REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Planning Year Profile

Grant Period: 2019-2024

WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP-2 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE - BOONE, KANAWHA, RALEIGH AND WYOMING COUNTIES

LEAD AGENCY: Prestera Center for Mental Health

TARGET SERVICE AREA: Boone, Kanawha, Raleigh, and Wyoming Counties

LOCATION: Huntington, WV

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REGION: 3

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVED: WV-003

BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The West Virginia Regional Partnership-2 for Children and Families Impacted by Substance Abuse (WVRP-2) brings together three Comprehensive Behavioral Health Centers, two state agencies, the Boone County Family Treatment Court, and Marshall University to provide services to Boone, Kanawha, Raleigh and Wyoming counties. WVRP-2 proposes to provide Wraparound intensive care coordination that will include identifying family strengths and implementing individual and family plans. While each plan is unique, typical needs addressed will include substance use disorder treatment, recovery support, therapy, trauma-informed services and supports, housing, and related services for all members of the family. School-based or clinic-based mental health services may be provided to children with identified needs. Through effectively matching services and supports to needs, and advocating for access to the service, care coordinators will provide timely access to needed services and supports while building on family strengths and informal community supports. Family-centric recovery specialists will also help family members in recovery maintain sobriety. The project builds on the experience, insight and program information from a previous RPG project in 2017.

TARGET POPULATION: The project will serve children aged 0 to 12 who have been referred to the State’s Child Welfare System as a result of parental/caregiver substance use and their families. All referred children must be in parental custody and have a safety plan, or children may be in kinship care or foster care placements with reunification as their permanency plan.

PROJECTED NUMBERS SERVED: WVRP-2 will serve a total of 260 families during the five-year grant period.

MAJOR PROGRAM GOALS

GOAL 1: Improve well-being, safety and permanency for children and their families who have been impacted by parental substance abuse.

GOAL 2: Permanency is enhanced: children remain in their homes or able to reunify with their families and experience fewer returns to out-of-home care.

GOAL 3: Parents and family members who need substance use treatment have timely and appropriate access to services. These individuals receive support in recovery and experience fewer relapses.
KEY PROGRAM SERVICES

- Intensive/Coordinated Case Management
- Wraparound/Intensive In-Home Comprehensive Services
- Parent Child Interactive Therapy
- Psychiatric Care/Medication Management
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Seeking Safety
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Gender-Specific Treatment
- Residential/Inpatient Treatment (Short-Term/Long-Term) (Specialized for Parents with Children)
- Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Parenting Women and their Children
- Residential Treatment for Women/Men
- Intensive Outpatient Services
- Recovery/Peer Support Specialists
- Community Support Transition Services
- Motivational Interviewing

EXISTING OR PROPOSED PARTNERS

- West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Children and Families
- Regional/District Bureau of Children and Families Welfare Offices
- West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Behavioral Health
- Prestera Center for Mental Health Services
- FMRS Health Systems, Inc.
- Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
- Boone County Family Treatment Court
- Marshall University Research Corporation

EVALUATION DESIGN

The grantee’s local evaluation proposes two components: an impact study and an implementation study. The grantee is also participating in the RPG cross-site evaluation studies of family and child outcomes, program implementation, and collaboration among RPG grantees and partners.

IMPACT STUDY DESIGN

The grantee proposes to use a quasi-experimental design to examine the impact of their RPG services among families with children aged 0 to 12 with a substantiated abuse or neglect finding with parental substance abuse as a factor. Members of the program group will receive Wraparound intensive care coordination over 6 months. Members of the comparison group will not receive the Wraparound intensive care coordination and will receive business-as-usual services in the community. The comparison group will include families who are directly recruited for the study, as well as additional families for whom only administrative data will be used. The impact study will include 260 families in the program group and 95 in the comparison group. The grantee proposes to examine impacts in the following domains: permanency, safety, child well-being, family functioning, and recovery.

IMPLEMENTATION STUDY DESIGN

In the implementation study, the grantee proposes to assess the fidelity of services to the program model, whether service goals are met, and how planning activities support implementation.

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