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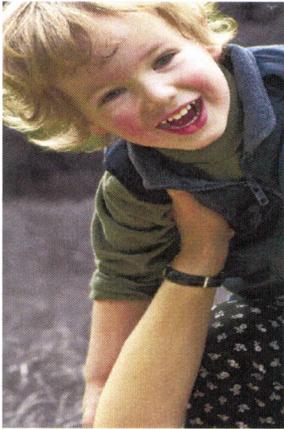
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SB 298

Informational Packet from the  
Montana Children's Trust  
Fund  
For SB 298



# MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND



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- Enabling federal legislation is The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, 42 USC 5116, Sec. 201. Title II, Sec. 201 provides for the Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.
- The purpose of grants are to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, and enhance community-based, and prevention-focused programs designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and/or neglect. Programs are accessible, effective, voluntary, culturally appropriate, and may include:
  - ❖ Assistance to families;
  - ❖ Early, comprehensive support for parents;
  - ❖ Development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents of very young children;
  - ❖ Opportunities for an increase family stability;
  - ❖ Improvement for access to formal and informal resources within communities;
  - ❖ Support for the needs of families with children who have disabilities through respite care and other services;

The foundations for our programs are evidence-based and utilize the five protective factors:

- 1) Parental Resiliency
  - 2) Social Connections
  - 3) Concrete Support
  - 4) Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
  - 5) Social and Emotional Competence of Children.
- Montana receives approximately \$200,000 annually from the Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Grant allocated nationwide based upon the population of children under age 18 residing in the state. Approximately 223,563 children under the age of 18 reside in the state (MT KIDS COUNT 2011.)
  - The state must provide up to 20% matching funds. Montana provides approximately \$100,000 annually at the state level through a state special revenue account representing fees from divorce filings; donations; contributions from the state income tax check-off found on the annual tax form; and interest earnings from the MT Children's Endowment.
  - Montana's lead agency for child abuse and neglect prevention is the Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF.) The MT CTF's Board is as a quasi-public entity. The MT CTF Board and the MT CTF Programs are attached to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Director's Office, Prevention Resource Center (1/2013) for administrative purposes.
  - The MT CTF Board meets quarterly and is actively involved in selecting and funding local, non-profit agencies that include both Family Resource Centers and local, community-based programs that provide family support and prevention services.

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- During the 2007 MT Legislative Session, \$1,000,000 appropriated to the Children's Endowment Fund. The principle earns approximately \$40,000.00 annually in interest earnings.
- The MT CTF has a seven-member, volunteer Board appointed by the Governor; and it is autonomous in that it makes decisions regarding program selection, design, evaluation and other administrative matters.
- The MT CTF Board meets on a quarterly basis and is actively involved in selecting and funding local, non-profit agencies that include both Family Resource Centers, and local, community-based programs that provide parenting education, family support and prevention services; parent/child activities, and Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma (SBS/AHT) Prevention with the Period of PURPLE Crying.
- Each year, the MT CTF Board issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) statewide to entities that can provide core services. Contracts are issued by July 1<sup>st</sup> for each state fiscal year.
- In state fiscal year 2013, the MT CTF awarded \$206,363.00 in contracts to 13 community-based providers statewide. An additional \$110,000 allocated to SBS/AHT Prevention and the Period of Purple Crying.
- In addition to programming and technical assistance, the Board allocates funding to support training, evaluation, public awareness, and special projects as deemed necessary.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/childrenstrustfund/childrenstrustfund>

*Thank you for helping us to create strong families and safe kids.*



## 2012-2013 FUNDING REQUESTS:

### THE MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

#### 1. DISTRICT II ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM

Jerry Schlepp, Administrator or Ronda Welnel, Prevention Services Director;  
Nicole Hackley, Prevention Projects Coordinator  
PO Box 1530  
209 2<sup>nd</sup> ST SE  
Sidney MT 59270  
(406) 433-4097  
Email: [rwelnel@hotmail.com](mailto:rwelnel@hotmail.com); and [richlandcountyfrc@yahoo.com](mailto:richlandcountyfrc@yahoo.com); and [nicoledhackley@yahoo.com](mailto:nicoledhackley@yahoo.com)

#### 2. FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK (CROW/PYOR/LAUREL PROGRAMS)

Wendy Ochs, Assistant Director  
PO Box 21366  
Billings, MT 59104  
(406)  
Email: [fsntoo@aol.com](mailto:fsntoo@aol.com); and [nfarrar@mtfamilysupport.org](mailto:nfarrar@mtfamilysupport.org); [woch@mtfamilysupport.org](mailto:woch@mtfamilysupport.org)

