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**A Message from Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

Dear Friends,

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is the key “human services” arm of the Department of Health and Human Services. Through its programs, it touches the daily lives of many vulnerable individuals, families, and communities. Its reach extends from cradles to careers, from earliest childhood to independent adulthood.

ACF’s mission is to promote the social and economic well-being of Americans in need. This directory serves as a helpful introduction to the ways ACF carries out that mission. It also contains valuable contact information for those who want to explore ACF’s programs and funding opportunities more deeply.

I invite you to use this guide to learn about ACF’s invaluable work in improving the lives of children and families in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Sebelius". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary



**A Message from David A. Hansell
Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families**

Dear Friends,

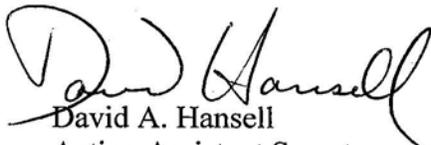
Welcome to the Administration for Children and Families' Directory of Program Services.

This Directory is an important component of our effort to inform the public about the wide range of services ACF provides. These pages contain an overview of the agency's array of programs and services designed to enhance present opportunities and future prospects for children, families, and communities across America. You will also find helpful sources of additional information.

It is our hope that this volume will serve as a first step in acquainting you with ACF's role in strengthening families, supporting healthy and comprehensive child development, promoting economic and social self-sufficiency, and ultimately developing a stronger society for generations to come.

I appreciate your interest in our programs.

Sincerely,


David A. Hansell
Acting Assistant Secretary



OVERVIEW of ACF

The Administration for Children and Families: Federal Focal Point for Human Service Delivery

The Administration for Children and Families is an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services whose mission is to promote the economic and social well-being of America's most vulnerable populations and communities. ACF's programs serve a wide variety of groups, including individuals and families with low income, refugees, people with developmental disabilities, Native Americans, and many others. This directory provides an introduction to the range of human services that ACF provides.

ACF's programs aim to create:

- families and individuals empowered to increase their own economic independence and productivity; strong, healthy, supportive communities that have a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children;
- partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, American Indian tribes, Native communities, states, and Congress that enable solutions which transcend traditional agency boundaries;
- services planned, reformed, and integrated to improve needed access; and
- a strong commitment to working with people with developmental disabilities, refugees, and migrants to address their needs, strengths, and abilities.

To carry out its activities, ACF awards grants to state and local governments, community and non-profit groups, faith and community-based organizations, American Indian tribes, and Native American communities. ACF furnishes technical assistance, guidance, and overall supervision to the grantees who in turn have responsibility for direct delivery of services.

ACF awards two types of grants to implement its programs: mandatory (also known as formula, block or entitlement grants), and discretionary. Mandatory grants are not subject to competition and are awarded to states, the District of Columbia and federally recognized tribes and territories. Discretionary grants, on the other hand, allow the federal government to exercise judgment or "discretion" in selecting the recipient organization through a competitive process. States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, federally recognized tribes and territories, and public and private non-profit organizations may apply for these grants, based on each program's particular rules.

This directory is designed to be useful both to organizations and individuals interested in learning about the array of ACF's programs. For further information, please consult page 73 for a list of ACF's 10 Regional Offices, or visit the agency's website at www.acf.hhs.gov or the question and answer page at http://faq.acf.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/acfrightnow.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php.

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Summary of Programs:

Abandoned Infants Assistance

The purpose of this discretionary program is to develop, implement and operate projects that demonstrate how to: (1) Prevent the abandonment of infants and young children exposed to HIV/AIDS and drugs, including the provision of services to family members for any conditions that increase the probability of abandonment of an infant or young child; (2) identify and address the needs of abandoned infants, especially those born with AIDS and those exposed to drugs; (3) assist these children to reside with their natural families, if possible, or in foster care; (4) recruit, train and retain foster parents for these children; (5) carry out residential care programs for abandoned children, and children with AIDS who are unable to reside with their families; (6) establish programs of respite care for families and foster families; (7) recruit and train health and social services personnel to work with families, foster families, and residential care staff; and (8) prevent the abandonment of infants and young children by providing needed resources through model programs. This program also funds technical assistance, including training, with respect to the planning, development and operation of the projects.

Funding Type: Discretionary

Target Audience: Infants and children impacted by HIV/AIDS and/or substance abuse; their parents, families, and other caretakers.

