

## About The Resilient Children Project

The Resilient Children Project is a collaborative project funded in February 2011 by the Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky Social Innovation Fund. The Resilient Children Project has two main objectives:

- To increase its level of evidence through rigorous evaluation
- To expand Early Childhood Mental Health Services in Cincinnati, Covington and Newport

The Resilient Children Project is a partnership between two existing early childhood mental health consultation projects: Promoting Resilient Children (PRC) in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Covington Resilience Project (CRP) in Covington, Kentucky to include Newport preschool age children and a larger number of children in the city of Cincinnati. The Resilient Children Project provides expanded, direct, comprehensive services for young, at-risk children in need of interventions to help address social and emotional development. The project increases the capacity of early care and education administrators and caregivers so they can meet children's needs within their classrooms and centers, decreasing the demand for more intensive interventions outside these environments.



## Program Highlights

The Resilient Children Project is currently in Year Two of a three-year grant. Year One of the project has been focused on gathering data to support the extensive evaluation protocol. Year Two is the expansion phase of the project.

### Evaluation Highlights:

- The Subgrantee Evaluation Plan was approved by the Corporation for National and Community Service to achieve a "moderate" level of evidence
- Year One data has been gathered and is currently being analyzed including: family survey data, child outcomes, professional and program outcomes and program implementation

### Expansion Highlights:

- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services are being delivered in an additional 9 early childhood programs and preschools in Cincinnati and Newport with the capacity to serve over 750 children
- A total of 41 early childhood programs are being served with over 130 full time teachers

### Resilient Children Project staff have also:

- Engaged in extensive continuous quality improvement efforts, as supported by SIF's Impact U, which have improved systems and procedures for the project and for the partnering early childhood programs
- Formed partnerships with Success by 6@ in Hamilton County and Northern Kentucky to support other community initiatives focused on increasing children's readiness for kindergarten
- Collaborated with INNOVATIONS and the Northern Kentucky Early Childhood Database to ensure alignment of data and forms to facilitate data sharing
- Presented its work at multiple state and national conferences including: the Ohio Association for Child Care Agencies (OACCA) conference, the National Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference and the American Evaluation Association Conference.



## Program Outcomes and Achievements

The Resilient Children Project has experienced several successes in Year One of the project, which was focused on the evaluation of the program design and delivery of services.

- Parental consent was gathered from over 1,100 families which allows child assessment data to be linked to demographic and family survey data and access to kindergarten readiness assessment data
- Pre- and post- child assessments were gathered on 1,650 children
- Teacher Questionnaires were gathered from over 200 teachers



Year One data analysis will be completed in fall 2012. Results and learnings will be shared with the project participants and stakeholders in community forums in winter 2012-13.

*"We are delighted to have the Consortium for Resilient Young Children as part of the inaugural portfolio of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Social Innovation Fund. We have been impressed by the true partnership of the Consortium. Not only have the partners come together to address a critical community need, but they do it in a way that embraces continuous learning and improvement. They challenge each other to achieve greater impact and sustainability."*

*~ Mike Baker, Director, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Social Innovation Fund*

## How You Can Get Involved

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## About the Consortium for Resilient Young Children

The Consortium for Resilient Young Children is a collaboration of early childhood and mental health organizations dedicated to supporting young children's social and emotional development. The Consortium was founded in 2004 in response to community conversation about young children's social, emotional and behavioral challenges and the capacity of child-serving agencies to address these needs.

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