

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Round 3 Projects Overview

Grant Period: 2014–2019

This infographic offers a snapshot of key insights from the Regional Partnership Grants (RPG) Round 3 cohort – highlighting locations, findings, partnership types, and services delivered. The cross-site evaluation found that many adult and child outcomes such as adult recovery, family functioning, child safety and permanency outcomes improved between baseline levels measured at enrollment and follow-up levels measured at program exit.^{1,2}

In October 2014, Children’s Bureau awarded a third RPG cohort, consisting of 5-year grants to four partnerships in four states. The grant funds authorized by Title IV-B, Subpart 2: Promoting Safe and Stable Families, [Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act \(P.L. 112-34\)](#) were awarded to regional partnerships that focused on interagency collaboration and integration of programs, activities, and services. RPGs participate in evaluation activities at the local and national cross-site level.³

The goals of these grants were to increase the well-being, improve permanency, and enhance the safety of children who are in an out-of-home placement or are at risk of being placed in out-of-home care as a result of a parent’s or caregiver’s substance abuse

4 STATES
108 COUNTIES



504 CASES
(families)



1,006
ADULTS



780
CHILDREN



FINDINGS

Citrus Family Care Network (formerly Our Kids of Miami-Dad/Monroe, Inc.): The IMPACT Project outcomes:

- In Florida, on average, children had fewer reports of maltreatment, including substantiated maltreatment, and fewer emotional and behavioral problems
- Most adults enrolled in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment after enrolling in the RPG program and reported less substance use and fewer depressive symptoms after leaving the program

University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc./School of Social Welfare: Kansas Serves Substance Affected Families (KSSAF) project outcomes

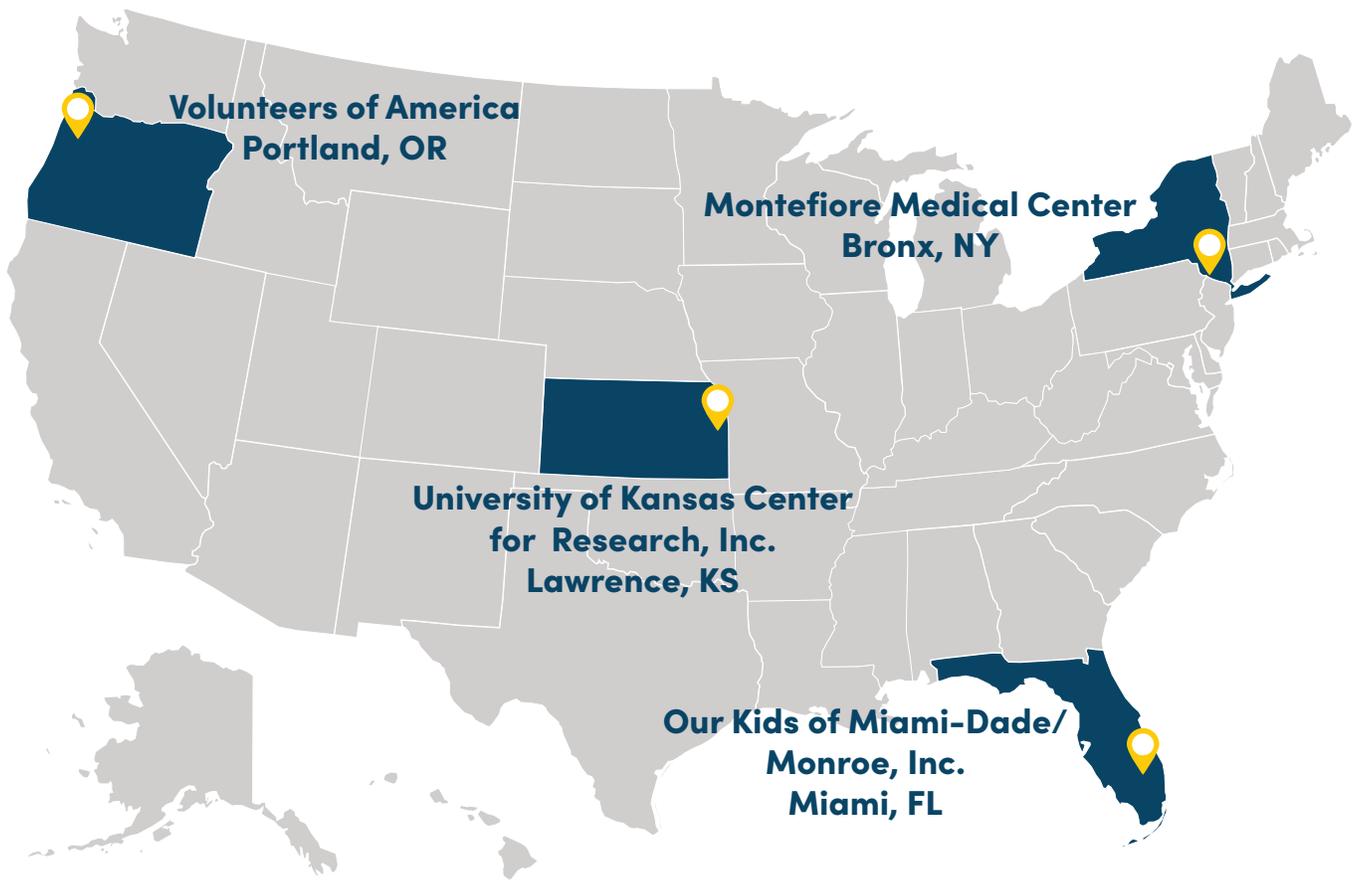
- Adults reported fewer trauma symptoms at program exit than at entry

