Bureau Name: Children's Bureau  Grant Number: 90CT0124
Target Population: Child welfare professionals

GRANT INFORMATION:

Name of Grantee: Trustees of Boston University
Fiscal Year: 2003
Amount of Award: $349,478.00
Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training
ACF Region: 1
Congressional District Served: 8
Related Links:

ABSTRACT:

The Trustees of Boston University will oversee a team of seven faculty members from the Boston University School of Social Work, experienced in research and program evaluation, who will evaluate the federally-funded Child Welfare Training Grant Program, particularly the training initiative for Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care through the Independent Living Program. This evaluation will have two parts: (1) A Cross-site Evaluation of Nine Grantees (including surveying project staff, their child welfare collaborators, and trainees' supervisors; assessing training materials and products; and conducting a secondary analysis of sites' evaluation data), and (2) Three National Studies on the Value of Training Interventions for the child welfare and social work education fields (including completing a comprehensive literature review, and surveying child welfare administrators and deans of schools of social work). Attention to youth outcomes will occur through methods such as gathering prospective data at each site, contacting participants' supervisors, and developing logic models to examine underlying assumptions about the links between training activities, immediate training outcomes, and long-term youth outcomes. Both the Children's Bureau and the grantees will be collaborators; methods to enhance collaboration include the design of the grantee kick-off meeting, grantee checks on evaluation conclusions, and joint decisions on dissemination audiences and forums. Dissemination products will be three journal articles, monographs for the Children's Bureau including recommendations for future funding initiatives, and a Training Evaluation Outcomes Template for future grantees. The project team has expertise in program evaluation, evaluation of training, provision of training in child welfare settings, and broad dissemination of research findings. The proposed project meets and moves beyond the requirements of the Children's Bureau by proposing a more macro, national evaluation dimension that provides information from child welfare state agencies and schools of social work on their experiences with, and their perceptions of, the impact of this type of federal training initiative.

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