



## *Projects of National Significance* Fiscal Year 2006 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.

### *Family Support 360*

Family Support 360 projects help not only the individual with disabilities, but also his or her entire family. These families often need assistance securing services or aid in finding what the family needs. These grants support the establishment of a one-stop center to meet the many needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

The goal of every one-stop is to assist a family to stay together as a family and thrive. The one-stop center helps each family develop a plan, which include the services and supports the family needs that may be provided by public human service agencies and/or private community- and faith-based groups. Services and supports are for any family member as needed, not just the member with a developmental disability.

In order to be a Family Support 360 implementation grantee, an applicant had to be designated as the recipient by the governor in the application.

Family Support 360 projects are located in AK, CO, DC, HI, ID, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MP, NC, NH, NM, OK, OR, RI, SD, UT, VT, and WI.

Grantees and their public and private partners have the opportunity to Focus on families in depth; develop the capacity to work with many systems; become more culturally aware; and take the time to learn from families what really works for them.

### *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 and emerging leaders with developmental disabilities.

The grantees are located in AR, AZ, CA, DC, FL, HI, IL, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NH, OK., OR, SD, UT, VA, and WI. Each project has reached out to youth and young people with developmental disabilities, providing information, training, and experiences to help them to become leaders.

### *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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