

**TITLE: Special Improvement Project: Improving Child Support Outcomes through Supervised Visitation**

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**PROJECT ABSTRACT:**

The Special Improvement Project (SIP) Pilot Program was designed to help families who use supervised visitation programs by providing them access to Child Support Enforcement, employment resources, fatherhood programs and other community-based economic resources. The ultimate goal is to increase family stability by increasing family economic status and financial literacy. This project focuses on two pilot supervised visitation programs who receive subcontracts to connect clients with child support offices, local job placement agencies and other resources to improve family economic outcomes. The child support data for each participating client is tracked by the Florida Department of Revenue. The Institute also creates financial literacy information for the pilot programs and their clients, and follows the progress of the programs to develop a Replication Plan to help other supervised visitation programs replicate the successes of the project.

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**Co-Investigators:**

None

**Community Collaborators:**

The Florida Department of Revenue

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