#### 3. COMMUNITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Debra Orozco, Program Director  
100 W. Laurel  
Plentywood MT 59254  
(406) 765-3430  
Email: [cip@co.sheridan.mt.us](mailto:cip@co.sheridan.mt.us); and [dorozco@co.sheridan.mt.us](mailto:dorozco@co.sheridan.mt.us)

#### 4. DAWSON COUNTY/THE NURTURING TREE

Jeanne Seifert, Director/Alisa Werner/Jeanette Griffin, FRC Directors  
207 West Bell  
Glendive MT 59330  
(406) 377-5213  
Email: [seifertj@dawsoncountymail.com](mailto:seifertj@dawsoncountymail.com); and [thenurturingtree@yahoo.com](mailto:thenurturingtree@yahoo.com); and [griffinj@dawsoncountymail.com](mailto:griffinj@dawsoncountymail.com)

#### 5. THE WRC/COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

Kelly McIntosh, Executive Director  
221 ½ South Idaho  
Dillon, MT 59725  
(406) 683-6106  
Email: [director@cscfswmt.org](mailto:director@cscfswmt.org)

#### 6. DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DEAP)

Sylvia Danforth, Executive Director  
220 Box Elder  
Miles City MT 59301  
(406) 234-6034  
Email: [sdanforth@deapmt.org](mailto:sdanforth@deapmt.org); and [atribby@deapmt.org](mailto:atribby@deapmt.org)

7. **WORD, INC. –NORTH VALLEY FAMILY CENTER- FLORENCE**  
Naomi Thornton Allison Dunne, Program Coordinator  
1102 Cedar Street 5501 Hwy 93 North, Suite 3  
Missoula MT 59802 Florence MT 59833  
(406) 543-3550  
Email: [futures@wordinc.org](mailto:futures@wordinc.org) and [adunne@wordinc.org](mailto:adunne@wordinc.org)
8. **THE PARENTING PLACE**  
Child and Family Resource Council, Inc  
Teresa Nygaard, Executive Director  
1644 S 8<sup>th</sup> W  
PO Box 3805  
Missoula MT 59801  
(406) 728-5437  
Email: [teresa@parentingplace.net](mailto:teresa@parentingplace.net)
9. **NURTURING CENTER**  
Eileen Donohoue, Executive Director  
146 Third Avenue West  
Kalispell MT 59901  
(406) 756-1414  
Email: [infor@nurturingcenter.org](mailto:infor@nurturingcenter.org); and [eileen@nurturingcenter.org](mailto:eileen@nurturingcenter.org), and [nikki@nurturingcenter.org](mailto:nikki@nurturingcenter.org)
10. **Parent Place in Belgrade/THRIVE**  
Deborah Neuman, Executive Director/ Anne Swann, Program Manager  
PO Box 4325 The Parent Place  
Bozeman MT 59772 92 North Broadway  
(406) 587-3840 Belgrade MT 59714  
Email: [aswann@allthrive.org](mailto:aswann@allthrive.org)
11. **FOREVER FAMILIES**  
Echo Jamieson, Executive Director  
1411 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Suite B  
Billings MT 59101  
(406) 850-5474  
Email: [foreverfamiliesmt@gmail.com](mailto:foreverfamiliesmt@gmail.com)
12. **COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS/LEARNING PARTNERS**  
Cassie Burns, Director and Rie Hargraves, Coordinator  
112 West Lewis  
Livingston MT 59047  
(406) 823-6356  
Email: [burns@cphhealth.org](mailto:burns@cphhealth.org); and [hargravesr@cphhealth.org](mailto:hargravesr@cphhealth.org)
13. **LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
Melanie Reynolds. MPH; Greg Daly  
1930 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Helena MT 59901  
(406) 457-8912  
Email: [gdaly@co-lewis-clark.mt.us](mailto:gdaly@co-lewis-clark.mt.us); and [gsheldon@co-lewis-clark.mt.us](mailto:gsheldon@co-lewis-clark.mt.us)

**THE MT CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND**  
**2011-2012 COMMUNITY BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**  
**((CBCAP) FEDERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE)**

- A list by grant/program of all providers & their location (identified by city, county & region)
- The amount of funding allocated & the amount paid-out by contract, regional & statewide totals.
- The number of children and families served under the contracts by individual provider, regional and statewide.
- Data should include info for all of SFY 12 and as much as possible for SFY 13.

