

National Implementation Evaluation of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) to Serve TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals, 2012-2016

Project Overview

The purpose of this project is to conduct a National Implementation Evaluation of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program. The evaluation will involve multiple tasks that will assess implementation, systems change, and outcomes and provide valuable information about the operations of these federally funded programs in improving education and employment opportunities for TANF recipients and other low-income individuals. This project is also designed to yield information and lessons about operating such programs and the challenges faced and addressed during implementation and throughout the operation of the program. This evaluation is an integral component of OPRE's multi-pronged research and evaluation portfolio for HPOG.

For this evaluation, questions of primary interest include:

- How are health professions training programs being implemented across the grantee sites?
- What changes to the service delivery system are associated with program implementation?
- What individual level outputs and outcomes occur (e.g., recruitment, enrollment, retention, completion (accreditation/ certification), job entry, employment retention and advancement, and earning)?
- What can be learned about *how* best to implement these programs for this population (what implementation and/or systems components are related to programs outputs and outcomes)?
- What key components appear necessary or contribute to the success of these programs?

This work is being conducted through a contract to Abt Associates and its subcontractor The Urban Institute.

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