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ABSTRACT

Penfield Children's Center (PCC), in collaboration with Marquette University (MU) will provide evidence-based home-based trauma-focused treatment in Milwaukee County, WI for children, ages 0 to 6, who have experienced traumatic events and live in poverty. In addition, PCC will engage in building local capacity to serve this population. Annually, 300 children will be served (200 in Year 1), for a total of 1,400 over the course of the 5-year grant period. Project goals and objectives of the proposed *Trauma-Informed Care for Very Young Children in Poverty Project (TIC-YC)* support its double aim: (1) provide trauma-informed care to children, 0-6, most of whom live in poverty and (2) increase local capacity to serve these children through: a. service agreements with other local agencies and schools (Milwaukee Public Schools) to provide integrated care for traumatized young children; b. training teachers and other individuals who work daily with these children to recognize trauma symptoms, have knowledge of available trauma-related services, and refer these children's families to appropriate service providers; and c. training community-based professionals to become competent to deliver the *Early Pathways Program* to very young children and their families. *TIC-YC* will deliver an evidence-based practice (EBP) developed, delivered, tested, and refined by PCC and MU at the Behavior Clinic (BC) at PCC since 2003. The EBP, *Early Pathways (EP)*, is listed in SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). Infrastructure development activities will be provided on 3 levels: Level 1: Train community providers to learn more about trauma in very young children, available intervention and support resources, and how to identify and refer appropriate children to this project. Level 2: Collaborate with other agencies who serve the same young children as PPC. The goal will be to coordinate the agencies' respective services while preventing duplication to benefit younger traumatized children. Level 3: Provide a 4-6 week intensive training, support and consultation in *EP* to community professionals who are interested in serving younger children (e.g., home visitors; counselors, public health nurses, psychologists, and social workers in private practice or who work for agencies that serve this population). Training and project evaluation will be led by, MU's Robert Fox, Ph.D., the developer of *EP*. IMPACT Planning Council, which has conducted program evaluations for 26 federal grants, 17 SAMHSA, will provide consultation on collection of TRAC/NOMs data. Project objectives include both clinical (reduction in behavior problems, increased prosocial behavior, reduction of trauma symptoms and stress, improved parent-child interactions) and infrastructure development (training professionals who work with children to recognize trauma in young children and refer for appropriate service; collaboration with professionals to ensure consistency of efforts across all of the child's settings, and train mental health professionals to deliver *EP*).