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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, Youth & Families - Children's Bureau

Award Number:

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Project Title:

The Parent Partners for Families of Miami-Dade program to strengthen and improve outcomes for children affected by substance abuse

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Project Period:

36 Months

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Target Population:

Families who reside in Miami-Dade County, have at least one child, aged 0 to 17, in Out-of-Home care, where at least one parent is required to attend substance use treatment as a requirement of the reunification case plan.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Miami-Dade County

Agency Region:

ACF Region 4

Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc.

Organizational Description

Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc., the Florida Department of Children and Families, Southern Region, the University of South Florida, The Village South Inc., South Florida Behavioral Health Network, and other community stakeholders join in partnership to bring the Parent Partner for Families (PPFF) Program to Miami-Dade County to support and empower families that are struggling with parental substance use disorders and whose children have been placed in Out-of-Home care.

Use of Program Funds

The work of Parent Partner peer support is expected to ensure that parents successfully follow through and complete all recommended substance use treatments and behavioral health services. The PPFF Project is focused on family reunification and parental well-being with particular attention to improved family functioning, system re-entry prevention, and prevention of future child abuse and neglect to support child well-being in the long-term.

The Parent Partner will work with families in a strengths-based manner to actively encourage and engage parents to successfully complete all case plan goals in order to reunify with their children, set their own recovery goals and plans, and support positive relationship development with dependency system stakeholders overseeing reunification process.

Expected Outcomes

Increased active parental involvement in needed substance abuse treatment and other services to successfully meet reunification case plan goals. The successful incorporation of Parent Partners in dependency system will rely on robust collaboration & attention to practice fidelity.