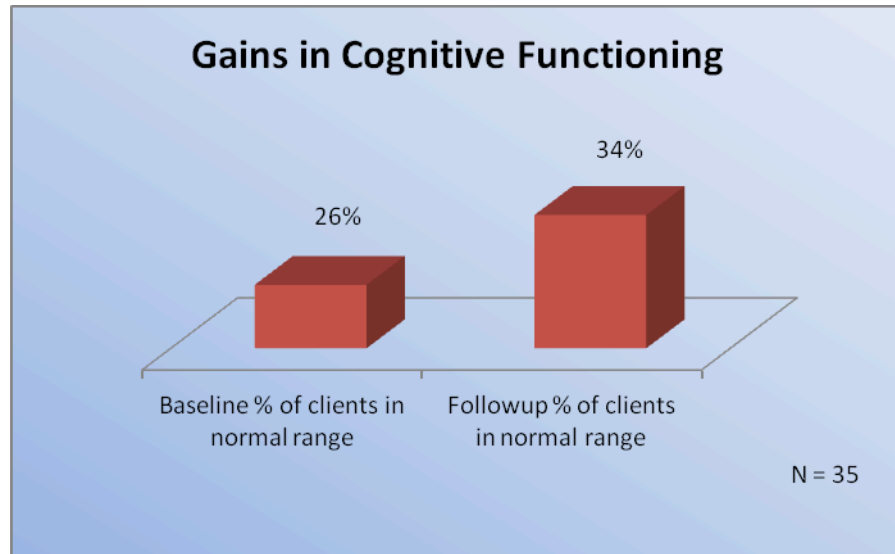


Elder Community Care significantly improves Cognitive Functioning in older adults

SLUMS Results

Cognitive Functioning

Baseline % of clients in normal range	Followup % of clients in normal range	% Gain
26%	34%	31%



Key Results:

The percentage of older adults measuring in the *normal* range at the beginning of service was 26%. At follow-up, the percentage of older adults in this category increased to 34%, **a 31% improvement**.

Saint Louis University Mental Status (SLUMS) 30-point screening measuring cognitive functioning

The Saint Louis University Mental Status (SLUMS) Examination for Detecting Mild Cognitive Impairment and Dementia is a 30-point screening questionnaire collected by program staff at intake and counseling discharge. It consists of 11 items and measures aspects of cognition that include orientation, short-term memory, calculations, naming of animals, clock drawing, and recognition of geometric figures. Scores range from 0 to 30, with scores of 27-30 considered normal in a person with a high school education. Scores between 21 and 26 suggest Mild Neurocognitive Disorder (MNCN), and scores between 0 and 20 indicate dementia.