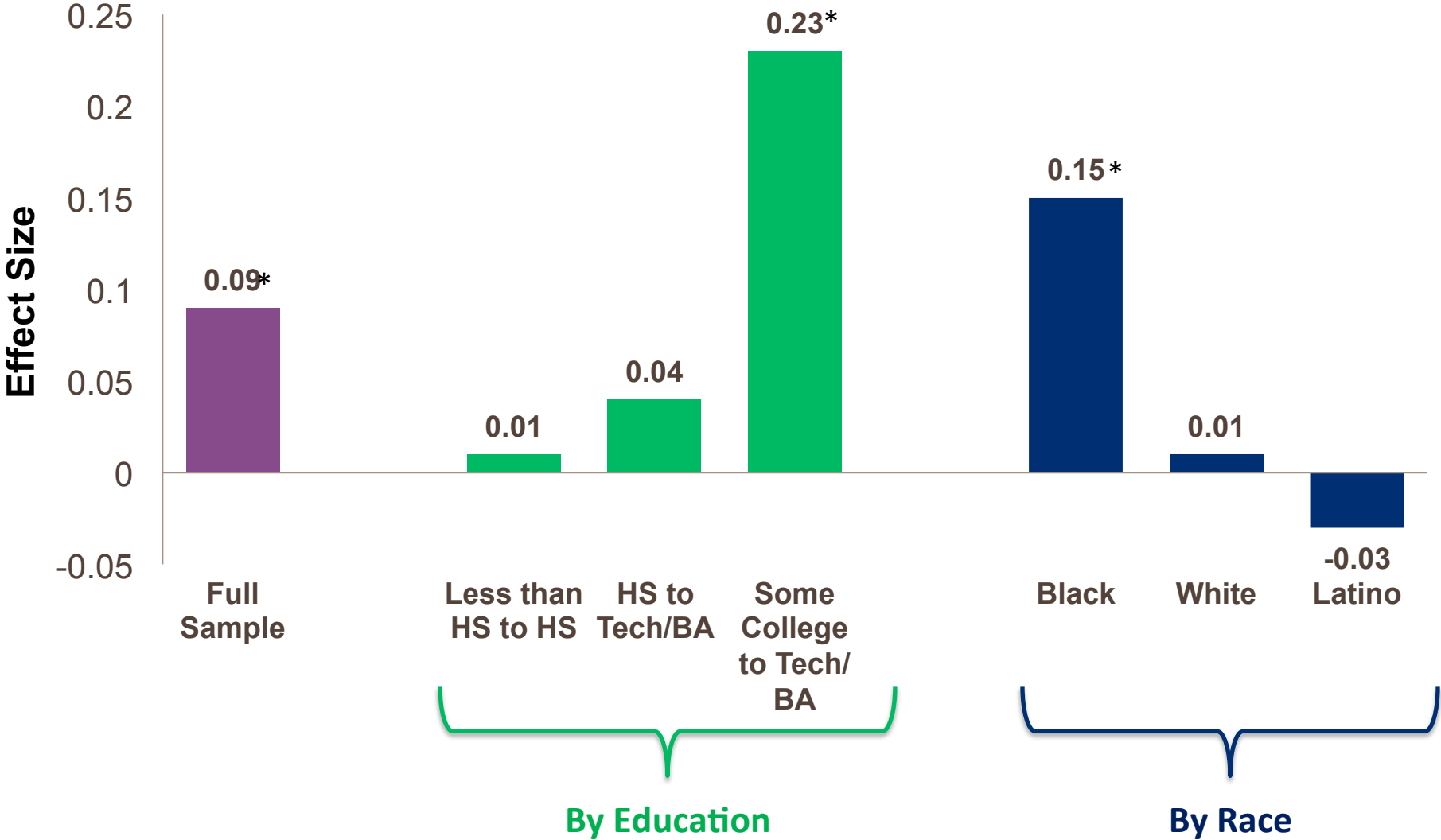
Two-Generation Lens on Head Start

- Does children's participation in Head Start lead to an increase in parents' own human capital?



