



SIF Pay for Success Grantee: National Council on Crime and Delinquency

FAST FACTS

Award Year
2014

Total SIF Investment
\$863,959

Focus Area
Youth Development

Areas of Impact
Nationwide

Targeted Beneficiaries:
Juvenile justice or
child welfare system-
involved youth of color

SIF Portfolio Summary

Children and young people involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems face unique challenges. In 2011, youth of color represented 45 percent of all youth in the United States, but accounted for 71 percent of youth held in detention. African American children represented an estimated 14 percent of all children in the United States, but 26 percent of all children in foster care. The large public and human costs of youth progressing through the juvenile justice and child welfare systems call for the exploration of early interventions to break this cycle.

The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) applies research to policy and practice in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and child welfare. They promote innovative approaches and evidence-based problem solving to address these issues, and are approaching the Pay for Success (PFS) model as an opportunity to bring partners capable of bold, strategic thinking to the table to implement programs with measurable results in improving the lives of children, youth, and families.

Through the 2014 SIF Pay for Success grant award, NCCD will assess feasibility and develop Pay for Success capacity in jurisdictions from the states with the highest rates of racial disparities in juvenile justice and/or child welfare systems. This project will assist three state or local governments or nonprofit organizations to determine the feasibility of using PFS to promote interventions addressing positive youth development, with a focus on juvenile justice or child welfare system-involved youth or youth at risk of entering or crossing over into these systems, as well as on addressing high rates of racial disparity in these systems.

The ultimate goal of the proposed project is to help organizations create positive outcomes for system-involved children and young people and support the capacity of systems to implement evidence-based practices that set up these young people for the best possible chance of success in their lives and in their communities.



Getting to Know National Council on Crime and Delinquency

How has the Social Innovation Fund impacted your organization's ability to assess and identify strong, evidence-based models (for PFS-financed projects)?

NCCD has a long history of integrating research and outcomes into policy recommendations and program implementation. Expanding this work to include PFS feasibility assessments has increased our attention to multiple categories of fiscal impacts including short and mid-term cashable savings, opportunities savings, and long-term economic benefits for target populations and communities.

How has your involvement with SIF impacted beneficiaries and stakeholders involved in your PFS program?

NCCD's PFS feasibility assessment work with the City of New Haven, Community Advocates in Milwaukee, WI and the Children's Initiative in San Diego, CA has enhanced their use of research and data in program development and implementation. Through activities such as the target population analysis, each program has engaged in powerful conversations about defining youth best served by the program and acknowledging segments of the youth population their program does not effectively serve. This allows each agency to provide evidence-based interventions for target populations, as well as recognize services gaps for those who are outside the target population.

**Intermediary Match
Commitment to Date**
\$225,000

**Committed Match
Funding to Date**
National Council on
Crime and
Delinquency, Kirkland
and Ellis, LLP

**Subgrantee Match
Committed to Date**
\$50,000

Subgrantees
City of New Haven
(CT), Community
Advocates, The
Children's Initiative

**(Anticipated)
Outcomes**
Fully completed
feasibility studies in
using PFS to improve
outcomes for system-
involved youth of color

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