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Organizational Profiles and Project Summaries
Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the
Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse
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Administration for Children and Families - Administration on Children,
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Project Title:
Enhancing Permanency in
Children and Families (EPIC)
Program

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Project Period:
60 Months

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Target Population:
Families involved with Child
Protective Services dealing with
parental substance abuse

Geographic Area(s) Served:
Fairfield and Pickaway Counties,
OH

Agency Region:
ACF Region 5

The Ohio State University

Organizational Description

The Ohio State University College of Social Work (CSW) is one of the oldest academic social work programs in the United States and provides accredited BSSW and MSW programs to over 1,200 students a year.

Use of Regional Partnership Grants (RPG) Program Funds

This project will incorporate three evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies for the Enhancing Permanency in Children and Families (EPIC) program. These strategies include: (1) family drug treatment court and medication-assisted treatment; (2) peer recovery supporters; and (3) parenting and support for kinship providers. The interventions are intended to holistically provide supports to families involved in the child welfare system due to substance abuse in order to get parents into treatment and increase permanency and well-being for children. Over the course of this regional partnership, we anticipate serving 214 parents through the use of peer recovery supporters, 117 parents via family treatment drug court, and 125 kinship providers through a kinship caregiver support program.

Expected Outcomes

Short-term Outcomes include: 1) Increased social support and compliance with child welfare; 2) Timely access to substance use treatment; 3) Compliance with court required and child welfare case plan; and 4) Improved communication between kinship caregivers, children, and biological parents. Medium-term outcomes include: 1) Reduced parental substance use; 2) More children able to remain in biological parent custody; and 3) Improved child attachment and relationships with kinship caregivers and biological parents. Long-term Outcomes include: 1) Increased timely reunification with biological parents; 2) Reduced maltreatment recidivism; 3) Improved child resilience and reduced trauma symptoms; and 4) Improved biological parent and kinship caregiver wellbeing.