**ABSTRACT:**

The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) in New York City is developing a system of care to serve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children from the Bedford-Stuyvesant community. The target population is families of infants who are the subject of a substantiated report of maltreatment. In addition, the system of care will serve children who have been in foster care since infancy. From enrollment through age 4, participants will receive a continuum of services to address the primary risks associated with maltreatment and placement in foster care (safety and permanency) as well as the developmental needs of the target population (well-being). The community-based continuum will include health care and well-baby services, parent education, substance abuse, traditional preventive services, foster care (when dictated by safety concerns), a range of aftercare and post-adoption services, and services designed to address school readiness. To build family assets, the system of care will also address the needs of mothers and fathers. The theory applied is that developmentally oriented services are easier to match to the needs of clients with an individualized plan of services. The evaluation will measure changes in: child/family outcomes (safety, permanency, and well-being), system structure, and community response.

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