1. **DAWSON COUNTY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION \*\*THE NURTURING TREE**  
Jeanne Seifert, Project Director/Alisa Werner, Nurturing Tree Coordinator  
207 West Bell, Glendive MT 59330  
(FUNDED: \$30,000.00 AND 2013: \$15,000.00= with total funding 2011-2013= \$45,000)  
**Region # 1 Eastern**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-12/2012: 6,147**

2. **WORD, INC. –WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT-NORTH VALLEY**  
**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER- FLORENCE**  
Bonnie Buckingham, Executive Director/ Allison Dunne, Coordinator  
2525 Palmer Street, Suite 1, Missoula MT 59808  
(Funded: \$30,000.00 AND 2013: \$15,000 with total funding 2011-2013=\$45,000)  
**RAVALLI COUNTY, Region # 5 Western**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-12/2012: 1,526**

3. **Parent Place in Belgrade/THRIVE**  
Deborah Neuman, Executive Director/ Kathy Rich, Program Manager  
PO Box 4325 The Parent Place  
Bozeman MT 59772 92 North Broadway  
**Gallatin County, Region # 4 South Western** Belgrade MT 59714  
**BELGRADE/BOZEMAN SCHOOL PROJECT**  
(FUNDED: \$14,991.00 AND 2013: \$14,867 with total funding 2011-2013=\$29,858.00)  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-12/2012: 571**

4. **THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER/COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER**  
Kelly McIntosh, Executive Director,  
221 ½ South, Dillon, MT 59725  
(Funded: \$ 15,000.00 AND 2013: \$15,000 with total funding 2011-2013=\$30,000.00)  
**Beaverhead County, Region #4 South Western**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/11-12/2012: 2,949**

5. **DISTRICT II ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM**  
Jerry Schlepp, Administrator or Ronda Welnel, Prevention Services Director  
209 2<sup>nd</sup> ST SE, Sidney MT 59270  
(FUNDED: \$15,000.00 AND 2013: \$15,000 with total funding 2011-2013=\$30,000.00)  
Richland County, Region # 1 Eastern  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-12/2012: 600
6. **THE FAMILY TREE CENTER**  
Stacey Dreessen, Executive Director  
2520 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Billings MT 59101  
(FUNDED: \$ 12,000.00 AND 2013: \$0.00 with total funding 2011-2013= \$12,000.00)  
Yellowstone and Musselshell Counties, Region # 3 South Central  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2011/6/30/2012: 641
7. **FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK**  
Wendy Ochs, Assistant Director  
PO Box 21366, Billings, MT 59104 (HARDIN/CROW PROGRAM)  
(Funded: \$ 12,551.00 AND 2013: \$11,711.65 with total funding 2011-2013=\$24,262.65)  
Big Horn County and Yellowstone County, Region # 3 South Central  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2011-12/2012: 262
8. **DISTRICT 4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
Karen Thomas, Executive Director  
2229 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Havre MT 59501  
(Funded: \$10,000.00 AND 2013: \$0.00 with total funding 2011-2013=\$10,000.00)  
Hill County, Region # 2 North Central  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-6/30/12: 91
9. **NURTURING CENTER**  
Eileen Donohoue, Executive Director Nikki Bergmann  
146 Third Avenue West, Kalispell MT 59901  
(Funded: \$ 25,000.00 AND 2013: \$25,000.00 with total funding 2011-2013= \$50,000.00)  
Flathead County, Region # 5 Western  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-12/2012: 1,162
10. **COMMUNITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
Debra Orozco, Program Director  
100 W. Laurel, Plentywood MT 59254  
(Funded: \$ 10,000.00 AND 2013: \$14,804 with total funding 2011-2013= \$24,804.00)  
Sheridan County, Region # 1 Eastern  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-12/2012: 651

11. **LEWIS AND CLARK CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
Mary Filipovich and Melanie Reynolds, MPH  
1930 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Helena MT 59901  
(Funded: \$ 15,000.00 AND 2013:\$15,000 with total funding 2011-2013=\$30,000.00)  
**Lewis and Clark County, Region # 4 South Western**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/1/2011-12/2012: 469**
  
12. **ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL**  
Deb Wetherelt, Director of Women's & Children's Services  
2475 Broadway, Helena MT 59601  
(Funded: \$ 15,000.00 AND 2013: \$0.00 with total funding 2011-2013=\$15,000.00)  
**Lewis and Clark County, Region # 4 South Western**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2011-10/31/2011: 17**
  
13. **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE NATION**  
Geri Small, Chief Professional Officer/ Marissa Spang, Director  
101 Cheyenne Avenue, Lame Deer MT 59043  
(Funded: \$ 14,963.00 AND 2013: \$0.00 with total funding 2011-2013=\$14,963.00)  
**Big Horn County, Region # 3**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2011-6/30/2012: 73**
  
