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FUNDING AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT: Replicating Evidence-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs to Scale In Communities with Greatest Need (Tier 1B) - CFDA Number: 93.297

According to the Florida Department of Health, the latest data has Miami 1st and Broward 2nd with the highest # of new HIV cases in the STATE. Florida is 2nd in pediatric AIDS cases in the NATION and 3rd with new HIV diagnosis in the NATION. The Federal Government has awarded funding to support prevention initiatives in South Florida.

July 7, 2015, Opportunities Industrialization Center of South Florida (OIC-SFL) is pleased to announce another Win for Broward County. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that OIC-SFL is one of only two grantees awarded in the state of Florida for the second round of five-year, fiscal year (FY) 2015 – FY 2019, Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) grant awards. OAH awarded a total of \$59,563,930 to 50 grantees in 31 states and the Marshall Islands to replicate evidence-based TPP programs in multiple settings in communities where teen birth rates are significantly higher than the national average. The grant focuses on implementing programs in schools, clinics, and community-based settings to allow youth to receive multiple medically accurate, age appropriate, and evidence-based programs during their adolescence. The awards are expected to serve more than 291,000 youth each year.

OIC-SFL and subcontracted partner Memorial Healthcare System, will facilitate evidence-based TPP programs to youth 13-19 years of age residing in nine zip codes in Broward County where teen birth rates range from 30.4 to 85.5 per 1,000 teen girls. Evidence-based TPP curricula: (1) *Becoming a Responsible Teen (BART)*, (2) *Making Proud Choices!* and (3) *Promoting Health Among Teens – Comprehensive (PHAT-C)* will be implemented in 8 middle schools, 9 high schools, 6 after-school recreational program sites, and additionally in selected community-based sites. Throughout the duration of the five-year program, over 19,200 youth will receive evidence-based TPP programs. Through a strong collaborative effort, OIC-SFL is able to bring \$1,249,999 annually to serve Broward County youth and families for a total of \$6,249,999 over the next five years. "OIC's Board of Directors led by W. George Allen, now retired long-time Attorney and Civil rights Pioneer is proud to have solidified this great resource for the community."

Over the past five years, OIC's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program -PROJECT PAUSE has made significant strides in reducing the incidences of teen pregnancy and STI contraction among Broward County's youth. Since 2010, the TPP program has served 9,113 youth and adult family members in Broward County. Additionally, as a result of our current TPP grant, over 1,000 Miami Dade College students have received prevention and healthy relationship education during the past three years and, most notably, OIC-SFL was named Broward County School District's Partner of the Year for the work done at Hallandale High School. According to Hallandale High School Principal, Estella Eckhardt, the teen pregnancy rate dropped by 80% since the arrival of OIC on the school campus! Additionally, Newton Sanon, President & CEO of OIC-SFL states, "The reason why we do this work is to strengthen our children's quality of life by addressing the issues that derail youth educational and career pathways, and contribute to the cycle of poverty."

OIC of South Florida is a community based workforce development, education and training organization that prepares individuals for the world of work by reducing barriers to employability, providing comprehensive career pathway vocational skills training and fostering youth aspirations through prevention and intervention strategies that support positive youth development and strengthen families.



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