**PROJECT TITLE:** PARENT-CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAM

**GRANT DESCRIPTION:** An operations grant in support of AVANCE’s parenting education program.

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**CHARITABLE PURPOSE:** Health & Human Services\Child Abuse Prevention\Parenting Education/Classes/Seminars

**GRANT TYPE:** General Operations

**GRANT OBJECTIVES:** Increased parenting knowledge and skills; children prepared to enter kindergarten upon completion of AVANCE’S Program; and an increase in participating parents completing their GED.

**SUMMARY OF REPORTED FINDINGS:**

During the 2014-2015 program year Avance participated in a pilot of the AVANCE Records Management System (ARMS) as an alternative to traditional paper methods. All assessments and surveys were completed electronically with assistance provided by site staff as necessary.

Avance collected data from 284 participants:

- Average participant age was 28.96 years
- 88.7% were female
- 87.4% were Hispanic
- 48.6% spoke mainly Spanish in the home
- 96.8% reported living at or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines for “low-income”
- 42.6% never finished high school or completed a GED
- 40.1% were born in Mexico
- Average number of years living in the United States for those foreign born was 7.67

**196 adult participants completed the program.**

Upon completion of the Parent-Child Education Program:

- 92.4% of participants reported reading to their children at least three times per week (goal 90%)
- 82.1% of participants demonstrated an increase in knowledge of child development and parenting skills as measured by the Avance Parenting Questionnaire (goal 85%)
- 93.1% of children were assessed by an Early Learning Assessment Profile as ready for their age level to enter school (goal 85%)
- 88.3% gained a significant awareness of social and community resources and support through Avance (goal 85%)
- Avance made 4,343 referrals to various community partners for additional family support services (74% increase from the previous year)
- 69.3% of participants indicated they will pursue a form of continued education
- 100% reported they were satisfied or very satisfied with the program
- No satisfaction survey comments were included