14. **THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
Donna Huston, Executive Director  
1501 14<sup>th</sup> St W, Ste 230, Billings MT 59102  
(Funded: \$ 15,000.00 AND 2013: \$0.00 with total funding 2011-2013=\$15,000.00)  
**Yellowstone County, Region # 3 South Central**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2011-6/30/2012: 1,017**
  
15. **COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS/LEARNING PARTNERS**  
Cassie Burns, Director/ Rie Hargraves  
112 West Lewis, Livingston MT 59047  
(Funded: \$ 15,000.00 AND 2013: \$25,000 with total funding 2011-2013=\$40,000.00)  
**Park County, Region # 4 South Western**  
**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2011-12/2012: 1,496**

**ADDITIONAL 2012-2013 FUNDING THE MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND**

**16. DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Sylvia Danforth, Executive Director, 220 Box Elder, Miles City MT 59301

**Park County, Region # 1 EASTERN**

(2012-2013 FUNDED: \$ 10,000.00)

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2012-12/2012: 70**

**17. THE PARENTING PLACE- Child and Family Resource Council, Inc.**

Teresa Nygaard, Executive Director, 1644 S 8<sup>th</sup> W, PO Box 3805, Missoula MT 59801

**Missoula County, Region # 5 WESTERN**

(2012-2013- Funded: \$ 15,000.00)

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2012-12/2012: 385**

**18. FOREVER FAMILIES**

Echo Jamieson, Executive Director, 1411 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Suite B, Billings MT 59101

**YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, Region # 3 SOUTH CENTRAL**

(2012-2013 Funded: \$ 14,980.00)

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED 7/01/2012-12/2012: 477**

TOTAL FUNDED 2011-2012: \$249,505.00

TOTAL FUNDED 2012-2013: \$206,363.00

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Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, MT Chapter Daylyn Porter, RN/MELISSA SYNESS  
400 North Park Avenue, Helena MT

Lewis and Clark County- State wide MT Purple Project-  
Shaken Baby Syndrome/ Abusive Head Trauma Prevention

**BOTH 2012 SFY AND 2013 SFY \$110,000.00** with a total funding for MT PURPLE

Project=\$220,000.00

<b><u>FUNDING</u></b>		<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>
REGION 1	EASTERN	\$109,804.00
REGION 2	NORTH CENTRAL	\$10,000.00
REGION 3	SOUTH CENTRAL	\$81,205.00
REGION 4:	SOUTH WESTERN	\$144,858.00
REGION 5	WESTERN	\$110,000.00
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	TOTAL FUNDED:	\$455,867.00 2011-2013
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STATEWIDE	MT PURPLE PROJECT	\$220,000.00
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<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>		<b>\$675,867.00</b>

	<b>CHILDREN AND PARENTS SERVED</b>		
	<b>2011- 2012</b>	<b>2012- 2013*</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
DAWSON	4,628.00	1,519.00	<b>6,147.00</b>
WORD	1,381.00	145.00	<b>1,526.00</b>
THRIVE	437.00	134.00	<b>571.00</b>
DISTRICT II	497.00	103.00	<b>600.00</b>
FAMILY TREE	641.00	not funded	<b>641.00</b>
FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK	193.00	69.00	<b>262.00</b>
DISTRICT IV HAVRE	91.00	not funded	<b>91.00</b>
NURTURING CENTER	877.00	285.00	<b>1,162.00</b>
COMMUNITY INCENTIVE PRG	621.00	30.00	<b>651.00</b>
L&C CO HEALTH DPT	387.00	82.00	<b>469.00</b>
ST PETERS HOSPITAL	17.00	not funded	<b>17.00</b>
BGC NORTHERN CHEYENNE	73.00	not funded	<b>73.00</b>
CENTER 4 CHILDREN AND FAM	1,017.00	not funded	<b>1,017.00</b>
FOREVER FAMILIES	**	477.00	<b>477.00</b>
COMMUNITY HEALTH PRTNERS	1,348.00	148.00	<b>1,496.00</b>
EVELOPMENTAL ED ASST PGR	not funded	70.00	<b>70.00</b>
PARENTING PLACE-MSLA	not funded	385.00	<b>385.00</b>
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER	2,273.00	676.00	<b>2,949.00</b>
<b>totals of children/parents</b>	<b>14,481.00</b>	<b>4,123.00</b>	<b>18,604.00</b>

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July 1, 2011 through June 30, 012 14,481.00

\* July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012



# The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

Including Adoption Opportunities &  
The Abandoned Infants Assistance Act

As Amended by

P.L. 111-320

The CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families  
Administration on Children, Youth and Families  
Children's Bureau



and local laws and regulations facilitate and inhibit individuals cooperating, consulting, or assisting in making good faith reports, including mandatory reports, of suspected or known instances of child abuse or neglect.

2. REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives a report that contains the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1) and any recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes the Secretary determines appropriate. Such report may be submitted electronically.

**Sec. 111. DEFINITIONS. [42 U.S.C. 5106g]**

For purposes of this title [42 U.S.C. 5101 et. seq.]—

1. the term ‘Alaska Native’ has the meaning given the term ‘Native’ in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602);
2. the term ‘infant or toddler with a disability’ has the meaning given in section 632 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1432);
3. the term ‘Native Hawaiian’ has the meaning given the term in section 7207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 7517);
4. the term “sexual abuse” includes—
  - A. the employment, use, persuasion, inducement, enticement, or coercion of any child to engage in, or assist any other person to engage in, any sexually explicit conduct or simulation of such conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct; or
  - B. the rape, and in cases of caretaker or inter-familial relationships, statutory rape, molestation, prostitution, or other form of sexual exploitation of children, or incest with children; and
5. the term “withholding of medically indicated treatment” means the failure to respond to the infant’s life-threatening conditions by providing treatment (including appropriate nutrition, hydration, and medication) which, in the treating physician’s or physicians’ reasonable medical judgment, will be most likely to be effective in ameliorating or correcting all such conditions, except that the term does not include the failure to provide treatment (other than appropriate nutrition, hydration, or medication) to an infant when, in the treating physician’s or physicians’ reasonable medical judgment—

- A. the infant is chronically and irreversibly comatose;
- B. the provision of such treatment would—
  - i. merely prolong dying;
  - ii. not be effective in ameliorating or correcting all of the infant’s life-threatening conditions; or
  - iii. otherwise be futile in terms of the survival of the infant; or
- C. the provision of such treatment would be virtually futile in terms of the survival of the infant and the treatment itself under such circumstances would be inhumane;

**Sec. 112. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. [42 U.S.C. 5106h]**

- a. **IN GENERAL.**—
1. **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title, \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2015.
  2. **DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES.**—
    - A. **IN GENERAL.**—Of the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make available 30 percent of such amounts to fund discretionary activities under this title.
    - B. **DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**—Of the amounts made available for a fiscal year under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall make available not more than 40 percent of such amounts to carry out section 104\*.
- b. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WITHOUT FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION.** — The Secretary shall ensure that funds appropriated pursuant to authorizations in this title shall remain available until expended for the purposes for which they were appropriated.

**Sec. 113. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION. [42 U.S.C. 5106i]**

- a. **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this Act shall be construed—
1. as establishing a Federal requirement that a parent or legal guardian provide a child any medical service or treatment against the religious beliefs of the parent or legal guardian; and
  2. to require that a State find, or to prohibit a State from finding, child abuse or neglect in cases in which a parent or legal guardian relies solely or partially upon spiritual means rather than medical treatment, in accordance with the religious beliefs of the parent or legal guardian.
- b. **STATE REQUIREMENT.**—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a State shall, at a minimum, have in place authority under State law to permit the child protective services system of the State to pursue any legal remedies, including the authority to initiate legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, to provide medical care or treatment for a child when such care or treatment is necessary to prevent or remedy serious harm to the child, or to prevent the withholding of medically indicated treatment from children with life threatening conditions. Except with respect to the withholding of medically indicated treatments from disabled infants with life threatening conditions, case by case determinations concerning the exercise of the authority of this subsection shall be within the sole discretion of the State.

**TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**Sec. 201. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY. [42 U.S.C. 5116]**

- a. **PURPOSE.**—It is the purpose of this title—
1. to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect and to support the coordination of resources and activities, to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and
  2. to foster an understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse populations in order to be effective in preventing and treating child abuse and neglect.

