



Grant Program:	Pathways Out of Poverty
Grantee Name:	Better Family Life, Inc.
Grantee City/State:	St. Louis, MO
Grant Award Amount:	\$3,305,493
Initial Period of Performance:	January 2010 - January 2012
Project Name:	Better Family Life Pathways Out of Poverty Grant
Project Description:	Through this program, Better Family Life (BFL), in collaboration with its partners, will prepare disadvantaged individuals for careers as weatherization technicians/installers, solar PV systems installers, LEED Green Associates, and biofuels collection technicians. This project will operate from the Metropolitan Employment and Training (MET) warehouse. This 24,000 square foot building has been converted into a simulated manufacturing and construction facility. MET will provide participants with comprehensive services including: assessment, case management, basic skills upgrading, job placement, vocational training, and a host of other supportive and retention services. BFL will utilize proven curriculum and industry standards in order to ensure participants' certification and matriculation into a pre-defined career pathway.
Areas Served by Grant:	Nine communities in Metropolitan St. Louis (Wellston, Pagedale, Hillside, Pine Lawn, Normandy, Jennings, Moline Acres, Riverview, and a segment of the City of St. Louis)
PUMAs Served:	01701, 01703, 01810
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	The City of St. Louis has been negatively impacted by layoffs due to Ford and Chrysler plant closures.
National or Local Grant:	Local
Targeted Industries:	Energy Efficient Building, Construction and Retrofit; Renewable Electric Power; Biofuels
Targeted Credentials:	Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification; Certificate designed with industry standards and firm employer commitments to hire
Targeted Occupations:	Weatherization Technician/Installer, Solar PV Systems Installer (entry level), Biofuels Collections Technician, Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate
Targeted Populations:	Unemployed, high school dropouts, individuals w/ criminal records
All Project partners:	Sheet Metal workers' Local 36, Abengoa Bioenergy, Missouri Career Center (St. Louis County), Manufacturing Training Alliance (MTA), The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, St. Louis, MO (CBTU), Construction Prep Center (CPC), CV Technology, Angela M. Turner Consulting





	(AMTC), Housing Resource Center, Annie E. Casey Foundation/Abt Associates, Department of Health and Human Services, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Projected outcomes:	
Total number of participants served:	500 per year, 1000 over 24 months
Total number of participants beginning education/training activities:	450 per year, 900 over 24 months
Total number of participants who receive basic education services:	250 per year, 500 over 24 months
Total number of participants who receive supportive services funded by the grant:	350 per year, 700 over 24 months
Total number of participants completing education/training activities:	Grantee has two categories that could be used:
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a degree/certificate:	392 per year, 783 over 24 months
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into unsubsidized employment:	INA
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into training-related unsubsidized employment:	350 per year, 700 over 24 months
Total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement:	Quarter #1: 595 out of 700 (85%) Quarter #2: 525 out of 700 (75%)
Other Key Project Deliverables:	N/A
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