

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM

THE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM (RPG), administered by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children’s Bureau (CB), was first authorized by Congress in the *Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006*, (P.L. 109-288), and aims to improve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children affected by parental substance use disorders. Since then Children’s Bureau awarded the initial 53 grantees in 2007 and following the 2011 reauthorization of the *Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act* (P.L. 112-34), four more rounds of grants were funded. The *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018* reauthorized the RPG program through 2021, and the *Supporting America’s Children and Families Act of 2024* (P.L. 118-258) reauthorized the RPG program, continuing the provisions of data-driven assistance to better serve families affected by substance use disorders.

Since 2007, Children’s Bureau has awarded seven rounds of RPG, funding 127 projects across 41 states, including Tribal communities.

The RPG program focuses on building system-level capacity and enhancing child safety, permanency, reunification, re-entry into care, parental recovery and access to services, and well-being outcomes for children and their families who are affected by substance use disorders. The awards support interagency collaboration and the integration of programs, services, and activities. Historically, child welfare services and substance use disorder treatment have been fragmented, making it difficult for families to navigate the dependency court process and meet the requirements of both systems. The RPG program provides an opportunity for communities and states to focus on child safety and help families navigate the dependency court and child welfare processes through partnerships, coordinated care, and collaboration. The 2024 reauthorization seeks to expand the scope of the evidence-based services, programs, and practices in child welfare and substance use disorder treatment. Reauthorization also adds to the list of potential partners, adds courts as a mandatory partner; updates planning requirements and considerations for the Children’s Bureau in awarding grants; and provides updates for the performance indicators.

**FROM 2007 TO 2025
THE RPG PROGRAM
HAS SERVED:¹**



59,548
CHILDREN



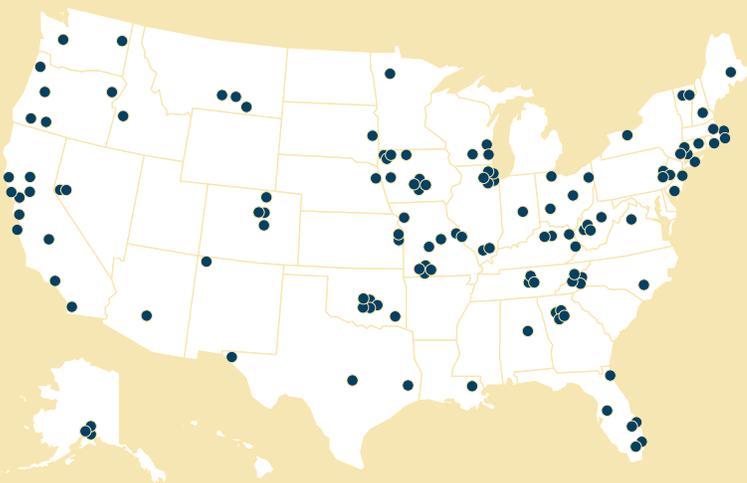
48,132
ADULTS



43,233
FAMILIES

**COLLABORATIVE
PARTNERSHIPS
HAVE INCLUDED:**

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
- Dependency Courts
- Child Welfare Agencies
- Mental Health Treatment Providers
- Recovery and Permanent Housing Agencies
- Primary Health Care Providers for Parents and Children
- Early Childhood and Children’s Developmental and Therapeutic Service Providers
- Education (Local School Districts)
- Universities
- Evaluators (Private Sector and University-based)
- In-Home Services
- Family Resource Centers
- Maternal and Child Health (OB-GYN, Home Visiting)
- Services for Fathers
- Domestic Violence Service Agencies
- Youth Transitional Housing and Services
- Legal Service Agencies



127 TOTAL PROJECTS

41 STATES

615 COUNTIES

11 PROJECTS

have served or are serving primarily American Indian / Alaska Native families

PROGRAM STRATEGIES



STRENGTHENING FAMILY-CENTERED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT AND COLLABORATIVE CAPACITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL FAMILIES



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



SERVING FATHERS



PARENTING AND FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMS



SERVICES TO PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES



MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT



TRAUMA-FOCUSED SERVICES



IN-HOME PARENTING AND CHILD SAFETY SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT



FAMILY TREATMENT COURT

86% OF PAST RECIPIENTS HAVE SUSTAINED SOME OR ALL PROGRAM STRATEGIES¹

RPG PROGRAMMATIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

RPG projects receive technical assistance to assure robust implementation and operation of their projects. The Center for Children and Family Futures was awarded the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) contract to provide this assistance. NCSACW is an initiative co-funded by the Children's Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Technical assistance to recipients focuses on collaborative practice and policy; practices to support child safety; trauma-informed services; evidence-based and evidence-informed services; treatment and recovery support services; family-centered interventions and support; and program sustainability.

RPG NATIONAL CROSS-SITE EVALUATION AND EVALUATION-RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

RPG projects participate in evaluation activities at the local and national cross-site level. Mathematica was awarded the contract to provide evaluation-focused technical assistance and conduct a national cross-site evaluation of current projects. For this project, Mathematica (1) reviews proposed RPG programs, partnerships, and local evaluations; (2) provides evaluation technical assistance to strengthen recipients' local evaluations and support their participation in the national cross-site evaluation; (3) collects performance measures from recipients and develops a report to Congress on their progress; and (4) conducts a cross-site evaluation of the implementation, outcomes, and effectiveness of RPG programs.

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NCSACW RPG WEBSITE:

<https://ncsacw.acf.gov/>

MATHEMATICA WEBSITE:

<https://rpg-cse.acf.gov/>

¹ SOURCES: Children and Family Futures. (2012). Targeted grants to increase the well-being of, and to improve the permanency outcomes for, children affected by methamphetamine or other substance abuse: Fourth annual report to Congress. Prepared for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau; Children and Family Futures. (2013). Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) Program: Final synthesis and summary report. Prepared for Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau; RPG Grantee Semi-Annual Reports through April 2025; and RPG Grantee final reports and final profiles through December 2024

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