

STUDY OF THE COMMUNITY-CENTERED RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD REENTRY PILOT PROJECTS



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Urban Institute Evaluation Overview

- Multi-year, qualitative and quantitative evaluation that began in September 2011
- Funded by the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Focused on four grantees that were funded by ACF's Office of Family Assistance (OFA) to develop community-centered pre- and post-release responsible fatherhood and supportive services programs for soon-to-be released fathers and their families
 - Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota (Sioux Falls, SD)
 - New Jersey Department of Corrections (Trenton, NJ)
 - PB & J Family Services, Inc. (Albuquerque, NM)
 - The RIDGE Project, Inc. (Defiance, OH)

Research Questions

- Characteristics of the grantees and their partners
- Features of each program and key services
- Populations targeted by each program and participant characteristics
- Effectiveness of the strategies implemented
- Participant experiences and perceptions of the programs
- Short- and long-term outcomes achieved by the programs
- Lessons learned

Other Key Aspects of the Evaluation

- Ongoing, frequent communication with OPRE and OFA
- Facilitating cross-grantee communication and information sharing
- Generating lessons from the field
- Developing practice products

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