Eligible Applicants: State or local governments; federally- recognized Indian tribal governments; U.S. territories and possessions; and nonprofit organizations and universities

Adoption Opportunities

The purpose of this program is to facilitate the elimination of barriers to adoption and to provide permanent, loving home environments for children who would benefit from adoption, particularly children with special needs. Grants and contracts are awarded in the following categories: (1) the development and implementation of a national adoption and foster care data gathering and analysis system, and a national adoption information exchange system; (2) education, training and technical assistance programs on adoption; (3) ongoing and extensive recruitment on the national level; (4) supporting and studying the placement of children in kinship care arrangements, pre-adoptive, or adoptive homes; (5) maintaining a national resource center for special needs adoption; (6) minority recruitment; (7) provision of post legal adoption services; (8) improving the permanent placement rate of children, especially older children, in foster care; (9) improving efforts to eliminate interjurisdictional adoption barriers; (10) studying the manner in which interstate placements are financed; (11) best practice recommendations for inter- and intra-state adoptions and how state definitions of special needs differentiate and/or group similar categories of children; and (12) researching adoption outcomes and factors that affect these outcomes.

Funding Type: Discretionary Grants

Target Audience: Children who are in foster care and with the goal of adoption.

Eligible Applicants: State or local governments; federally- recognized Indian tribal governments; U.S. territories and possessions; and nonprofit organizations and universities

Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Grants

The purpose of this program is to improve national, state, community, and family activities for the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, demonstration, service improvement, evaluation of best practices, dissemination of information, and technical assistance. Grants or contracts are provided for: (1) technical assistance to public and private nonprofit agencies; (2) research and service demonstration projects to identify, assess, prevent, and treat child abuse and neglect; (3) research into the incidence, consequences, and prevalence of child abuse and neglect, and (4) the dissemination of information on the incidence, causes, prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

Funding Type: Discretionary Grants

Target Audience: Abused and neglected children and their families

Eligible Applicants: States, local governments, tribes, public agencies or private agencies or organizations (or combinations of such agencies or organizations) engaged in activities related to the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

Community-based Child Abuse Prevention Grants

The purpose of this program is to assist states to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, and enhance initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Funds are used to develop, operate, expand, and enhance community-based, prevention focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect. One percent is set aside for discretionary grants to migrant and tribal populations and an additional amount is used to fund a national resource center to provide training and technical assistance to state lead agencies.

Funding Type: Formula Grants

Target Audience: Beneficiaries include children and their families, and organizations dealing with community-based, prevention focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Eligible Applicants: States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Basic State Grant is a formula grant to states only, and is designed to improve child protective services systems. States can choose from a wide variety of activities as outlined in the legislation.

Examples include: improving the intake, assessment, screening, and investigation of reports of abuse and neglect; creating and improving the use of multidisciplinary teams and interagency protocols to enhance investigations; improving legal preparation and representation; case management; developing, improving, and implementing risk and safety assessment tools and protocols; developing and updating systems of technology; training regarding research-based strategies to promote collaboration with the families, legal duties of such individuals and personal safety training for case workers; improving the skills, qualifications, and availability of individuals providing services to children and families, and the supervisors of such individuals; developing and delivering information to improve public education relating to the role and responsibilities of the child protection system and the nature and basis for reporting suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect; and supporting and enhancing collaboration among public health agencies, the child protection system, and private community-based programs to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment services (including linkages with education systems). These services may also address the health needs, including mental health needs, of children identified as abused or neglected, such as supporting prompt, comprehensive health and developmental evaluations for children who are the subject of substantiated child maltreatment reports.

Funding Type: Formula Grant

Target Audience: Abused and neglected children and their families

Eligible Applicants: States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Foster Care – Title IV-E

The Title IV-E Foster Care program is a formula grant that assists states, Indian tribes, tribal organizations and tribal consortia (tribes) to provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children who are under the jurisdiction of the state or tribal child welfare agency, until the children are returned home safely, placed with adoptive families, placed in kinship guardianship or placed in other planned arrangements for permanency. The program provides funds to assist with the costs of foster care maintenance for eligible children; administrative costs to manage the program; costs related to the design, implementation and operation of a statewide data collection system; and training for public agency staff, foster parents and certain private agency staff. Funds may not be used for costs of social services such as those that provide counseling or treatment to ameliorate or remedy personal problem, behaviors, or home conditions for a child, the child's family, or the child's foster family.

Tribes first became eligible to apply to operate their own title IV-E programs in FY 2010. To assist tribes in preparing to administer Title IV-E programs, \$3 million in federal funds are reserved annually for technical assistance and plan development/ implementation grants to eligible tribes. Plan development/implementation grants to tribes are one-time discretionary grants for projects lasting up to 24 months that are to be used to develop a plan to operate a Title IV-E program for foster care, adoption assistance, and kinship guardianship as specified under section 479B of Title IV-E. The tribe must submit a plan for the Title IV-E program within 24 months of receiving the plan development grant or must repay the grant funds, unless the HHS Secretary waives the requirements under section 471 to carry out a program under section 479B.

Type of Grants: Formula and Discretionary

Target Audience: Eligible children whose removal and placement in foster care are in accordance with a voluntary placement agreement or judicial determination to the effect that continuation in the home would be contrary to the child's welfare. Requirements also include that reasonable efforts were made to prevent the removal (or that such efforts were not necessary), and that the child's placement and care are the responsibility of the state or tribal agency administering the Title IV-E program.