- b. **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary shall make grants under this title on a formula basis to the entity designated by the State as the lead entity (referred to in this title as the “lead entity”) under section 202(1) for the purpose of—
1. developing, operating, expanding, and enhancing community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect that are accessible, effective, culturally appropriate, and build on existing strengths that—
    - A. offer assistance to families;
    - B. provide early, comprehensive support for parents;
    - C. promote the development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents with very young children;
    - D. increase family stability;
    - E. improve family access to other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance available within communities, including access to such resources and opportunities for unaccompanied homeless youth;
    - F. support the additional needs of families with children with disabilities through respite care and other services;
    - G. demonstrate a commitment to involving parents in the planning and program implementation of the lead agency and entities carrying out local programs funding under this title, including involvement of parents of children with disabilities, parents who are individuals with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, and members of other underrepresented or underserved groups; and
    - H. provide referrals to early health and developmental services;
  2. fostering the development of a continuum of preventive services for children and families, including unaccompanied homeless youth, through State and community-based collaborations and partnerships both public and private;
  3. financing the start-up, maintenance, expansion, or redesign of specific community-based child abuse and neglect prevention program services (such as respite care services, child abuse and neglect prevention activities, disability services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, domestic violence services, housing services, transportation, adult education, home visiting and other similar services) identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 205(a)(3) as an unmet need, and integrated with the network of community-based child abuse and neglect prevention program to the extent practicable given funding levels and community priorities;
  4. maximizing funding through leveraging of funds for the financing, planning, community mobilization, collaboration, assessment, information and referral, startup, training and technical assistance, information management and reporting, reporting and evaluation costs for establishing, operating, or expanding community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect; and
  5. financing public information activities that focus on the healthy and positive development of parents and children and the promotion of child abuse and neglect prevention activities.

**Sec. 202. ELIGIBILITY. [42 U.S.C. 5116a]**

A State shall be eligible for a grant under this title for a fiscal year if—

1.
  - A. the Governor of the State has designated a lead entity to administer funds under this title for the purposes identified under the authority of this title, including to develop, implement, operate, enhance, or expand community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;
  - B. such lead entity is an existing public, quasi-public, or nonprofit private entity (which may be an entity that has not been established pursuant to State legislation, executive order, or any other written authority of the State that exists to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect) with a demonstrated ability to work with other State and community-based agencies to provide training and technical assistance, and that has the capacity and commitment to ensure the meaningful involvement of parents who are consumers and who can provide leadership in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and policy decisions of the applicant agency in accomplishing the desired outcomes for such efforts;
  - C. in determining which entity to designate under subparagraph (A), the Governor should give priority consideration equally to a trust fund advisory board of the State or to an existing entity that leverages Federal, State, and private funds for a broad range of child abuse and neglect prevention activities and family resource programs, and that is directed by an interdisciplinary, public-private structure, including participants from communities; and
  - D. in the case of a State that has designated a State trust fund advisory board for purposes of administering funds under this title (as such, title was in effect on the date of the enactment of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments of 1996<sup>1</sup>) and in which one or more entities that leverage Federal, State, and private funds (as described in subparagraph (C)) exist, the Governor shall designate the lead entity only after full consideration of the capacity and expertise of all entities desiring to be designated under subparagraph (A);
2. the Governor of the State provides assurances that the lead entity will provide or will be responsible for providing—
  - A. community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect composed of local, collaborative, public-private partnerships directed by interdisciplinary structures with balanced representation from private and public sector members, parents, adult former victims of child abuse and neglect, and public and private nonprofit service providers and individuals and organizations experienced in working in partnership with families with children with disabilities;
  - B. direction through an interdisciplinary, collaborative, public-private structure with balanced representation from private and public sector members, parents, adult former victims of child abuse and neglect, public sector and private nonprofit sector service providers, and parents with disabilities; and
  - C. direction and oversight through identified goals and objectives, clear lines of communication and accountability, the provision of leveraged or combined funding from Federal, State, and private sources, centralized assessment and planning activities, the provision of training and technical assistance, and reporting and evaluation functions; and
3. the Governor of the State provides assurances that the lead entity—

- A. has a demonstrated commitment to parental participation in the development, operation, and oversight of the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;
- B. has a demonstrated ability to work with State and community-based public and private nonprofit organizations to develop a continuum of preventive, family centered, comprehensive services for children and families through the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect ;
- C. has the capacity to provide operational support (both financial and programmatic) training, technical assistance, and evaluation assistance, to community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect, through innovative, interagency funding and interdisciplinary service delivery mechanisms; and
- D. will integrate its efforts with individuals and organizations experienced in working in partnership with families with children with disabilities, parents with disabilities, and with the child abuse and neglect prevention activities of the State, and demonstrate a financial commitment to those activities.

