



## Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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### **2009-2011 FFN Grants Program Activities**

#### **Early Childhood Resources and Training Center** (South Minneapolis – \$139,500)

- *Partners:* All Nations Early Education Center, Hope Community, Franklin Library
- *Services:* Provides early childhood training and support to caregivers who are English language learners; provides home visiting to American Indian, and East and West African FFN caregivers; and provides classroom activities for American Indian and Somali children

#### **Thorson Memorial Library/West Central Area Schools** (Grant County – \$53,716)

- *Partners:* Head Start, ECFE, Public Health, Lakes and Prairies Child Care Resource and Referral, Social Services, ELEAH Medical Center, University of Minnesota Extension Nutrition Education Center, Grant County Child and Youth Council
- *Services:* Provides FFN caregivers with information kits; offers story time and Play and Learn groups for caregivers and children; and creates *Ready to Learn* backpacks with activities for children and information for adults that can be checked out

#### **Neighborhood House** (St. Paul - \$139,493)

- *Partners:* Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, Children's Museum of Minnesota, Resources for Child Caring
- *Services:* sponsors caregiver support networks for caregivers in three languages: Somali, Spanish and Amharic; offers Play and Learn programs for caregivers and children and family literacy programs; offers training to new Americans to help them raise their children in their new country; connects caregivers to local libraries and community resources; and provides field trips

#### **White Earth Indian Reservation** (\$138,291)

- *Partners:* WIC, Head Start, Home health care and Mahube Child Care Resource and Referral, Mahnomen, Becker and Clearwater Counties
- *Services:* provides monthly home visits to participating caregivers including Ojibwe language training; provides learning assessment tools; offers monthly trainings for caregivers; connects caregivers to resources and services

#### **Northland Foundation** (Northeast Minnesota – \$139,500)

- *Partners:* Carlton County, Duluth, Hermantown – Proctor, Lake Superior School District and Lake County and Arrowhead Child Care Resource and Referral
- *Services:* offers community-based collaborative trainings and a regional conference; funds innovative projects; provides home visits to caregivers and offers Play and Learn groups designed to respond to caregiver concerns.

#### **Resources for Child Caring** (Minneapolis and Northwest Hennepin County – \$139,500)

- *Partners:* Minneapolis Public Schools, Northwest Suburban Hennepin County Collaborative; Alliance for Early Childhood Professionals; Minneapolis-Hennepin Library Foundation
- *Services:* Offers practice pre-school for Hmong, African American and Latino children in Minneapolis in a public school; offers a program for West African grandparents caring for infants and toddlers; offers school for West African grandparents caring for infants and toddlers; recruits new community ambassadors and connects with the community ambassador network established during the first phase of the program.