Eligible Applicants: States, the District of Columbia, territories, and Indian tribes with approved Title IV-E plans.

Adoption Assistance – Title IV-E

The Title IV-E Adoption Assistance program is a formula grant that helps states, Indian tribes, tribal organizations and tribal consortia (tribes) to provide adoption subsidy costs for the adoption of children with special needs, and who meet certain eligibility tests. All parents adopting special needs children are eligible for specified nonrecurring costs of adoption. The federal subsidy may be used only in support of the adoption of children who meet the definition of special needs, as specified in the Statute, and where payment is being made in accordance with an adoption assistance agreement that is in writing, and is negotiated and binding.

Funding Type: Formula

Target Audience: In general, beneficiaries are children who are: in Title IV-E foster care, and have been determined by the state or tribe to have special needs, e.g., a special factor or condition which makes it reasonable to conclude that they cannot be adopted without adoption assistance.

Eligible Applicants: Funds are available to states, the District of Columbia, territories, and to tribes with approved Title IV-E plans.

Guardianship Assistance – Title IV-E

The Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance program is a formula grant that helps states, Indian tribes, tribal organizations and tribal consortia (tribes) who opt to provide guardianship assistance payments for the care of children by relatives who have assumed legal guardianship of eligible children for whom they previously cared as foster parents. Unlike Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, the Title IV-E Guardianship Assistance Program is an optional program for Title IV-E agencies.

For those states and tribes that opt to participate in the program, federal assistance may be used only to support the care of children discharged from foster care to legal guardianship who meet the eligibility requirements specified in the statute. Funds may also be used to support siblings of eligible children in certain situations as specified in the statute. All relatives assuming guardianship of such children are also eligible for specified nonrecurring expenses associated with obtaining legal guardianship.

Funding Type: Formula

Target Audience: In general, beneficiaries are children who have been eligible for Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments during at least a six consecutive month period during which the child resided in the home of the prospective relative guardian who was licensed or approved as meeting the licensure requirements as a foster family home. In addition, the state or tribal agency must determine 1) that return home or adoption are not appropriate permanency options for the child; 2) the child demonstrates a strong attachment to the prospective relative guardian; 3) the relative guardian has a strong commitment to caring permanently for the child; and 4) for children who have attained the age of 14, the child has been consulted regarding the kinship guardianship arrangement. Beneficiaries may also be siblings of eligible children placed in the same kinship guardianship arrangement. Federal assistance is available to states and tribes for payments made to a relative guardian in accordance with a kinship guardianship agreement that is in writing, negotiated and is binding.

Eligible Applicants: Funds are available to states, the District of Columbia, territories, and to tribes with approved Title IV-E plans

Chafee Foster Care Independence Program

The purpose of the program is to assist states and eligible Indian tribes in establishing and carrying out programs designed to assist foster youth likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age, youth who leave foster care for adoption or kinship guardianship after attaining age 16, and youth who have left foster care because they attained 18 years of age and have not yet attained 21 years of age to make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency. Grants may be used to assist youth: to make the transition to self-sufficiency; to receive education, training and related services; to prepare for and obtain employment; to prepare for and enter postsecondary training and educational institutions; to provide personal and emotional support to youth through mentors and the promotion of interactions with dedicated adults; and to provide financial, housing, counseling, employment, education, other appropriate support and services to current and former foster care recipients up to the age of 21.

Funding Type: Formula

Target Audience: Children and youth who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18, youth who left foster care for adoption or kinship guardianship after attaining age 16, and former foster care recipients up to age 21.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, including the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and eligible Indian tribes.

Chafee Education and Training Vouchers

This program allocates resources to states and eligible Indian tribes to provide vouchers for postsecondary training and education to youths who have aged out of foster care or who have been adopted or left for kinship guardianship from the public foster care system after age 16. Funds may be used to provide vouchers for postsecondary education and training to youth otherwise eligible for services under the state's or tribe's Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Vouchers may also be provided to youth who leave foster care for adoption or kinship guardianship after age 16, and to youth up to the age of 23, as long as they are participating in the program at age 21 and are making satisfactory progress toward completing their course of study or training. Vouchers provided to individuals may be available for the cost of attending an institution of higher education (as defined in section 472 of the Higher Education Act) and shall not exceed the lesser of \$5,000 per grant year or the total cost of attendance as defined in section 472 of the Higher Education Act.

Funding Type: Formula

Target Audience: Youth, who are otherwise eligible for services under a state's or tribe's Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. (This includes youth who have left foster care because they attained 18 years of age, and have not yet attained 21 years of age; youth likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age, commensurate with the state's or tribe's criteria used to determine eligibility for the program; and former foster care recipients, age 21 and younger.) Vouchers may also be provided to youth who are adopted from foster care or exit foster care to kinship guardianship after attaining age 16 and to youth up to the age of 23, as long as they are participating in the voucher program at age 21 and are making satisfactory progress toward completing their course of study or training.

