**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CB0156  
**Target Population:** Substance exposed newborns  
**Fiscal Year:** 2005

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Amount of Award:** $150,000.00  
- **Program Name:** Abandoned Infant Projects  
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2005-9/29/2010  
- **ACF Region:** 1  
- **Congressional District Served:** 1  
- **Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

*Organization Description:* The Department of Public Health houses the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, which oversees substance abuse treatment services in the Commonwealth. The responsibilities include: licensing programs and counselors, funding and monitoring prevention treatment services; providing access to treatment for the indigent and uninsured; developing and implementing policies and programs; and tracking substance abuse trends in the state.

*Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:* Identification and Treatment of Infants and Families (ITIF) is a collaborative project of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Lead Agency for Part C Early Intervention, and the Massachusetts Department of Social Services, the state's child welfare agency. The project is focused on identifying infants exposed to illegal substances, pre- and post-natal, through DSS area offices; pregnant and parenting women's substance abuse treatment programs; and early intervention. Ultimately, the project expects to develop and disseminate proposed collaborative protocols for better serving these families with substance exposed newborns. The project.
incorporates the Federation for Children with Special Needs to provide TA and support on reaching out to and involving families, the Institute for Health and Recovery on appropriate protocols within women’s substance abuse treatment, and three regions of the state which have comprehensive EI and Early intervention Partnerships Projects, as well as women’s substance abuse treatment and active DSS area offices. The Heller School at Brandeis University will evaluate the project and assist in the development of model protocols.

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