

2012 ACF / RESIDENTIAL FAMILY TREATMENT:

Project Abstract/ Summary

Grantee Name: Amethyst, Inc.

Grantee City and State: Columbus, Ohio

Grant Project Title: *Recovery for Families: Protecting Children and Supporting Families*

Summary of Grant Project

Amethyst, Inc., in collaboration with The Strategic Research Group and Franklin County Children Services, will implement through The Family Connection Grants: Comprehensive Residential Family Treatment Projects for the project, *Recovery for Families: Protecting Children and Supporting Families*. This project will demonstrate the impact of residential treatment services for substance-abusing parents and their children in the areas of safety, permanency, and well-being, especially as they relate to family reunification and family preservation in a sober living environment. This project will occur in Columbus, Ohio and serve 80 families during the three years of grant funding.

Amethyst, Inc. is the lead agency and treatment partner in the collaboration. Amethyst is a provider of long-term addiction, trauma, and mental health treatment integrated with permanent housing for women and children affected by, and at risk for, homelessness. Funding will increase availability of treatment and prevention services for children, develop services for non-residential family members, and enhance services for the family as a unit. Services are organized into three milestones: I focuses on treatment for individuals, II focuses on the family as a unit, and III provides for on-going treatment and support to re-unified families in recovery residences.

The evaluation will assess the impact of services on the child welfare outcomes of child safety, child well-being, and permanency. We expect that children will show positive movement in at least one area of function and that 70% of children in placement will reunify with parents. Parents will achieve sobriety and develop parenting skills. 60% of participants will maintain housing at least six months. System outcomes include 1) the development of a coordinated system of care between the child welfare system and the treatment provider and 2) the creation of next-step recovery residences that provide on-going support for recovery and safety. Service design will focus on ensuring that children are protected from abuse and neglect, stabilized in their homes, receive appropriate and adequate services, and families are strengthened. *Recovery for Families* will provide much needed information for the child welfare system and the behavioral health field about long-term residential family treatment. Project results will be disseminated through a final report, articles submitted to professional journals, and conference presentations.

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