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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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Volunteers of America, Dakotas

Award Number:

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Project Title:

Volunteers of America, Dakotas
Regional Partnership Grant
Project

**Volunteers of America,
Dakotas**

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Project Period:

36 Months

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Target Population:

Pregnant, parenting and postpartum women whose children have been removed or are at-risk of being removed from their custody due to substance use.

Geographic Area(s) Served:

South Dakota

Agency Region:

ACF Region 8

Organizational Description

Since the 1920s, Volunteers of America, Dakotas (VOAD) has been serving those in need. VOAD focuses on bringing higher levels of care and safety through safe, nurturing environments where individuals and families become healthy and self-sufficient.

Use of Program Funds

Services for children will include: screening and assessment, early intervention, child care, trauma-informed care, play therapy, mental health, case management, medical assessment and referral and connections to early education and other supportive services. Services for mothers will include: screening and assessment, case management, residential substance abuse treatment where children can live on-site, culturally-responsive and trauma-informed care, behavioral health supports, access to medical care (including Medication-Assisted Treatment), parenting and reunification support, transportation, housing and employment support and follow-up support post-discharge. Services for families will include: case management, reunification support, family programming, telehealth and connections to supportive services.

Women served through RPG will be enrolled in VOAD's New Start Program - one of only two residential treatment facilities in the state where mothers are able to live with their children during recovery. The program projects to serve 48 mothers and 93 children annually, for a 3-year total served of 387 (132 mothers and 255 children).

Expected Outcomes

(1) Improve coordination between DOC, Court Services, CPS, VOAD and other service providers; (2) Increase well-being, improve permanency outcomes and enhance safety of children who are in or at-risk of out-of-home placement due to mother's substance use; (3) Increase women's recovery from substance abuse; (4) Decrease symptoms related to trauma in women and children; (5) Increase family functioning and stability; (6) Increase staff knowledge and skills related to treatment and recovery support; (7) Increase community knowledge and skills regarding the impact of parental substance use.