

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Community Demonstration Grants

The aim of the Community Demonstration Grants program is to identify successful methods for delivering youth violence interventions at the community level and to determine if multifaceted community programs can reduce rates of violent behavior, injury, and death associated with youth violence. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) helps communities to design and implement multifaceted community youth violence prevention programs. CDC funds three demonstration grant projects that provide information about the effectiveness of community agencies and groups working in coordinated efforts with multiple, complementary interventions. These projects are located in Brooklyn, New York; Houston, Texas; and Durham, North Carolina. In addition, CDC funds 11 singled-focused intervention sites across the country.

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Community Partnership Demonstration Program

The goal of the Community Partnership Demonstration Program (CPDP) is to promote the development of long-range, comprehensive, multidisciplinary communitywide programs concerning drug use and alcohol abuse prevention. Programs are aimed at reducing the incidence and prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, as well as the problems accompanying such behavior. This is accomplished through the formation and support of coalitions or partnerships comprised of public and private organizations, agencies, and institutions, consortiums, and local communities.

The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), provides Federal leadership for this effort. Funds are used to identify the needs and service gaps in each community, to establish priorities, to coordinate new and established prevention programs in the community, and to help public and private organizations promote and support drug abuse prevention programs.

Note: The Matrix of Community-Based Initiatives identifies only those CPDP programs that are found in sites with other delinquency prevention initiatives included in this report. For a complete listing of CPDP sites, contact the HHS representative listed below.

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Family Preservation and Support

The Family Preservation and Support Program provides Federal resources for family preservation and support services. The program supports ongoing State efforts and helps States create new ways to promote family strength and stability, enhance parental functioning, and protect children. Nearly \$1 billion is being made available over 5 years to States and a limited number of tribes for prevention services (family support services) and services to families at risk or in crisis (family preservation services).

The program offers States an extraordinary opportunity to make sweeping changes in the child welfare system. These changes are aimed at helping vulnerable children and their families, particularly those who are at risk for abuse and neglect. The program emphasizes a coordinated, integrated, culturally relevant, family-focused approach. It also encourages active participation of parents, consumers, advocates, Indian tribes, courts, community representatives, and State, local, and nonprofit agencies and community-based organizations.

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Healthy Start Sites

A total of 22 communities with high infant mortality rates have received Federal grants to develop innovative approaches to cut their rates in half by 1996. The goals of Healthy Start are to increase awareness of infant mortality and overcome barriers to receiving child and maternal health; to streamline and coordinate services between public and private agencies; and to build partnerships among families, volunteers, companies, and health care and social service providers. Healthy Start integrates health care and facilitating social services, and offers social and health services in one location. It uses a case management approach to reduce barriers to participation in Medicaid; the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs; food stamps; public housing; and health care services. Healthy Start trains and employs neighborhood residents as outreach workers and establishes a partnership between public and private organizations.

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Youth Gang Drug Prevention Program

The purpose of the Youth Gang Drug Prevention Program is to conduct community-based, comprehensive, and coordinated activities that focus on reducing and preventing the involvement of youth in gangs that engage in illicit drug-related activities. The Administration for Children, Youth, and Families hopes to demonstrate through its current youth initiative that multidimensional prevention and intervention strategies that establish and strengthen neighborhood and family-based support systems in small, socially and economically isolated communities have great potential for impacting adolescents in a positive manner as they develop into adults. In FY 1994, 21 one-year grants were awarded to help communities develop comprehensive plans that rely on broad-based resident input to identify needs, available resources, and gaps; and to design grassroot prevention strategies. These grantees will compete for 5-year implementation grants in FY 1995.

Youth Gang Prevention demonstration grants are designed to expand understanding of the reasons youth become involved in gangs and behavior that leads to gang participation, as well as factors that help youth develop in positive ways. Other goals are to demonstrate and assess various methods of preventing recruitment and involvement of youth in at-risk situations in

gang activities and to develop successful, replicable approaches that prevent youth involvement in illegal drug activities and related violence and delinquency.

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Individual programs for the following Department of Health and Human Services initiatives were not funded at the time this information was published. For information about these initiatives, contact the agency representative listed below.

High Risk Youth Demonstration Program

The goal of this program is to address the individual and environmental factors that place a child at risk for using alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs. Individual projects funded through this initiative focus on three specific areas: decreasing the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and other drug use among high risk youth; identifying and reducing factors in the individual, parents, extended family, school, peer group, and neighborhoods that place youth at high risk for using alcohol and other drugs; and increasing the resiliency and/or families. High Risk Youth Demonstration Program is targeted to youth between the ages of 3 and 20.

Note: High Risk Youth Demonstration Program initiatives operate in hundreds of communities across the country. For a listing of the programs in your area, contact the agency representation listed below.

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Community-Based Family Resource Program

The Human Services Amendments of 1994 established the Community-Based Family Resource Program. The purpose of this program is to help States develop and implement, or expand and enhance, a comprehensive, Statewide system of family resource services through innovative funding mechanisms and collaboration with existing education, vocational rehabilitation, health, mental health, employment and training, child welfare, and other social service agencies within a State. Funds are used as a catalyst for breaking down barriers to the delivery of high-quality, community-based services for families. Emphasis is placed on interagency collaboration, service integration, public and private partnerships, interdisciplinary governance of lead agencies, and full partnership between families and professionals.

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Community Schools/FACES

The Family and Community Endeavor Schools Grant Program (FACES) is one of two similar programs authorized under Subtitle D: The Community Schools Youth Services and Supervision Grant Program. FACES supports the development or expansion of programs that are designed to improve the academic and social development of at-risk students at selected public schools in eligible communities. Programs activities may include homework assistance and after-school programs such as educational, social, and athletic programs; nutrition services; mentoring programs; family counseling; and parent training programs.

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Early Head Start

Starting in FY 1995, grants will be awarded to implement Early Head Start programs to provide early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services year-round to low-income families with children under the age of 3, and pregnant women. The purpose of this program is to enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; to assist parents in fulfilling their parental roles; and to help parents move toward self-sufficiency. Applications for Early Head Start are due May 31, 1995. The funding announcement and/or application kit are available through the ACYF Operations Center at 1-800-351-2293.

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