



The Illinois Intact Family Recovery Project

Vision

ICOY envisions a future in which all families have access to the resources and support systems needed to become healthier, thriving family units.

Background

The Illinois Intact Family Recovery (IFR) model works to improve several essential components of the Illinois Intact Family Services program, including increasing the permanency, safety, and social well-being of the child, decreasing substance abuse severity of the parent, and improving the system level capacity, communication, and collaboration of Illinois' child welfare and treatment agencies. The original Cook County/Chicago IFR project is an evidence-based model that has provided over 20 years of research and outcomes for families with children in foster care due to an indicated case of substance abuse and substance-exposed infants. ICOY has worked to enhance and expand this model in two significant ways: (1) to work with any family with an identified substance use disorder, not just families with a substance-exposed infant, and (2) to apply the model in a range of community settings, from rural, to suburban, to urban. ICOY has been awarded three Regional Partnership Grants (RPG) over the last 7 years; these funds have supported the growth and expansion of the IFR project through the state of Illinois.

Learning Collaboratives

For nearly a decade, ICOY has worked to improve the quality of Intact Family Services and treatment agencies by utilizing innovative models, strategies, and evidence-based practices. The initiative integrates child welfare and treatment sectors to optimize services and resources for families affected by substance use disorders (SUD). Additionally, ICOY seeks to disseminate data, research, and evidence-based practices through learning collaboratives to help improve the quality and effectiveness of child welfare and treatment services nationwide. By uniting various organizations and sectors, ICOY aims to educate them on the strategies and models used to improve and strengthen the system-level capacity between child welfare and treatment agencies.

Roles of IFR Partners

Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY)	Advocates for Human Potential (AHP)	Child Welfare Agencies	Treatment Agencies
Provides oversight to program development & implementation, fiscal sponsor, and point agency for federal government.	Supports with project development & implementation, oversight, and data analysis of the evaluation for the project.	Provides Intact Family Services focusing on the safety of the children and stability of the families.	Provides the Recovery Coordinator services, focuses on the recovery treatment of individuals and stability of families.

Traveling & Expenses

The treatment partners hire the recovery coordinators at a competitive annual salary and fringe benefits. Additionally, all substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers receive 15% in supervision and administrative fees, an annual training allowance, and reimbursement for local travel to participate in committee meetings.



The Intact Family Recovery (IFR) model is an in-home treatment service, and expenses cover up to 150 miles per month for recovery coordinators to travel to clients' homes. Each Intact site that hosts recovery coordinators provides office supplies, internet, and phone services. Compensation is also offered for travel to and from in-person meetings and trainings.

Quality Assurance & Communication Structure

Quality assurance is the steps taken to ensure the fidelity of our project, meet program goals, and remediate problems. Communication is the cornerstone of our quality assurance process. By engaging with all parties involved at all levels, we aim to remove barriers, gain insights from diverse perspectives and enhance the effectiveness of our project.

Federal Sponsors Oversight

- **Federal-level TA Meetings (Monthly):** Our TA team shares resources, assists with project issues, provides federal updates and gains feedback on the project's implementation.
- **Annual conferences:** This conference brings together all current funding recipients to discuss their project models and provide peer-to-peer feedback on statewide trends and issues. The breakout sessions provide grantees with tools, resources, and strategies to improve projects.

Project Lead Oversight

- **Executive-level Meetings (Quarterly):** Executive staff utilizes this space for project implementation planning, decision-making, and providing organizational updates that may impact the project.
- **Supervisory-level Meetings (Monthly):** During these meetings, both treatment and Intact teams report on caseloads, referrals, staffing, project challenges, and successes.
- **Recovery Coordinator-level Meetings (Quarterly):** These meetings are for the Recovery Coordinators to discuss cases, project barriers, and communication issues and share advice and resources for challenges faced in the field.

Child Welfare and Treatment Agency Oversight

- **Co-Supervision:** Intact Supervisor, SUD Supervisor, RC, and IW
- **Joint:** Intact Supervisor with both RC & IW
- **Individual:** One-on-one support; IW w/ Intact Supervisor

Supervisor Roles & Responsibilities

Intact Supervisor	SUD Supervisor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assigning cases for both IW & RC• Co-facilitating case staffings• Facilitating supervisions: Individual (IW), Joint, Co-Supervision• Participating in monthly Supervisory meetings• Ensuring IW documents all services provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring cases for RC• Co-facilitating case staffings• Facilitating supervisions: Individual (RC), Co-Supervision• Participating in monthly Supervisory meetings• Ensuring RC documents all services provided