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**GRANT INFORMATION:**
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**ABSTRACT:**
This National Exchange Club Foundation evaluation is performing a randomized trial to examine the effect of parent aides in preventing the recurrence of child abuse and neglect. Parent aides are nationally defined as “trained, professionally supervised individuals, volunteer or paid, who assist parents under stress and those whose children are at risk of abuse or neglect.” Parent aide programs as a subset of home visitation are frequently cited as either “best practice” or “promising” prevention programs. However, no research has randomly compared parent aides to a control group using a sample large enough to be significant. In this study, using observational and testing tools, 183 families in Alamance, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties of North Carolina with parent aides are being studied with regard to recurrence of abuse and progress in lowering risk to children. Using already recorded data from 672 served families, a multivariate analysis will report features of successful and unsuccessful parent aide intervention. As there are currently no publications on parent aide intervention, this research will be valuable in deciding whether such programs can be a key tool in secondary and tertiary prevention for the millions of families involved in abuse each year.

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