



Project Summary

The Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 reauthorized the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program and provided funding over a five-year period to implement a targeted grant program to regional partnerships for the purpose of improving permanency outcomes for children affected by methamphetamine or other substance abuse. The reauthorization language also called for technical assistance to be provided to the grantees. The grants address a variety of common systemic and practice challenges that are barriers to optimal family outcomes. These challenges include recruitment, engagement, and retention of parents in substance abuse treatment; differences in professional perspectives and training; conflicting time frames across the systems to achieve outcomes; and chronic service shortages in both child welfare services and substance abuse treatment systems.

The Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) program supports a host of activities and services to address these barriers, including the creation or expansion of family treatment drug courts, improvement of system-wide collaboration, expanded access to comprehensive family-centered treatment, use of evidence-based practice approaches such as motivational enhancement therapy, parent advocates, and recovery management approaches to drug treatment monitoring. The outcomes of the grants are monitored in a performance measurement system focused on documenting child safety, permanency, and well-being; systems improvement; and treatment-related outcomes such as timeliness of treatment access, length of stay in treatment, and parent's recovery.

Children and Family Futures of Irvine, California, in partnership with Planning and Learning Technologies (Pal-Tech) and Macro International, were awarded the contract to support the grant program. The goals of the RPG Support Contract are to develop a performance measurement system in collaboration with the grantees; provide programmatic and evaluation-related technical assistance to grantees; assess and analyze data submitted on grantee performance indicators; and provide various reports including legislatively required outcome reports to Congress. Two key approaches have been utilized—Collaborative Project Management (CPM) and Performance Management Liaisons (PMLs). CPM is a Web-based system that allows the Federal Project Officers, other Federal partners, the grantees, and support contractors to share information and resources and provide effective communication procedures to facilitate coordination and collaboration among the multiple stakeholders. CPM provides task management, technical assistance tracking, and Web-based communications, including a learning community for critical peer-to-peer networking and sharing.

Through the PML program, each grantee has been assigned one of six senior evaluation experts who acts as the liaison to the grantees. The PML facilitates relationship building and provides the content expertise required to ensure quick start up and ongoing program accountability.

In addition, the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare, funded by an interagency agreement between the Children's Bureau and Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, provides programmatic technical assistance to the RPGs on a variety of topics, including collaboration, program sustainability, and substance abuse treatment practices for women and families.

Regional Partnership Grantees

Fifty-three grants have been awarded:

State	Grantee	Location
Alaska	Cook Inlet Tribal Council	Anchorage
Arizona	State of Arizona	Phoenix
California	Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services Center Point Inc. Mendocino County Health and Human Service Agency Department of Health and Human Services County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency County of Santa Clara, Social Service Agency County of Santa Cruz Health Service Agency SHIELDS for Families WestCare California	Oroville San Rafael Ukiah Sacramento San Diego San Jose Santa Cruz Los Angeles Fresno
Colorado	Connect Care Denver Department of Human Services Island Grove Regional Treatment Center	Colorado Springs Denver Greeley
Florida	Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners	Tampa
Georgia	Juvenile Justice Fund Supreme Court of Georgia	Atlanta Atlanta
Idaho	Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	Boise
Illinois	Children's Research Triangle	Chicago
Iowa	Judicial Branch of Iowa Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc	Des Moines Graettinger
Kansas	Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services	Topeka
Kentucky	Department for Community Based Services Kentucky River Community Care	Frankfort Jackson
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Public Health	Boston
Minnesota	White Earth Band of Chippewa	White Earth
Missouri	Kids Hope United-Hudelson Region St. Patrick Center	St. Louis St. Louis
Montana	Family Tree Center Apsaalooke Nation Housing Authority	Billings Crow Agency
Nebraska	Omaha Nation Community Response Team	Walthill
Nevada	State of Nevada	Carson City
New Mexico	Clarity Counseling	Dolores
New York	University of Rochester Westchester County	Rochester White Plains
North Carolina	North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	Raleigh
Ohio	Butler County Children's Services Board County of Lucas	Hamilton Toledo
Oklahoma	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Durant Oklahoma City
Oregon	Baker County Klamath Tribes Multnomah County OnTrack	Baker City Chiloquin Portland Medford
Rhode Island	Children's Friend and Service	Providence
Tennessee	Child and Family Tennessee Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities	Knoxville Nashville
Texas	Aliviane, Inc. Houston Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Travis County	El Paso Houston Austin
Vermont	Lund Family Center	Burlington
Washington	Pierce County Alliance	Tacoma
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services	Madison

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