

2012 Family Connection Discretionary Grants:
Combination Family Finding/Family Group Decision Making

Project Abstract/ Summary

Grantee Name: Community Coalition for Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention

Grantee City and State: Los Angeles, CA

Grant Project Title: *South Los Angeles Kinship Navigator Program*

Summary of Grant Project

Community Coalition in collaboration with Advancement Project (AP), Alliance for Children's Rights (ACR), the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Families (DCFS) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) will outreach and connect, both formal and informal, Kinship Caregivers to the South Los Angeles Kinship Navigator Program (South LA KN Program). South LA has a population of approximately 1 million people and has the highest number and density of kinship families in Los Angeles County. The three key goals of the South LA KN Program are:

- To increase knowledge of and access to available Kinship Caregiver Family benefits, programs, and support services;
- To increase use of available public benefits, programs, and support services by eligible Kinship Caregivers and;
- To expand referrals to and promote use of other supportive services to meet the unique social, emotional, and educational needs of Kinship Caregiver Families.

Over a period of 3 years, Community Coalition and its partners will utilize nine strategies to implement the South LA KN Program. These include 1) outreach 2) intake and eligibility assessments, 3) service referral plans, 4) development of Kinship Caregivers as Resource Navigators, 5) development of Kinship Caregivers as leaders and advocates for child welfare practice and systems change, 6) creation of a Kinship Advisory Council, 7) community engagement, 8) the use of communications and technology to centralize referral information and services, and 9) production and dissemination of resources that present the proposed program's impact.

Community Coalition anticipates serving 732 kinship families of which 76% will experience improvements in well-being/functioning and stability/permanency and 24% will experience strengthening of protective factors. Imoyase Community Support Services will conduct evaluation and assess the impact of the proposed project.

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