Family Connection Grant Project
Abstract/Summary

Grantee Name: The Wayside House Inc.
Grantee City and State: Minneapolis, MN
Grant Project Title: Incarnation Family Connections Program
Family Connection Program Area: Residential Family Treatment

Summary of Grant Project

The Wayside House Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit 501 c (3) agency, is launching a three year demonstration program to establish a comprehensive family treatment program. The program, Incarnation Family Connections (IFC) located in Minneapolis, MN will incorporate the following services: Comprehensive substance abuse & mental health treatment; Medical services; Gender-specific services that are ethnically and culturally sensitive; Services that respond to women's needs regarding reproductive health, relationships, and victimization; Services will be offered in a nonjudgmental manner and in a supportive environment; Transportation services; Child care, and therapeutic day care; Counseling services, including individual, group, and family therapy; Vocational and educational services; Drug-free, safe housing; Financial support services; Case management services; and Pediatric follow-up early intervention services.

Population to Be Served: Women who have an open Child Protection or Project Child case with children who are in placement and are ready for reunification or women who are at risk for placement and Incarnation Family Connections will serve as a diversion from that placement. Women should be 18 years or older, with a diagnosis of chemical dependency, pregnant or with one to four children eleven years old or younger.

Vision: To provide cost effective, comprehensive residential substance abuse treatment services for women and their minor children. Services will be provided as well to fathers, significant others and extended family members so that families work on healing as a family unit.

Affiliated Agencies: The lead agency is the Wayside House, Inc. Wayside House would transform their family reunification program, Incarnation House, into a comprehensive family treatment program. Reuben Lindh Family Services would provide an array of parenting and children’s services. Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department and ACET, Inc. will provide the research design, protocol and provide rigorous evaluation services for this demonstration project.

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