

Administration on Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance 2007 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 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 each family needs. These grants support the establishment of a one-stop center to meet the many needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. In fiscal year 2007, 1304 families were served.

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.

The efforts of Family Support 360 grantees demonstrate the economic feasibility of a one-stop center where families can go for all their needs, as well as the positive impact such centers have on families' abilities to care for their family members with developmental disabilities.

Youth Information, Training, and Resource Centers Grants

ADD provides grants to twenty-one organizations across the country in order to support the development of information, resource and training centers for youth and emerging leaders with developmental disabilities. In fiscal year 2007, 3740 youth were served.



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 supports an increasing ability of youth and emerging leaders with developmental disabilities to exercise greater choice, self-determination and to engage in leadership activities in their communities. Each project assists the youth and emerging leaders with transition, empowerment, and advocacy issues.

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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