

2012 Family Connection Discretionary Grants:
Residential Family Treatment

Project Abstract/ Summary

Grantee Name: Renewal House, Inc.

Grantee City and State: Nashville, Tennessee

Grant Project Title: *Renewal House Footprints Project*

Summary of Grant Project

Renewal House, in collaboration with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, Centerstone Research Institute, and Urban Housing Solutions, will implement and evaluate the Renewal House Footprints Project. The project will increase Renewal House's footprint substantially in terms of its geographic service area, the number of children and families served, the length of service offered, and its effectiveness for the target population of women with substance use disorders and their children either in or at risk of entering foster care.

Since its founding in 1996, Renewal House has been providing comprehensive residential family treatment. Through integration of supportive housing, addiction and mental health treatment, case management, parenting and life skills training, and employment assistance, Renewal House strengthens the family unit, preventing the unnecessary separation of children from their families.

Specifically, the Footprints Project will:

1. Provide access to comprehensive services in 12 underserved Middle Tennessee counties via an expanded collaboration with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.
2. Expand Renewal House's current continuum of care by adding a treatment phase that will serve children and families beyond their critical transition to permanent housing. This will allow gains in well-being made before the transition to be maintained, advanced, and measured.
3. Introduce and integrate four new evidenced-based practices, which will transform existing children and family services into more rigorous, outcome-driven programs that are both trauma-informed and culturally responsive.
4. Increase overall clinical and support resources for clients throughout the continuum of care to assure that children and families meet and exceed well-being goals.

Based on a rigorous evaluation, the project will 1) contribute to the knowledge base regarding (a) outcomes for families that have received comprehensive residential family services vs. a comparison group and (b) the impact of specific services in contributing to the safety, stability and well-being of children, and 2) produce detailed procedures and materials to be used to guide replication of a cost-effective model program in other settings, thus contributing significantly to the expansion of evidence-based strategies.

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