

Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) Evaluation, 2010 – 2015

Project Overview

The Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) is a multi-site federal demonstration project designed to improve permanency outcomes among children in foster care who have the most serious barriers to permanency. This 5-year, \$100 million initiative supports six grantees, each with a unique intervention designed to help a specific subgroup of children leave foster care in fewer than three years. PII aims to:

1. Implement innovative intervention strategies, informed by the relevant literature, to reduce long-term foster care stays and to improve child outcomes.
2. Use an implementation science framework enhanced by child welfare expertise to guide technical assistance activities.
3. Rigorously evaluate these efforts to inform the child welfare field about efficacious programs, interventions, and practices that reduce long-term foster care.
4. Build an evidence base and disseminate findings to build knowledge in the child welfare field.

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), in collaboration with the Children's Bureau, provides oversight for a comprehensive evaluation of the initiative. A PII Evaluation Team is designing and conducting rigorous studies that will document the implementation and effectiveness of the projects funded under this initiative. The team is also conducting a cross-site evaluation. The team is led by Westat and includes:

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