Eligible Applicants: State governments, including the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and eligible Indian tribes.

Family Connection Grants

These matching grants to state, local or tribal child welfare agencies and private nonprofit organizations that have experience in working with foster children or children in kinship care arrangements are provided for the purpose of helping children who are in, or at risk of entering foster care, to reconnect with family members. Grants are provided for services or activities that are consistent with the purpose of section 102, Public Law 110-351, and may include the following: (1) a kinship navigator program to assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising and their own needs, and to promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served; (2) intensive family-finding efforts that utilize search technology to find biological family members for children in the child welfare system; (3) family group decision-making meetings for children in the child welfare system that enable families to make decisions, and develop plans that nurture children and protect them from abuse and neglect; and (4) residential family treatment programs that enable parents and their children to live in a safe environment for a period of not less than 6 months. 100% of funds are used for discretionary activities.

Funding Type: Discretionary

Target Audience: Public or private nonprofit agencies, organizations, or tribal child welfare agencies, working with foster children, children in kinship care arrangements, or children at risk of entering foster care, that help the children reconnect with family members

Eligible Applicants: State, local or tribal child welfare agencies and private nonprofit organizations that have experience in working with foster children or children in kinship care arrangements

State Court Improvement Program

The purpose of this program is to assist state courts in performing their role in the continuum of care provided for families and children at risk. It provides state courts with the flexibility to design assessments which identify barriers to timely and effective decision-making, highlight practices which are not fully successful, examine areas they find to be in need of correction or added attention, and then implement reforms which address the state courts' specific needs. New objectives added in 2005 focus on court-agency collaboration and direct courts to improve case tracking and analysis, and increase training of court personnel, including cross-training with agency staff. In 2006, an objective was added to require assessment and improvement of state courts' handling of the interstate placement of children. Grants under the state Court Improvement Program may be used in the following ways: for assessment and improvement activities, broadly defined, of the child welfare functions of a court system; for improved case tracking and analysis of child welfare cases; and for training of legal and judicial personnel in child welfare cases, including cross-training with child welfare agency staff and contractors.

Funding Type: Formula

Target Audience: Children at risk of abuse and neglect and their families.

Eligible Applicants: The highest state courts in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are eligible to apply for funding. The term "highest state court" means the judicial tribunal which is the ultimate state Court of Appeals.

Children's Justice Act Grants

The purpose of this program is to encourage states to enact reforms which are designed to improve: the handling of child abuse and neglect cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child victim; the handling of cases of suspected child abuse or neglect related fatalities; the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation; and the handling of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are victims of abuse or neglect. Funds are to be used for reforms in the following categories: (a) investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation; cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities; and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, federal-state, and state-tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family, and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused; (b) experimental, model and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings, or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases. This includes the enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and ensuring procedural fairness to the accused; and (c) reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.

Funding Type: Formula

Target Audience: Beneficiaries include state governments and victims of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Eligible Applicants: States, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

Promoting Safe and Stable Families

The purpose of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program is to prevent child maltreatment and the unnecessary separation of children from their families; and to promote permanency for children in foster care through safe and timely reunification with parents or placement with adoptive families. This is accomplished through formula grants to state child welfare agencies and eligible Indian tribes to fund family preservation services for families at risk or in crisis; community-based family support services that promote the safety and well-being of children and families; time-limited family reunification services to facilitate the reunification of a child in foster care safely and appropriately within a timely fashion; and adoption promotion and support services designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system when adoption promotes the best interests of the child. States must spend a significant portion of funds on each of the service categories of family preservation, family support services, time-limited family reunification services and adoption promotion and support services. In addition, a portion of funds also is reserved in FY 2008 - FY 2011 for a separate formula grant for states and territories to support monthly caseworker visits with children who are in foster care. A small proportion of appropriated funds is reserved for research, evaluation and technical assistance, which may be awarded competitively through contracts or discretionary grants

Funding Type: Formula and Discretionary

Target Audience: Families and children who need services to assist them to stabilize their lives, strengthen family functioning, prevent out-of-home placement of children, enhance child development and increase competence in parenting abilities, facilitate timely reunification of the child, and promote appropriate adoptions.

Eligible Applicants: Formula Grants: States, territories and certain Indian tribes are eligible applicants. For caseworker visit funds, only states and territories are eligible applicants. Discretionary Grants: States, local governments, tribes, public agencies or private agencies or organizations (or combinations of such agencies or organizations) with expertise in providing, evaluating and/or providing technical assistance related to family preservation, family support, time-limited family reunification and adoption promotion and support.

Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services

The purpose of the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services program, formerly known as the Child Welfare Services State Grants program, is to promote state and tribal flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families. Funds may be used for the following purposes: (a) protecting and promoting the welfare of all children; (b) preventing the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of children; (c) supporting at-risk families through services that allow children to remain with their families or return to their families in a timely manner; (d) promoting the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and (e) providing training, professional development, and support to ensure a well-qualified workforce.

