

**OJJDP FY 09 Family  
Drug Courts Program**

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*Miami-Dade Dependency Drug Court Expansion and Enhancement Initiative*

Program Report # 5  
July 1 to December 31, 2011

1. *Indicate status of each goal that was due for completion during a previous reporting period but carried over due to implementation of other problems. N/A*
2. *State the status of each goal which was scheduled to be achieved during the report period.*

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Responsible Staff</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
Train Staff on DDC Protocol and data collection/evaluation	Eliette Duarte, Dr. James Pann, Dr. Angela Yehl	Staff training with supervision and follow-up occurred throughout the reporting period.
Engaging Moms Project	Dr. Gayle Dakof , Eliette Duarte	Consultation on measures and work plan for the evaluation, ongoing consultation with the DDC Judge (Cohen) and program coordinator (Duarte) on implementation of EMP in the DDC; preparation of PowerPoint presentations for Cohen & Duarte; refinement of DDC-EMP intervention protocols.
Program Evaluation Services and Data Collection	Dr. James Pann, Dr. Angela Yehl	Evaluation activities are ongoing and include support to the DDC staff on data collection, alterations to the MIS; development of stakeholder and participant survey; data analysis and report for additional variables tracked by the evaluation team, and GPRA Data Collection and Reporting to OJJDP. Results are discussed in #6 below.
Hand-N-Hand parenting program	Eliette Duarte, Linda Ray Intervention Center, Dr. Lynne Katz	The Project Hand-N-Hand parenting program was delivered to the participating DDC clients with children in the 0-3 age range. 13 parents completed the pre-and post assessment protocol and received certificates of participation. Results are discussed in #6 below.
Increase # of Enrollments by 3 per	Eliette Duarte	A total of 26 new

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month		participants have been enrolled in Dependency Drug Court (DDC) from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a total of 145 participants exceeding our annual goal of 40 per year.
Advisory Group Meetings	AOC and DDC staff Participating community partners	Meetings occurred as needed throughout the reporting period.

3. *State the corrective action planned to resolve implementation problems and state the effect of these problems on the remaining schedule for achieving the project remaining goals.* N/A
4. *If appropriate, identify changes that are needed in the implementation plan specified in the grant application to overcome problems. Changes that alter plans and/or goals set forth in the application require prior grantor agency approval and issuance of a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN).* No changes in this reporting period.
5. *State what technical assistance the grantor agency might provide during the next six month period help resolve implementation problems. If any technical assistance has been provided to resolve implementation problems, state the problems (or tasks) addressed and the results (or impact) of the assistance provided.* No technical assistance identified in this reporting period.
6. *Based on the Performance Measures set forth in the grant application (implementation plan), indicate in quantitative terms the results (of the project) achieving both during the project period and cumulative-to-date. Explanatory and qualifying statements will be helpful here, especially if project objectives have changed.*

Number of family drug court participants

A total of 26 new participants have been enrolled in Dependency Drug Court (DDC) from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a total of 145 participants exceeding our annual goal of 40 per year.

Percentage of participants who successfully complete the program

Nine participants graduated successfully from the DDC program between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Since January 1, 2010, a total of 31 out of 145 participants (21.4%) have successfully completed the DDC program.

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Since January 1, 2010, a total of 38 out of 145 participants (26.2%) did not successfully complete DDC, since they have exited the program prematurely. Seventy- Six (76) are still active. One participant arrested on a previous warrant, one participant who was noncompliant due to significant medical needs, participants who were not deemed appropriate for DDC, and all parents who opted to sign surrenders and actively participated in the permanency process of his/her child were not included since these are not thought to be “unsuccessful” DDC cases. Of these 38 participants, 11 exited the DDC program prematurely between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Of the eleven participants, 100 percent exited due to noncompliance with the program.

