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Current Projects

Illinois Family First Evaluations

Ansong, who is principal investigator, and his team are working with the Juvenile Protective Association and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS) to test the impact of several promising evidenced-based interventions (as rated by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse) on child welfare outcomes. The statewide long-term evaluation is using quasi-experimental procedures to assess the effectiveness of the promising interventions on child safety, permanency, and well-being of children at risk of foster care placement in the state of Illinois. This work contributes to Illinois DCFS' larger vision of transforming the child welfare system under Family First and its overall Prevention Strategy toward increased prevention of child maltreatment and foster care reductions.

Ansong also served as principal investigator for three recently completed child welfare projects: KinGAP Implementation and Evaluation Support Project; the Harvey Kinship Project; and the Illinois Birth Through Three (IB3) Waiver Demonstration. He has also provided technical support on several child welfare projects, including the Kansas Intensive Permanency Program (Permanency Innovations Initiative Evaluation).