Funding Type: Formula

Target Audience: Families and children in need of child welfare services.

Eligible Applicants: States, the District of Columbia, Indian tribes, Puerto Rico, the Northern Marianas, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

ADMINISTRATION on CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES (ACYF)

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FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU PROGRAM SUMMARY

The mission of the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is to provide national leadership on youth and family issues. The Bureau promotes positive outcomes for children, youth, and families by supporting a wide range of comprehensive services and collaborations at the local, tribal, state, and national levels.

For three decades, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) has worked within the youth services field to create a strong continuum of care for youth growing up in difficult situations and their families. FYSB believes that all youth can thrive if provided with positive family, school, and community support. This Positive Youth Development approach continues to be the cornerstone of all of FYSB's programmatic activities.

FYSB houses the Division of Youth Services which includes Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) and Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) programs, Division of Family Violence Prevention which administers a host domestic violence prevention, education and support services, Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), State Abstinence Education Program (Title V) and a number of demonstration and special projects.

Division of Youth Services, *Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)*

Basic Center Program (BCP)

Basic Center Programs work to establish and strengthen community-based shelter programs that meet the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The programs provide youth, under age 18, with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. Basic centers can provide 21 days of shelter for up to 20 youth per facility. An exemption can be granted if a grantee assures that the State where the center or locally controlled facility is located has a State or local law or regulation that requires a higher maximum to comply with licensing requirements for child and youth serving facilities. As appropriate, basic centers seek to reunite young people with their families or to locate safe alternative placements.

Although each center is designed to meet its community's unique needs, all basic centers must offer the following types of assistance to young people and their families:

- Food, clothing, medical care and other services that youth need (offered either directly or by referral)
- Ensure youth are provided information about educational services available to them by working with the McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- Individual, group and family counseling
- Outreach to youth who may need assistance, as well as to public and private agencies that work with youth and families
- Aftercare services for youth after they leave the shelter

Target Audience: Basic Center Programs target youth under the age of 18 who are not currently involved in the child welfare, juvenile justice or mental health systems.

Eligibility:

Public and non-profit private entities, Tribal Governments and combinations of such are typically considered eligible applicants as well as Tribal governments. In addition to other eligible applicants, current BCP grantees with project periods ending on or before the next fiscal year's funding date may also apply for a new competitive grant. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for or receive BCP funding awards. Additional information on eligibility may be found in the BCP funding opportunity announcement.

Funding: Funding for this program is discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds. Additionally, the dollar amount available for awards in each state is based on the state's total allotment (based on the state's relative population of individuals who are less than 18 years of age) minus the amount required for non-competing continuations.

Grantees are also required to meet a non-federal share of the project cost, in accordance with RHY Act requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5716, which equals 10% of the total approved project cost.

Transitional Living Program (TLP)

Transitional Living Programs support projects that provide long-term residential services to homeless youth. The program accepts youth ages 16-21. Exceptions are granted which allow youth to remain in the program until they reach the age of 18, even if that time exceeds the 21-month limitation.

The services offered are designed to help young people who are homeless make a successful transition to self-sufficient living. Transitional living programs are required to provide youth with stable and safe living accommodations, and services that help them develop the skills necessary to become independent. Living accommodations may include host-family homes, group homes, maternity group homes, or supervised apartments owned by the program or rented in the community.

Transitional Living Program grantees are required to offer the following services, either directly or by referral:

- Safe, stable living accommodations
- Basic life-skill building including: consumer education and instruction in budgeting; the use of credit; housekeeping; menu planning and food preparation; and parenting skills
- Interpersonal skill building, including enhancing young people's abilities to establish positive relationships with peers and adults, and to make decisions and manage stress
- Educational opportunities, such as GED preparation, post-secondary training, and vocational education
- Assistance in job preparation and attainment, such as career counseling and job placement
- Education, information and counseling to prevent, treat and reduce substance abuse
- Mental health care, including individual and group counseling
- Physical health care, including routine physicals, health assessments, and emergency treatment

Target Audience: Transitional Living Programs target young people between the ages of 16 – 21 who are considered homeless or in a situation where family reunification is neither possible nor appropriate.

Eligibility: Public and non-profit private entities, Tribal Governments and combinations of such entities are typically considered eligible applicants. In addition to other eligible applicants, current TLP grantees with project periods ending on or before the next fiscal year's funding date may also apply for a new competitive grant. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for or receive TLP funding awards. Additional information on eligibility may be found in the TLP funding opportunity announcement.

Funding: Funding for this program is discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds. Grantees are also required to meet a non-federal share of the project cost, in accordance with RHY Act requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5716, which equals 10% of the total approved project cost.



Maternity Group Home Program (MGH)

The Maternity Group Home Program supports homeless pregnant and/or parenting young people between the ages of 16 and 22, as well as their dependent children. Services are provided for up to 21 months. Exceptions are granted which allow youth to remain in the program until they reach the age of 18, even if that time exceeds the 21-month limitation.

