

Partnership to STEP- UP in Health Careers

Building Pathways
to a Brighter Future

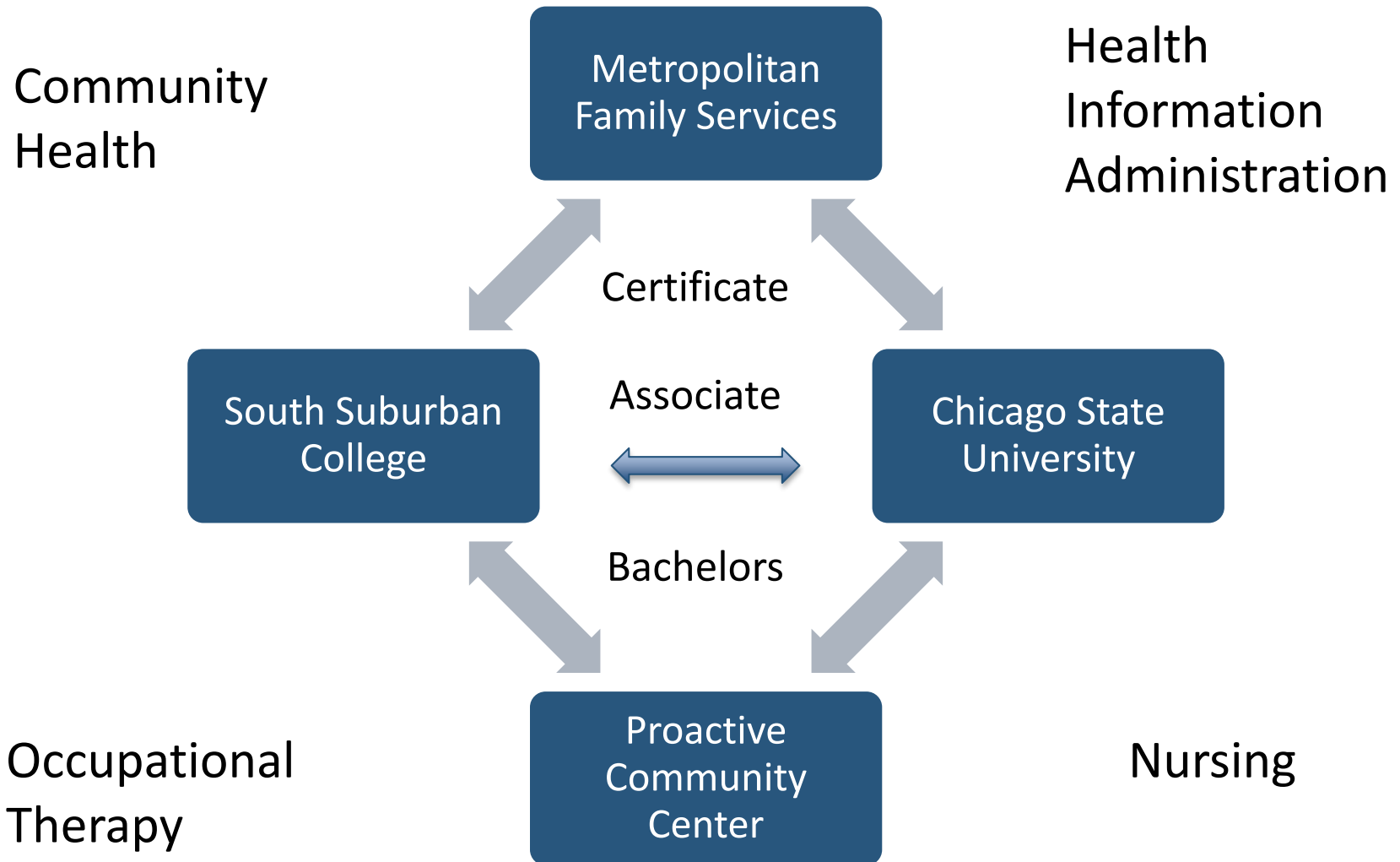


Health Profession Opportunity Grants

OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE



STEP-UP Project



First Year Successes

- Enrolled 115 in treatment group -54%
- Contextualized Bridge Program implemented -32%
- CNA enrollment -15
- South Suburban enrollment – 20
- Chicago State University enrollment – 9
- Student Success Program Implemented
- “Family Night” implemented (~40% family participation)
- Adopt a TANF Office strategy implemented in 3 /6 offices

First Year Challenges

- Recruitment initiated in March; academic calendar
- Limited strategic alliances in recruitment
- Difficulty in converting participants from recruitment to academic enrollment
- Staff turnover
- Data input inconsistent
- State of Illinois budget chaos

Next Steps

- Employer Forum scheduled December 9, 2016
- Defined strategic alliances: alternative schools, WIOA offices, Federal Qualified Health Centers, WIC offices, mentoring organizations (100 Black Men; Girls in the Game)
- Behavioral Intervention to promote academic enrollment
- Full-time employees in key roles – outreach worker and advisor

