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ABSTRACT:

The purpose of this demonstration project, Creating Adoption Placements Through Relationships (CAPTR), is to create and enhance adoptive placements for children who have languished in the State foster care system. This 5-year initiative serves 45 children and their families each year. Maine’s Department of Human Services works in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Child and Family Services, Casey Family Services, Inc., and the University of Southern Maine to provide services in three locations in Maine and Connecticut. The intervention has two main components: Implementation of a family team conference model to develop a family-centered, strengths-based, individualized plan for each child; and provision of clinical services and therapeutic supports to facilitate attachments between the child and the family or caregiver(s). Casey Family Services clinicians provide services that include: family/individual counseling, recreational activities, and support groups for parents and children. The project evaluation design includes: tracking progress for each child in terms of expected outcomes; identifying beliefs about and evidence for the causal mechanisms that promote or inhibit change; describing the context of the intervention; and identifying the content of the intervention. An Advisory Committee consisting of young adults who have transitioned from the State foster care system will provide review and feedback.

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