Maternity group homes offer an intensive array of services to meet the short and longer-term needs of pregnant and parenting youth. MGH grantees are required to teach young people parenting skills as well as child development, family budgeting, health and

nutrition, and other skills that promote long-term economic independence, and ensure the well-being of their child/ren.

MGH grantees are required to offer the following services, either directly or by referral:

- Safe, stable living accommodations
- Basic life-skill building including: consumer education and instruction in budgeting; using credit; housekeeping; menu planning and food preparation; and parenting skills
- Interpersonal skill building, including enhancing young people's abilities to establish positive relationships with peers and adults, and to make decisions and manage stress
- Educational opportunities, such as GED preparation, post secondary training, or vocational education
- Assistance in job preparation and attainment, such as career counseling and job placement
- Education, information, and counseling to prevent, treat, and reduce substance abuse
- Mental health care, including individual and group counseling
- Physical health care, including routine physicals, health assessments, and emergency treatment
- Child-safe transitional and independent living accommodations
- Education in parenting, child discipline, and safety, as well as direct supervision of parenting and related domestic skills
- Mental, physical, and reproductive health care, including individual and family counseling of parent and child
- Resources to help youth identify reliable and affordable child care
- Lessons in money management and use of credit
- Services to promote parents' educational advancement
- Facilitation of parent involvement in local schools and other child education programs

Target Audience: Maternity Group Home Programs target runaway, homeless or street youth between the ages of 16 – 22 who are parenting or pregnant.

Eligibility: Public and non-profit private entities, Tribal Governments and combinations of such entities are typically considered eligible applicants. In addition to other eligible applicants, current MGH grantees with project periods ending on or before the next fiscal year's funding date may also apply for a new competitive grant. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for or receive MGH funding awards.

Additional information on eligibility may be found in the MGH funding opportunity announcement.

Funding: Funding for this program is discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds.

Grantees are also required to meet a non-federal share of the project cost, in accordance with RHY Act requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5716, which equals 10% of the total approved project cost.

National Runaway Switchboard (NRS)

NRS is a national communications system currently authorized under the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act that assists youth who have been forced from home, run away or are considering running away, and their families. With its database of more than 16,000 resources, NRS links youth and families across the country to shelters, counseling, medical assistance, and other vital services. Striving to be a one-stop resource for youth in crisis, NRS utilizes a 24 hour a day toll free hotline (1-800-RUNAWAY) to provide youth and families with crisis intervention, information and referrals, conference calls or message relays between youth and their parents/guardians or other community service organizations. Other program elements include: education and outreach, prevention, 1800RUNAWAY.org and the Home Free program in partnership with Greyhound Lines, Inc.

Target Audience: Youth in crisis, who are thinking of leaving or have left home either willingly or forcibly and are experiencing chronic or intermittent homelessness and their families.

Eligibility: Local and national organizations entering into a cooperative agreement with NRS that agree to provide services to youth and families in crisis who are referred to them by NRS and to maintain regular communication and/or reporting of contacts to NRS.

Funding: This community support system is funded through a FYSB appropriation.

Street Outreach Program (SOP)

Street Outreach Programs enable organizations around the country to help young people living on the streets, or in other inappropriate settings, to enter safe and appropriate shelters or housing. Street outreach workers make contact and build relationships with runaway, homeless and street youth and move them into stable housing through appropriate placement if family reunification or independent living is not in their best interest. The program's ultimate goal is to prevent the sexual abuse or exploitation of young people living on the streets or in unstable housing and to provide shelter and services if youth accept them.

Street outreach programs provide services directly or by collaborating with other agencies. Street outreach services include the following:

- Street-based education and outreach
- Access to emergency shelter
- Survival aid, such as food, clothing or hygiene items
- Individual assessments
- Treatment and counseling
- Prevention and education activities
- Information and referrals
- Crisis intervention
- Follow-up support

Target Audience: Street Outreach Programs target youth who are runaway or homeless youth, and as a result of their living situation are at risk for sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, prostitution, or drug abuse.

Eligibility: Public and non-profit private entities, Tribal Governments and combinations of such entities are typically considered eligible applicants. In addition to other eligible applicants, current SOP grantees with project periods ending on or before the next fiscal year's funding date may also apply for a new competitive grant. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for or receive SOP funding awards.

Additional information on eligibility may be found in the SOP funding opportunity announcement.

Funding: Funding for this program is discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds.

Grantees are also required to meet a non-federal share of the project cost, in accordance with RHY Act requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5716, which is 10% of the total approved project cost.



Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) Program

The Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program supports community organizations that provide mentors to children and youth with incarcerated parents. Each program is designed to foster high-quality, lasting, one-on-one mentoring relationships with a positive caring role model. The mentor should help deliver healthy messages about life and social behavior; appropriate guidance; and opportunities for increased participation in education, civic service, and other community activities.

