

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

Project Summary/Abstract

Grantee Name: Susan B Anthony Center, Inc.

Grantee City and State: Pembroke Pines, Florida

Project Title: Susan B. Anthony Comprehensive Residential Family Treatment Project

Summary of Grant Project

The Need: Child maltreatment and substance abuse is rampant in Broward County, Florida. There is a growing need to expand access to residential family treatment, enhance current treatment methods, and improve coordination between the child welfare system and treatment services. Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center is the only residential family treatment facility in Broward County allowing mothers to find treatment and reside with their children. **The target population** is pregnant and parenting women with substance abuse and/or co-occurring mental health disorders with their children, ages 0-13, who are involved in the child welfare system or at risk of child endangerment, fathers of the children, and other family members. **The objectives** of the project are: 1. Expand residential facility access by ten slots; 2. Provide Comprehensive RFT services; 3. Strengthen current family-centered treatment services by training staff in evidence-based Trauma Informed Care and increasing the use of child therapy and child development interventions; 4. Engage fathers as active parents; 5. Improve collaboration with the local Child Welfare (CW) agency, ChildNet, and other community partners; and 6. Conduct and disseminate the results of a rigorous evaluation. **The proposed services include:** Screening, referral, tracking and case management for CW families by ChildNet with other referrals from law enforcement, Corrections, and partners; Residential family safe space in 40 fully equipped apartments and on-site licensed childcare center on SBARC's five acre accessible, full service campus; Gender-specific, culturally-competent, and family-centered assessment, case planning, and treatment with evidence-based practices by SBARC's Masters/Ph.D. level clinicians; child therapy and child developmental intervention; 20 weekly self-care groups; Health care; Parenting classes; Employment services with a Job Coach; Education/GED classes; Fatherhood services; Family therapy and family groups; Case management with peer mentors, linkage to housing and concrete family needs; and Aftercare. **Extensive Collaboration** is planned with more than 16 system-level and community partners. **Local onsite and cross-site evaluations** will be carried out by an experienced evaluator at The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida. Evaluation reports will be disseminated to key policy makers and practitioner to inform the child welfare field through electronic media and presentations. **Organizational Capacity:** SBARC brings extensive resources of facilities, staff and sixteen (16) years of RFT experience with the target population. The organization has the administrative, financial management, and quality assurance capabilities to fulfill the project's objectives and outcomes. The budget is reasonable and the required match funding available. **Expected Outcome:** Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center's CRFT project will allow an estimated 297 mothers and their 386 children to live substance free, improve emotional, social, and family functioning, build protective factors, and develop the strengths for parenting. Children will improve well-being and live in a safe, stable environment within a strong family.

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