**Sec. 203. AMOUNT OF GRANT. [42 U.S.C. 5116b]**

- a. **RESERVATION.**—The Secretary shall reserve 1 percent of the amount appropriated under section 5116i of this title for a fiscal year to make allotments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations and migrant programs.
- b. **REMAINING AMOUNTS.**—
  - 1. **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall allot the amount appropriated under section 5116i of this title for a fiscal year and remaining after the reservation under subsection (a) of this section among the States as follows:
    - A. **70-PERCENT.**—70 percent of such amount appropriated shall be allotted among the States by allotting to each State an amount that bears the same proportion to such amount appropriated as the number of children under the age of 18 residing in the State bears to the total number of children under the age of 18 residing in all States (except that no State shall receive less than \$175,000 under this subparagraph).
    - B. **30-PERCENT.**—30 percent of such amount appropriated shall be allotted among the States by allotting to each State an amount that bears the same proportion to such amount appropriated as the amount of private, State, or other non-Federal funds leveraged and directed through the currently designated State lead entity in the preceding fiscal year bears to the aggregate of the amounts leveraged by all States from private, State, or other non-Federal sources and directed through the current lead entity of such States in the preceding fiscal year.
  - 2. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary shall provide allotments under paragraph (1) to the State lead entity.
- c. **ALLOCATION.**—Funds allotted to a State under this section—
  - 1. shall be for a 3-year period; and
  - 2. shall be provided by the Secretary to the State on an annual basis, as described in subsection (b) of this section

**Sec. 204. APPLICATION. [42 U.S.C. 5116d]**

A grant may not be made to a State under this title unless an application therefore is submitted by the State to the Secretary and such application contains the types of information specified by the Secretary as essential to carrying out the provisions of section 202, including—

1. a description of the lead entity that will be responsible for the administration of funds provided under this title and the oversight of programs funded through the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect which meets the requirements of section 202;
2. a description of how the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect will operate, including how community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs provided by public and private, nonprofit organizations, will be integrated into a developing continuum of family centered, holistic, preventive services for children and families;
3. a description of the inventory of current unmet needs and current community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and other family resource services operating in the State;
4. a budget for the development, operation, and expansion of the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect that verifies that the State will expend in non-Federal funds an amount equal to not less than 20 percent of the amount received under this title (in cash, not in-kind) for activities under this title;
5. an assurance that funds received under this title will supplement, not supplant, other State and local public funds designated for the start up, maintenance, expansion, and redesign of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;
6. a description of the State's capacity to ensure the meaningful involvement of parents who are consumers, of family advocates, and of adult former victims of child abuse or neglect, who can provide leadership in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the programs and policy decisions of the applicant agency in accomplishing the desired outcomes for such efforts;
7. a description of the criteria that the entity will use to develop, or select and fund, community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect as part of network development, expansion, or enhancement;
8. a description of outreach activities that the entity and the community-based and prevention-focused programs designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect will undertake to maximize the participation of racial and ethnic minorities, children and adults with disabilities, homeless families and those at risk of homelessness, unaccompanied homeless youth, and members of other underserved or underrepresented groups;
9. a plan for providing operational support, training, and technical assistance to community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect for development, operation, expansion and enhancement activities;
10. a description of how the applicant entity's activities and those of the network and its members (where appropriate) will be evaluated;
11. a description of the actions that the applicant entity will take to advocate systemic changes in State policies, practices, procedures, and regulations to improve the delivery of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect services to children and families; and
12. an assurance that the applicant entity will provide the Secretary with reports at such time and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

**Sec. 205. LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. [42 U.S.C. 5116e]**

- a. **IN GENERAL.**—Grants made under this title shall be used to develop, implement, operate, expand, and enhance community-based, and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect that—
1. assess community assets and needs through a planning process that involves parents, local public agencies, local nonprofit organizations, and private sector representatives in meaningful roles;
  2. develop a comprehensive strategy to provide a continuum of preventive, family-centered services to children and families, especially to young parents, to parents with young children, and to parents who are adult former victims of domestic violence or child abuse or neglect, through public-private partnerships;
  3.
    - A. provide for core child abuse and neglect prevention services, which may be provided directed by the local recipient of the grant funds or through grants or agreements with other local agencies, such as—
      - i. parent education, mutual support and self help, and parent leadership services;
      - ii. respite care services;
      - iii. outreach and followup services, which may include voluntary home visiting services; and
      - iv. community and social service referrals; and
    - B. provide
      - i. referral to and counseling for adoption services for individuals interested in adopting a child or relinquishing their child for adoption;
      - ii. child care, early childhood education and care, and intervention services;
      - iii. referral to services and supports to meet the additional needs of families with children with disabilities and parents who are individuals with disabilities;
      - iv. referral to job readiness services;
      - v. referral to educational services, such as academic tutoring, literacy training, and General Educational Degree services;
      - vi. self-sufficiency and life management skills training;
      - vii. community referral services, including early developmental screening of children;
      - viii. peer counseling; and
      - ix. domestic violence service programs that provide services and treatment to children and their non-abusing caregivers.
  4. develop leadership roles for the meaningful involvement of parents in the development, operation, evaluation, and oversight of the programs and services;
  5. provide leadership in mobilizing local public and private resources to support the provision of needed child abuse and neglect prevention program services; and
  6. participate with other community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect in the development, operation, and expansion of networks where appropriate.
- b. **PRIORITY.**—In awarding local grants under this title, a lead entity shall give priority to effective community-based programs serving low-income communities and those serving young parents or parents with young children, including community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs.