By working both directly and in collaboration with other local agencies, programs seek to strengthen and support children of incarcerated parents and their families. This includes connecting children with their imprisoned parent, when appropriate. Grantees are required to perform the following duties:

- Recruit a diverse group of committed mentors to spend at least an hour a week with their mentee for at least a year.
- Screen volunteers extensively through appropriate reference checks, criminal background checks, and child and domestic abuse record checks, to ensure that they pose no safety risk to the young people.
- Train mentors in program requirements and mentoring skills before being assigned to a young person.
- Monitor and Evaluate mentoring relationships to ensure that young people are receiving appropriate support and that the targeted outcomes are achieved.

Target Audience: Mentoring Children of Prisoner programs typically target youth between the ages of 4 and 18 who have one or both parents incarcerated in a federal, state, or local correctional facility.

Eligibility: Public and non-profit private entities, Tribal Governments and combinations of such entities are typically considered eligible applicants. In addition to other eligible applicants, current MCP grantees with project periods ending on or before the next fiscal year's funding date may also apply for a new competitive grant. Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for or receive MCP funding awards. Additional information on eligibility may be found in the MCP funding opportunity announcement.

Funding: Funding for this program is discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds. Grantees are also required to meet a non-federal share of the project cost in accordance with section 439(e) of the Social Security Act: At least 25 percent of the total approved cost of the project in Years One and Two of the grant, and at least 50 percent of the total approved cost of the project in Year Three of the grant.

Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program Statewide Collaboration

This program supports the statewide development of Mentoring Children of Prisoners mentoring programs in multiple communities, within one of the 15 targeted states that have a substantial number of children of incarcerated parents. These statewide projects seek to strengthen targeted neighborhoods and communities that have a clear and demonstrated need by establishing or expanding mentoring services in those areas. By developing statewide partnerships and collaborations, the delivery and integration of community resources support the likelihood of high quality and long lasting mentor/mentee relationships.

Target Audience: Mentoring Children of Prisoner programs target youth between the ages of 4 and 18 who have one or both parents incarcerated in a federal, state, or local correctional facility.

Eligibility: California, Texas, Florida, New York, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois, Arizona, North Carolina, Louisiana, Virginia, Alabama and Missouri. (Native American tribes and tribal entities are also eligible for statewide/regional projects.)

Funding: Funding for this program is discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds. Grantees are also required to meet a non-federal share of the project cost in accordance with section 439(e) of the Social Security Act: At least 25 percent of the total approved cost of the project in Years One and Two of the grant, and at least 50 percent of the total approved cost of the project in Year Three of the grant.

Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA)

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) provides the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents.

State and Territorial Grants

Grants are awarded to State, Territory and Tribal governments and subgranted to more than 1,300 community-based domestic violence shelter programs and 300 non-residential services programs.

Target Audience: FVPSA Programs target current and former victims of domestic violence and their dependents, victim services providers in need of technical assistance and the overall community in need of education and awareness on domestic violence and related issues.

Eligibility: FVPSA formula grants are awarded to state, territory and tribal governments.

Funding: FVPSA State and Territorial formula grants make up 70% of FVPSA appropriations and are distributed based on a minimum award of \$600,000, with the remaining funds to be allotted to each State through a population-based formula. Grants ranged from \$702,000 to \$7,682,000 in fiscal year 200. Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are allotted not less than 1/8 of 1 percent of the amounts available.

Domestic Violence Coalition Grants

Each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have a federally recognized Domestic Violence Coalition. These Coalitions serve as information clearinghouses and coordinate statewide domestic violence programs, outreach and activities. They provide technical assistance to local domestic violence programs (most of which are funded through subgrants from FVPSA State, Territorial and Tribal formula grants) and ensure best practices are developed and implemented.

Target Audience: FVPSA Programs target current and former victims of domestic violence and their dependents, victim services providers in need of technical assistance and the overall community in need of education and awareness on domestic violence and related issues.

Eligibility: FVPSA supported state domestic violence coalitions which are limited to federally approved coalitions, one per state.

Funding: FVPSA Domestic Violence Coalition grants make up 10% of FVPSA appropriations. Funds are divided equally among all Coalitions. In fiscal year 2010, each Coalition received \$245,000.

Tribal Grants

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grants to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal Organizations are primarily for the provision of immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. In addition, funds may also be used in establishing, maintaining, and expanding programs and projects to prevent domestic violence.

Target Audience: FVPSA Programs target current and former victims of domestic violence and their dependents, victim services providers in need of technical assistance and the overall community in need of education and awareness on domestic violence and related issues.

Eligibility: Funding is available to all Native American Tribes and Tribal Organizations that meet the definition of "Indian Tribe" or "Tribal Organization" at 25 U.S.C. 450b, and are able to demonstrate their capacity to carry out domestic violence prevention and services programs.

