

## *Projects of National Significance* **Fiscal Year 2005 Performance Highlights**

Projects of National Significance (PNS) are short-term projects that focus on the most pressing issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families. These projects allow ADD to address specific issues that are important to the developmental disabilities community. Project issues transcend the borders of States and Territories, while project designs are oriented to permit local implementation of practical solutions. PNS Projects in FY 2005 included:

### ***Family Support 360***

While many service programs are available in this country, they often fail to meet the diverse needs of an individual with developmental disabilities and his or her family. A family may need several services, and many service systems address primarily one need, such as health or employment. These systems usually focus on one individual, not the person *and* his or her family. Family Support 360 grants help States design a one-stop center to meet the many needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. A one-stop center serves as a centralized location to access a wide range of services. In FY 2005, 9 planning grants helped organizations to design one-stop centers in CT, DE, IL, IA, MS, ND, NJ, OH, and TN. Additionally, 21 implementation grants helped the following States and Territories make their plans a reality: AK, CO, DC, HI, ID, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, NH, NC, CNMI, OR, RI, SD, UT, VT, and WI.

In FY 2005, grantees developed a variety of tools and resources, including online intake and referrals, intake assessments, and data collection tools, as well as promotional materials, such as brochures and press releases. Eleven grantees were involved with either their Governor's office or other local or state elected officials, and several officials participated on grantees' family support councils and advisory committees. Over 1500 families received information and referrals, and over 560 families developed Family Service Plans (FSPs) with the family support navigators.

[http://www.addfamilysupport360.org/3\\_10/index.html](http://www.addfamilysupport360.org/3_10/index.html)

### ***Youth Information, Training, and Resource Centers Grants***

ADD provides grants to fifteen organizations across the country in order to support the development of information, resource and training centers for youth (ages 13 - 17) and emerging leaders (ages 18 - 30) with developmental disabilities. The grantees, located in CA, DC, DE, IA, IL, MD, MN, NM, NC, OK, OR, and WA, serve young people in unserved and underserved communities. Three of these grantees are national organizations, serving youth across the United States. Each organization has received a three-year grant of up to \$100,000 to support its model youth information center. Each project has reached out to youth and young people with developmental disabilities, providing information, training, and experiences to assist them with their post-school decisions, to become leaders, and to serve as role models for other young people. In FY 2005, over 777 youth and emerging leaders with developmental disabilities participated in trainings, community activities and advisory boards. Over 136 other youth and emerging leaders received information and referrals from the grantees. <http://www.addyic.org>

### ***Ongoing Data Collection and Information Dissemination***

ADD funds four national projects designed to study and provide information about financial commitments and programmatic trends in developmental disabilities services and support. Project focuses include:

- Analysis of trends and innovations in Medicaid spending
- Research on the nature of day and employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities,
- Examination and study of housing-related activities.
- Support of the web based *Medicaid Reference Desk*.

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