

National and Tribal Evaluation of the Second Generation of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
Administration for Children and Families

Overview

The Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program was authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 to provide education and training to recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and other individuals with low incomes. The goal of the program is to train individuals for healthcare occupations that pay well and are in high demand. HPOG grantees focus on overcoming education and training barriers faced by individuals with low incomes and placing them in healthcare professions experiencing labor shortages of support staff and professionals. Grantees provide support services, support career pathways approaches, and offer services that are accessible to program participants.

The second round of grants was awarded to various organizations across 21 states in 2015. Insight is partnering with Abt Associates to conduct an evaluation to assess program implementation, systems change, outcomes, and impacts for the second generation of HPOG grantees.



For this 5-year study, Insight is responsible for initial grantee site development, technical assistance, and implementation study data collection and analysis for a subset of the 38 sites. During the first year, Insight assessed the suitability of sites to be included in a random assignment evaluation and developed a customized evaluation design plan for each site that specified the steps needed to execute random assignment and other study procedures. Insight trained staff at each site to implement and conduct random assignment. Insight is monitoring random assignment and enrollment progress, providing additional technical assistance to grantee sites as needed. Insight is also collecting qualitative data for the implementation analysis and analyzing findings for reports.

Products

Evaluation development and implementation plans for all grantee sites; memoranda of understanding; customized site training manuals; training materials; pilot summary reports; ad hoc analysis reports