**Improved Parenting Skills**

Project Hand N Hand

For the Project Hand N Hand parenting program group (11 sessions in length) delivered from April 2011 to June 2011, data collection included the Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory-2 (AAPI-2) and the Knowledge of Infant Development Inventory (KIDI). Out of the initial 18, 13 parents entered into the Hand N Hand program. Of the 13 who participated in Hand N Hand, 10 completed the program successfully (76.9%). During the period from July 1 to December 31, 2011 the Project Hand-N-Hand team worked on matching the pre/posttest results for each of the clients and begin to analyze the progress over time. This data will be available in the next reporting period. Additionally, the Project Hand-N-Hand staff worked on reviewing the curriculum for the next cohort and making any modifications or adjustments to meet the clients’ needs. The team also began identifying additional developmentally appropriate materials that will be needed for implementation with the next cohort.

Since January 1, 2010, a total of 19 out of 145 DDC participants (13.1%) participated in the Hand N Hand parenting program. Of those 19 participants, 15 (78.9%) completed the Hand N Hand program successfully.

Other Parenting Programs

A total of 8 out of the 145 DDC participants (5.5%) completed one or more parenting programs aside from Hand N Hand between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Of those 8 participants, 5 (62.5%) completed the program(s) successfully. Matching AAPI-2 pretests and posttests were completed and entered into the program MIS for 4 participants. Of those individuals, 4 out of 4 (100%) demonstrated improved scores on 2 out of 5 AAPI-2 constructs, one of which was Construct B, which suggests improved attitudes toward parenting and improved ability to be empathically aware of children’s needs. On Construct B, participants’ level of improvement indicated an effect size consistent with what would be expected given the intervention and target population ( $d=1.91$ ).

Since January 1, 2010, a total of 56 out of 145 DDC participants (38.6%) completed one, or more, parenting programs that were not Hand N Hand. Of those 56 participants, 50 (89.3%) completed one, or more, program(s) successfully.

**Reduction in Substance Abuse**

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A change in substance abuse behavior was assessed for all 26 participants who enrolled in the DDC program between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011, via a series of random drug screen tests. A 90-day baseline percentage of drug screens was established for each participant and was then compared to subsequent drug screens from the time the baseline was completed. Fifteen out of 26 participants were administered drug screens to establish a 90-day baseline period and were also administered drug screens over an additional minimum of 30 days post baseline (i.e., a minimum of 120 days in total). Of those 15 participants, 80% exhibited a desired change in substance abuse (i.e., a reduction in the rate of positive screens from baseline, or all negative screens).

Since January 1, 2010 a total of 89 out of 145 participants (61.4%) were administered drug screens to establish a 90-day baseline period and were also administered drug screens over an additional minimum of 30 days post baseline (i.e., a minimum of 120 days in total). Of those 89 participants, 75.3% exhibited a desired change in substance abuse and 24.7% did not evidence the desired change in their behavior. As indicated above, participants were classified as exhibiting a reduction in substance abuse behavior if the participants demonstrated a reduction in positive screens for a minimum of 30 days from the first 90 days (baseline period), or all negative drug screens from the first day of enrollment.

Percent of participants with a new drug related offense (arrest or referral to court)

The percentage of new drug related offenses includes participants who have been arrested or referred to court for a drug related offense, which has occurred subsequent to the participant's enrollment in DDC. None of the 145 participants (0%) had a new drug related offense, between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

Since January 1, 2010, a total of 3 of the 145 participants (2.07%) were arrested or referred to court for a new drug related offense since beginning the DDC program. More specifically, one participant was arrested for Marijuana possession, one participant was arrested for Cocaine Purchase, and one participant was arrested for Petit Theft.

Percent of participants who have a new DCF referral

Between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 three of the 145 total participants (2.07%) had a new DCF referral. Since January 1, 2010, a total of 8 of the 145 participants (5.52%) had a new DCF referral. Two participants had a DCF referral for child abuse/neglect, four participants had a DCF referral for substance abuse, and two had a DCF referral for the birth of a child while in the program.

Percent of participants who have a new substantiated child protection case

One of the 145 participants (.07%) had a new substantiated child protection case between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

Since January 1, 2010, a total of 4 of the 145 participants (2.76%) had a new substantiated child protection case.