Sabol & Chase-Lansdale (2015). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Head Start Impact on Parents' Education



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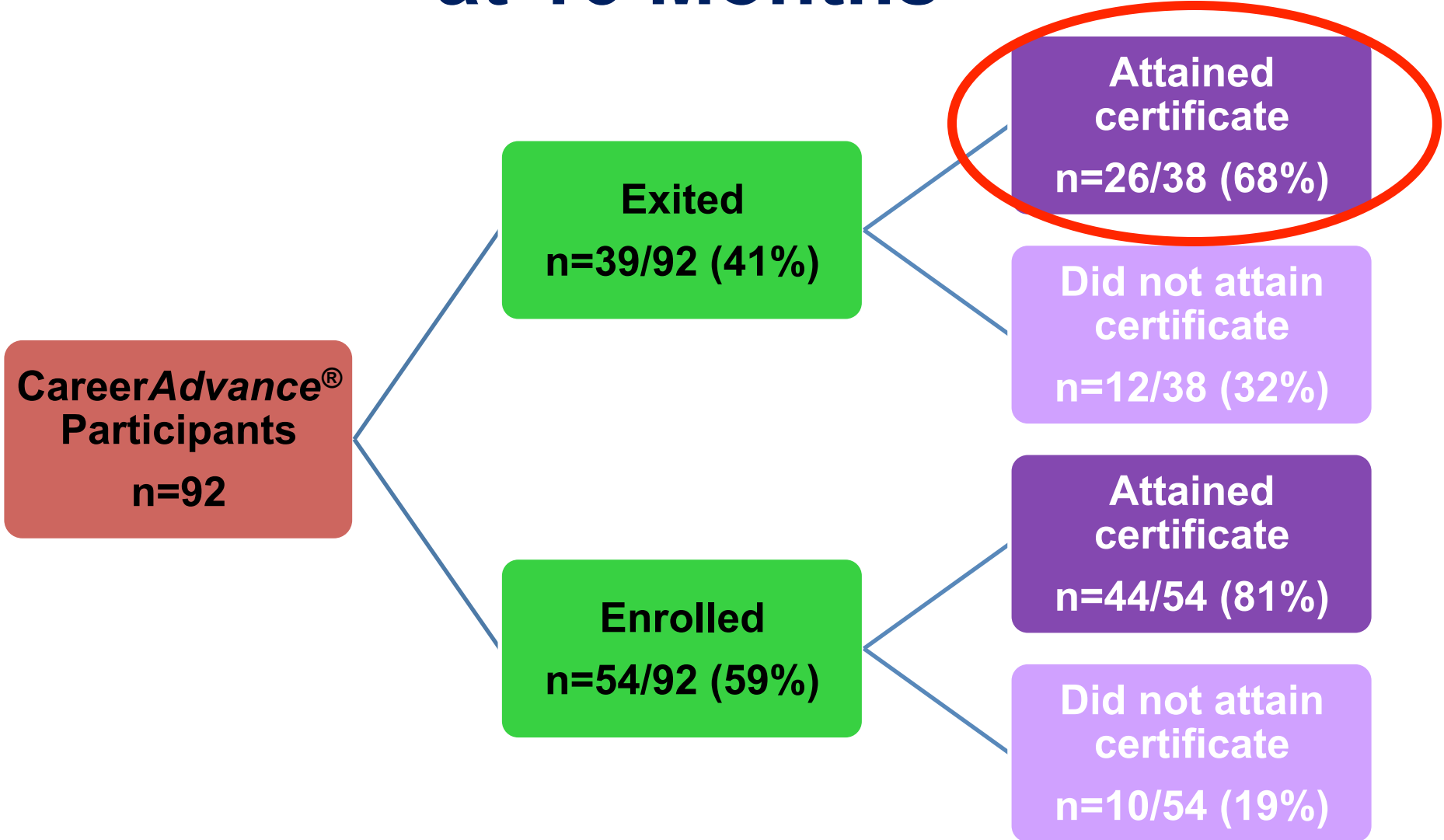
Opportunity for Promoting Both Parents' and Children's Education

- **Head Start's "business as usual" approach is a promising platform for promoting both parent and child education**
- **Potential for even more explicit parent human capital development in Head Start**

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Role Modeling

My son knows at 4 years old that he's not stopping his education after high school, he's gonna keep going. And he knows that now, and he's, you know...I think he's gonna be much more prepared than I was when I was in high school.

Hope for the Future

This program has changed my life; it's changed my future, my family's future definitely. I mean, this has opened up so many opportunities for me and my family.

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