Montefiore Medical Center: Enhanced Family Treatment/Rehabilitation (FT/R) project outcomes:

- The rate of reported maltreatment fell from 69 percent in the year before RPG program to 36 percent in the year following enrollment in enhanced FT/R

Volunteers of America - Oregon: Family Recovery Support Program Outcomes

- Reports of substantiated maltreatment declined
- Children’s trauma symptoms declined over the course of RPG programming
- Adults had fewer trauma symptoms at the end of the program than at program entry



SUSTAINABILITY

All sites (100%) sustained some RPG services and ensured service continuity. This included peer specialists, sustaining substance use services through Medicaid reimbursement, and developing processes that led to improved infrastructure such as electronic health records and billing capacity.



PARTNERSHIPS

- Child Welfare
- Early Childhood Education
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
- State Universities
- Community-Based Service Centers



LESSONS⁴

- Close relationships with the child welfare system helped projects succeed
- Projects found it crucial to be proactive and persistent in resolving enrollment and retention challenges
- Projects learned the importance of carefully balancing program needs and evaluation goals



PROJECT DESCRIPTION⁵

Recipient Name	Location	Target Population	Key Programming
Citrus Family Care Network (formerly Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc.)	Miami, Florida 	Families in which an adult had a suspected or verified substance use issue and that included children from birth through age 11 who were referred through the child protective investigation process for diversion or prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Multi-Dimensional Family Recovery ■ Continuing Care Peer Specialist
Montefiore Medical Center	Bronx, New York 	Families where children are at risk for removal due to abuse and neglect with a significant substance use disorder referred to the Montefiore Family Treatment/Rehabilitation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Clinical assessments for SUD ■ Referrals for SUD treatment and other services ■ Home visits ■ Case management ■ Contingency management ■ Incredible Years* ■ Seeking Safety*
University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc./ School of Social Welfare	Lawrence, Kansas 	Families with children (0-47 months) in, or at risk of, out-of-home placement with a goal of family reunification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Strengthening Families Program Birth to Three* ■ Substance use assessments and referrals for adults ■ Trauma assessments and referrals for adults ■ Well-being assessments for children ■ Family functioning assessments and referrals
Volunteers of America – Oregon	Portland, Oregon 	Parents in recovery from substance use who are involved with or at risk of involvement with child welfare. Emphasis on reaching out to and engaging African American parents and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Family Recovery Support Programs ■ Recovery support plans ■ Nurturing Parenting Program ■ Mindfulness-Based Relapse Prevention ■ Beyond Trauma*

Services with () are those that have been rated and listed on the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse



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