

2012 Family Connection Discretionary Grants:  
Residential Family Treatment Grants

**Project Abstract/ Summary**

**Grantee Name:** Queen of Peace Center

**Grantee City and State:** Saint Louis, Missouri

**Grant Project Title:** *Family EMPOWERment Project (Enhancing Maternal and Child Permanency, Wellbeing, Safety, and Recovery)*

**Summary of Grant Project**

Queen of Peace Center (QOPC), is a gender specific, family-centered, behavioral health care provider for women with addictions, co-occurring disorders, trauma and their children located in the Saint Louis Corridor (SLC). Through the Administration of Children and Families Family Connection Grants, Queen of Peace Center (QOPC), in collaboration with Saint Louis University School of Medicine- Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center and the Maternal Child and Family Health Coalition proposes to enhance and expand the availability of comprehensive, trauma-informed, culturally-competent and strengths-oriented, residential family-centered treatment (RFT) services for Pregnant and Postpartum Women (PPW) living in the Saint Louis Corridor (SLC), who suffer from alcohol and other substance use disorders, and for their minor children. Services will also be provided to partners of the women, fathers of the children and extended family members of the women and children as appropriate and in order to achieve and/or maintain reunification. Residential support for participants in the Family EMPOWERment Project will be provided for up to a period of 12 months while PPW are accessing substance abuse treatment services at QOPC. QOPC will target the provision of residential treatment services to 144 PPW women and their minor children (ages zero to six), and non-residential treatment services to fathers of the children, partners of the women and extended family of the women per year for a period of three years for a total of 360 individuals served. The Family EMPOWERment Project will serve as a demonstration project that identifies, establishes, and assesses a new, coordinated approach for delivering services to the high risk population of Pregnant and Postpartum women (PPW) and their children. QOPC's projected outcomes include both short term: (increased protective factors and decreased risk factors) as well as long-term outcomes—optimal child development, individual and family strengths, reduced incidence of child maltreatment from ages 0-6 and improved access to coordinated family-centered services.

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