

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM

Since 2007, the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau has been administering the **Regional Partnership Grants (RPG)** program. The RPG program seeks to expand the evidence base of programs and practices in the broader fields of child welfare and substance use disorder treatment. The program supports interagency collaborations and integration of evidence-based and evidence-informed programs, services, and activities designed to increase the well-being, improve permanency, and enhance the safety of children who are in, or at risk of, out-of-home placements as a result of a parent's or caregiver's substance use disorder.

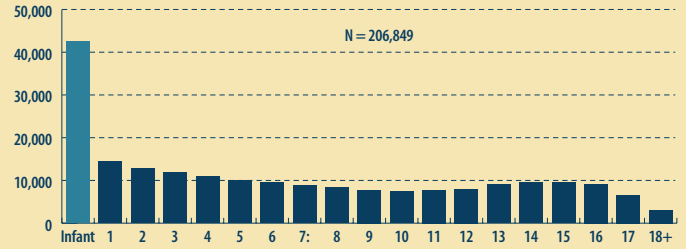
IN AN AVERAGE YEAR FROM 2015-2019:¹

21,000,000
CHILDREN LIVED WITH A PARENT WHO USED ILLICIT SUBSTANCES

2,000,000
CHILDREN LIVED WITH A PARENT WHO HAD A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Number of Children Who Entered Out of Home Care²

BY AGE AT REMOVAL IN THE UNITED STATES, 2021*



NOTE: Estimates based on children who entered out of home care during Fiscal Year

LESSONS OF COLLABORATION

- ▶ Including Persons with Lived Experience
- ▶ Engaging Diverse Partners
- ▶ Data-Driven Decision-Making and Data-Sharing

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS HAVE INCLUDED:

127

TOTAL PROJECTS

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
- Dependency Courts
- Child Welfare Agencies
- Mental Health Treatment Providers
- Recovery and Permanent Housing Agencies
- Primary Health Care Providers for Parents and Children
- Early Childhood and Children's Developmental and Therapeutic Service Providers
- Education (Local School Districts)
- Universities
- Evaluators (Private Sector and University-based)
- In-Home Services
- Family Resource Centers
- Maternal and Child Health (OB-GYN, Home Visiting)
- Services for Fathers
- Domestic Violence Service Agencies
- Youth Transitional Housing and Services
- Legal Service Agencies

40

STATES

613

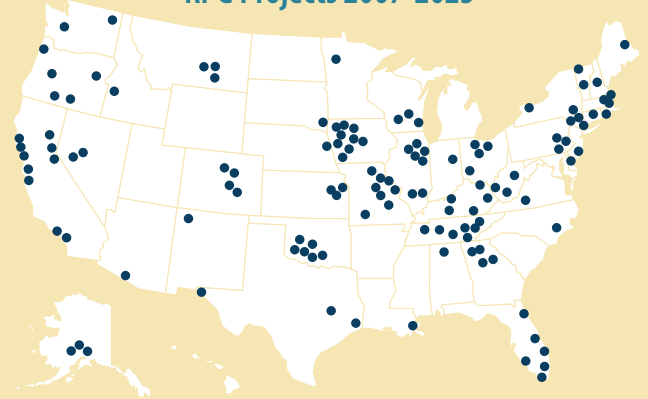
COUNTIES

11

PROJECTS

have served or are serving primarily American Indian/Alaska Native families


RPG Projects 2007-2023



FROM 2007 TO 2023
THE RPG PROGRAM
HAS SERVED:³

 **53,270**
CHILDREN

 **42,411**
ADULTS

 **36,042**
FAMILIES

EMERGING FINDINGS:⁴



Child safety as measured by substantiated maltreatment, abuse, and neglect, significantly improved following RPG involvement.



Fewer removals from the home occurred, and there was increased permanency and reunification among children who experienced removal.



Child well-being across two measures improved: reduced behavior problems and improved socialization. Executive functioning remained stable.




There was an increase in substance use disorder treatment enrollment and completion, and a decrease in high severity substance use, following RPG program entry.

UPON EXIT, OPIOID USE DECREASED FROM **16% TO 4%** FOR PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS AND FROM **4% TO 2%** FOR HEROIN⁴

86% OF PAST RECIPIENTS HAVE SUSTAINED SOME OR ALL PROGRAM STRATEGIES³

1 Ghertner, R. (2022). *National and State Estimates of Children with Parents Using Substances, 2015-2019*. Washington, DC: US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.
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 3 SOURCES: Children and Family Futures. (2012). *Targeted grants to increase the well-being of, and to improve the permanency outcomes for, children affected by methamphetamine or other substance abuse: Fourth annual report to Congress*. Prepared for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau; Children and Family Futures. (2013). *Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) Program: Final synthesis and summary report*. Prepared for Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau; RPG Grantee Semi-Annual Reports through September 2023; and RPG Grantee final reports and final profiles through December 2023.
 4 SOURCE: Emerging Findings from the 2012-2017 National Cross-Site Evaluation of the Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) Program

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