Since 2007, the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Children’s Bureau has been administering the Regional Partnership Grants (RPG) program. The RPG program seeks to expand the evidence base of programs and practices in the broader fields of child welfare and substance use disorder treatment. The program supports interagency collaborations and integration of evidence-based and evidence-informed programs, services, and activities designed to increase the well-being, improve 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**
- Including Persons with Lived Experience
- Engaging Diverse Partners
- Data-Driven Decision-Making and Data-Sharing

**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

**FROM 2007 TO 2023 THE RPG PROGRAM HAS SERVED:**

- 53,270 CHILDREN
- 42,411 ADULTS
- 36,042 FAMILIES

**EMERGING FINDINGS:**

- 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**

**86% OF PAST RECIPIENTS HAVE SUSTAINED SOME OR ALL PROGRAM STRATEGIES**

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4 SOURCE: Emerging Findings from the 2012-2017 National Cross-Site Evaluation of the Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) Program