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**ABSTRACT:**

The Syracuse University's Healthy Marriage and Family Formation Training Project will develop curricula and provide training for child welfare agency staff so they can address marriage and family issues effectively, with the goal of improving outcomes for children. Working through an inter-professional coalition of academic departments and child welfare agencies, the project team will 1) identify current best practices that can be adapted to fit the specialized needs of the child welfare client population, 2) field-test and disseminate a competency-based curriculum, 3) provide training to 33 graduate students as part of an academic program leading to a Master's degree in Social Work, Child and Family Studies or Marriage and Family Therapy, 4) deliver continuing education workshops for 100 to 150 additional employees of regional child welfare agencies, 5) disseminate training materials and information through various media. Expected benefits include the availability of appropriate training and cohorts of effectively trained professionals; increased availability and accessibility of healthy marriage and family formation services to the targeted population; and, ultimately, a higher rate of healthy marriages and families and a lower rate of child abuse and neglect for persons in the child welfare system. The University brings to this project a unique inter-professional collaboration of three departments within the College of Human Services and Health Professions: the School of Social Work, the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Department of Child and Family Studies. Together these departments offer enormous breadth and depth in research, evaluation, teaching, and clinical expertise plus strong collaborative ties with regional child welfare agencies. They also have a strong commitment to ensuring that issues of diversity and cultural competency are infused throughout their curricula, and are highly experienced in delivering specialized education and training in the areas of marriage, family, child welfare, and social work.

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