

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE  
INTEGRATION ADMINISTRATION**



**Parent Trust**

**2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET**

Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
GF-State	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$200,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$100,000)</b>	<b>(\$100,000)</b>	<b>(\$200,000)</b>

**REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY**

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) is submitting the following reduction option that would eliminate funding for Parent Trust parenting education services for Families In Recovery provided in Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) residential chemical dependency treatment programs. By implementing this reduction, BHSIA expects 8,062 clients each year not having access to research-based parenting education and family support services in residential chemical dependency treatment centers.

**REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL**

Currently, Parent Trust funds are allocated to provide parenting education and networking assistance between collaborating PPW agencies and to ensure that mutual help groups are operating at each site at the level stated within their contract.

The Families in Recovery Network provides a statewide network of research-based parenting education and family support services in PPW residential chemical dependency treatment centers.

This proposal will eliminate Parent Trust FIR groups that are provided at seven different PPW chemical dependency residential sites, subsequently affecting around 8,062 clients and their children. This reduction will eliminate this program statewide. Research-based parenting education and family support services will be eliminated to persons receiving residential substance use disorder treatment. These services are proven to increase child safety, increase the family's drug-free social support networks, and increase parent-child bonding that contribute to successful recovery for individuals. Since this is a contracted program, no state FTEs are associated with this reduction.

**STAKEHOLDER IMPACT**

PPW chemical dependency residential providers would lose this service which includes coaching and educational opportunity for their patients. Women with substance use disorders, their current and future children, immediate family, and resource providers in their communities will be affected. In the past, legislators have been reluctant to



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reduce or eliminate programs to pregnant and parenting substance abusing women and their children due to their vulnerable nature.



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