

African American Targeted Healthy Marriage Programs

FAMILY CONNECTIONS IN ALABAMA

PURPOSE: This project will specifically target African-American and Latino non-married parents who are IV-D clients and who have a youngest child age 2 or younger. An innovative, multi-pronged recruitment and retention strategy will be utilized. Male/female teams and couple mentors from within the target communities will manage the program participation and delivery of the child support services information and marriage education (ME) services. Child support workers will provide educational sessions on child support services and will partner with project personnel to track objective measures of child support outcomes.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Family Connections in Alabama

PROJECT PERIOD: 9/30/05 – 9/29/08

FUNDING:

PROGRAM OFFICE: Office of Child Support Enforcement, Special Improvement Project (SIP)

HEALTHY PARENTS, HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTHY CHILDREN

PURPOSE: This project focuses on a population of African-American custodial and non-custodial parents, age 18, and offers services enabling them to strengthen the family unit and create a healthy, stable family. The intervention strategies are designed to affect couples and their children and consist of three components: assessment, marriage education and relationship skills and support services to enhance marriagability.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Families under Urban and Social Attack, Inc., Austin, TX

PROJECT PERIOD: 9/30/05 – 9/29/08

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TOGETHER WE CAN – CREATING A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR OUR FAMILY

PURPOSE: This project will investigate the efficacy of integrating healthy marriage content into Family Support Education (FSE) programs targeting African-American and Latino families; develop and test an educational intervention on healthy marriage formation for unmarried African-American and Latino parents participating in two Michigan counties, Pontiac and Saginaw; and disseminate program curriculum, lessons-learned and other information to early-parenting programs statewide and nationally. Child support enforcement education will be integrated as a key theme throughout the project.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Michigan State University

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