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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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Montefiore Medical Center

Award Number:

90CU0102

Project Title:

A Regional Partnership for New York City to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes among Pregnant Women at Risk of Substance Misuse and Their Newborns

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Project Period:

36 Months

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Target Population:

Pregnant women who are at risk of substance misuse and their babies

Geographic Area(s) Served:

Bronx, NY

Agency Region:

ACF Region 2

Organizational Description

Montefiore Medical Center is a 501(c) corporation and covered by the NYS Charities Bureau. It consists of 11 hospitals with over 180 clinics throughout the Bronx and Westchester. As one of the largest employers in New York State and the largest employer in the Bronx, Montefiore provides over half of the health care in the Bronx, which has a total population of 1.4 million people. Montefiore is also the main teaching hospital for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Use of Program Funds

Montefiore Medical Center is proposing the extension of a New York City regional partnership in collaboration with the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) and third-party evaluator, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (Einstein). This partnership will benefit from the support of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the Bronx Family Court. Services will be delivered through Montefiore's Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health (Obstetrics). Mothers-to-be who have tested positive for substances will be randomly assigned to receive services as usual as part of the comparison group, or to receive enhanced prenatal services as part of the program group. Program services include 3 empirically supported interventions: Motivational Enhancement to enhance intrinsic motivation to change unhealthy behaviors and support their referral to substance abuse treatment at Montefiore's Division of Substance Abuse (DOSA); Incredible Years to improve parenting skills, especially related to infancy and early childhood; and Contingency Management to reinforce healthy behaviors, including attendance at treatment and abstinence. The partnership includes an independent evaluation conducted by Einstein, and is anticipated to include 270 pregnant women recruited from Obstetrics, and randomly assigned into a program or comparison group.

Expected Outcomes

1.) Improve communication and collaboration between substance abuse treatment providers, obstetricians, and child welfare providers, and 2.) Enhance child welfare outcomes for pregnant women who are at risk of substance misuse and their babies.