**Sec. 206. PERFORMANCE MEASURES. [42 U.S.C. 5116f]**

A State receiving a grant under this title, through reports provided to the Secretary—

1. shall demonstrate the effective development, operation, and expansion of a community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect that meets the requirements of this title;
2. shall supply an inventory and description of the services provided to families by local programs that meet identified community needs, including core and optional services as described in section 202 which description shall specify whether those services are supported by research;
3. shall demonstrate that they will have addressed unmet needs identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 204(3);
4. shall describe the number of families served, including families with children with disabilities, and parents with disabilities, and the involvement of a diverse representation of families in the design, operation, and evaluation of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect, and in the design, operation and evaluation of the networks of such community-based and prevention-focused programs;
5. shall demonstrate a high level of satisfaction among families who have used the services of the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;
6. shall demonstrate the establishment or maintenance of innovative funding mechanisms, at the State or community level, that blend Federal, State, local, and private funds, and innovative, interdisciplinary service delivery mechanisms, for the development, operation, expansion, and enhancement of the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;
7. shall describe the results of evaluation, or the outcomes of monitoring, conducted under the State program to demonstrate the effectiveness of activities conducted under this title in meeting the purposes or the program; and
8. shall demonstrate an implementation plan to ensure the continued leadership of parents in the on-going planning, implementation, and evaluation of such community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

**Sec. 207. NATIONAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS. [42 U.S.C. 5116g]**

The Secretary may allocate such sums as may be necessary from the amount provided under the State allotment to support the activities of the lead entity in the State—

1. to create, operate, and maintain a peer review process;
2. to create, operate, and maintain an information clearinghouse;
3. to fund a yearly symposium on State system change efforts that result from the operation of the community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;
4. to create, operate, and maintain a computerized communication system between lead entities; and
5. to fund State-to-State technical assistance through bi-annual conferences.

**Sec. 208. DEFINITIONS. [42 U.S.C. 5116h]**

For purposes of this title:

1. **COMMUNITY REFERRAL SERVICES.**—The term "community referral services" means services provided under contract or through interagency agreements to assist families in obtaining needed information, mutual support and community resources, including respite care services, health and mental health services, employability development and job training, and other social services, including early developmental screening of children, through help lines or other methods.
2. **COMMUNITY-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.**—The term "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect" includes organizations such as family resource programs, family support programs, voluntary home visiting programs, respite care programs, parenting education, mutual support programs, and other community programs or networks of such programs that provide activities that are designed to prevent or respond to child abuse and neglect.
3. **RESPITE CARE SERVICES.**— The term "respite care services" means short term care services, including the services of crisis nurseries, provided in the temporary absence of the regular caregiver (parent, other relative, foster parent, adoptive parent, or guardian) to children who—
  - A. are in danger of child abuse or neglect;
  - B. have experienced child abuse or neglect; or
  - C. have disabilities or chronic or terminal illnesses.

Such services shall be provided within or outside the home of the child, be short-term care (ranging from a few hours to a few weeks of time, per year), and be intended to enable the family to stay together and to keep the child living in the home and community of the child.

**Sec. 209. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. [42 U.S.C. 5116i]**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title, \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

**SECTION II: ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sec. 201. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. [42 U.S.C. 5111]**

- a. **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that—
  1. on the last day of fiscal year 2009, some 424,000 children were living in temporary foster family homes or other foster care settings;
  2. most children in foster care are victims of child abuse or neglect by their biological parents and their entry into foster care brought them the additional trauma of separation from their homes and often their communities;
  3. on average, children entering foster care have more physical and mental health needs than do children in the general population, and some require intensive services because the children entering foster care—
    - A. were born to mothers who did not receive prenatal care;
    - B. were born with life-threatening conditions or disabilities;
    - C. were born addicted to alcohol or other drugs; or
    - D. have HIV/AIDS;