Since 2007, the Administration for Children, Youth, and Families Children’s Bureau has been administering the Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) program. The grants support interagency collaborations and integration of evidence-based and evidence-informed programs, services, and activities designed to increase the well-being, improve the permanency, and enhance the safety of children who are in, or at risk of, out-of-home placements as a result of a parent’s or caregiver’s substance use disorder.

Lessons of Collaboration

- Ensuring Integrated Approaches to Effective Leadership
- Standardizing the Screening, Referral, and Entry Process
- Using Data-Driven Quality Program Improvement Strategies

Collaborative Partnerships Have Included:

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Dependency Courts
- Child Welfare
- Mental Health
- Children’s Services
- Housing
- Primary Health Care
- Education
- Universities
- Early Childhood
- Local Evaluation
- In-Home Services
- Family Resource Centers
- Maternal and Child Health

2007-2019: THE RPG PROGRAM HAS SERVED

- 34,693 Children
- 25,131 Adults
- 20,310 Families

Child safety as measured by substantiated maltreatment, abuse, and neglect, significantly improved following RPG involvement.

Fewer removals from the home occurred, and there was increased permanency and reunification among children who experienced removal.

Child well-being across two measures improved: reduced behavior problems, and improved socialization. Executive functioning remained stable.

There was an increase in substance use disorder treatment enrollment and completion, and a decrease in high severity substance use, following RPG program entry.

Upon exit, opioid use decreased from 16% to 4% for prescription opioids and from 4% to 2% for heroin.

81% of past grantees have sustained some or all program strategies.