Funding: FVPSA Tribal Program grants make up 10% of FVPSA appropriations. The size of awards is dependent upon the Tribal census and the number of Tribes applying. In fiscal year 2009 the awards ranged from \$26,592 to \$2,326,834 for each of the approximately 200 tribes receiving funding.



National and Special Issue Resource Centers (SIRC) and Culturally Specific Institutes

This network of National and SIRC and Culturally Specific Institutes is funded to strengthen community and systems responses to domestic violence by providing information, publications, research, technical assistance, training, and referrals. The Culturally Specific Institutes seek to raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence in diverse communities, to identify community needs and best practices needed to eliminate domestic violence, and to facilitate local and national conference and training forums on domestic violence

Target Audience: The National and SIRC and Institutes work to ensure that victims of domestic violence, advocates, community-based support programs, educators, legal assistance providers, law enforcement and court personnel, health care providers, policy makers and government leaders at the local, state, tribal and federal levels have access to up-to-date information on best practices and victim resources.

Eligibility: Funding for this program is limited to non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education).

Funding: 5% of FVPSA appropriated funds are reserved for the National and SIRC and 2.5% of FVPSA appropriated funds are reserved for discretionary grants.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

The Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE) is a 24-hour, confidential, toll-free hotline which links victims of domestic violence, their families and other concerned individuals to the network of domestic violence programs and services around the country. This network of services includes state and local hotlines, local domestic violence programs, State domestic violence coalitions, and numerous other programs that assist victims of domestic violence, such as legal service providers, culturally-specific community-based programs, and health and behavioral health care providers.

Target Audience: Current and former victims of domestic violence, their families and other concerned individuals needing information on shelter or domestic violence services.

Eligibility: Funding for this program is limited to non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education).

Funding: This community support system is funded through a FVPSA line-item appropriation.

Open Doors to Safety Capacity Building Grants for Domestic Violence Programs

To reach victims in marginalized communities and create effective new responses to domestic violence, the FVPSA Program is funding five exciting initiatives. The Open Doors to Safety grants to State Domestic Violence Coalitions build on the skills of local communities while also developing best practices to be disseminated nationwide. Current grantees focus on either responding to mental illness and substance abuse or serving incarcerated and formerly incarcerated victims.

Target Audience: Victims of domestic violence including those from marginalized communities or victims with specialized needs.

Eligibility: FVPSA supported state domestic violence coalitions.

Funding: 2.5% of FVPSA appropriated funds are reserved for discretionary grants.

Enhancing Services for Children and Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence Grants

The FVPSA Program's Enhancing Services for Children and Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence (ESCYEDV) and Technical Assistance and Resource Development to Expand Services for Children and Youth (TARDESCY) grants are focused on expanding the capacity of domestic violence programs to address the needs of children and adolescents coming into emergency shelters; to address the needs of non-sheltered families and their children; and to enhance community-based interventions for children and youth exposed to domestic violence whose parents have not sought services or support from a domestic violence program.

Target Audience: Children and youth exposed to domestic violence, their parents, and the domestic violence and other community-based programs that serve them.

Eligibility: Funding for the ESCYEDV program is limited to non-profits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education). Eligible entities for the TARDESCY grants are Tribal and State Domestic Violence Coalitions and other nonprofit entities that provide domestic violence shelter or related assistance or technical assistance for these programs are eligible for this funding.

Funding: FVPSA appropriations that reach over \$130 million, a portion of the amount above \$130 million will be reserved and made available to carry out additional projects to address the needs of children who witness domestic violence.

Expanding Leadership Opportunities within the Domestic Violence Field for Members of Underrepresented Groups

The Expanding Leadership Opportunities Grants support a collaboration of technical assistance providers to develop and implement a leadership academy and promote leadership of people from underrepresented groups within the domestic violence field.

Target Audience: Technical assistance and training for domestic violence program staff to support retention and advancement and strengthen advocacy and services for victims of domestic violence among underserved populations.

Eligibility: Nonprofit or education organizations.

Funding: 2.5% of FVPSA appropriated funds are reserved for discretionary grants.

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) provides the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)



The primary goal of PREP is to educate youth on healthy sexual behavior through abstinence or contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. States must establish plans and goals for reducing the pregnancy and birth rates for youth who have attained age 10 but not attained age 20, especially among populations that have the greatest risk for pregnancy and/or are especially vulnerable, such as youth in foster care, homeless youth, youth with HIV/AIDS, and youth residing in areas with high adolescent birth rates. Pregnant youth, or mothers who are under 21 years of age and their partners may also be targeted. State programs must also educate adolescents on “adult preparation subjects” including healthy relationships, adolescent development, financial literacy, parent-child communication, educational and career success, and healthy life skills.

PREP will also support demonstrations with independent evaluations of innovative prevention programs that have a strong foundation in research. Grantees may also significantly modify or adapt models from a list (developed by the HHS Office of Adolescent Health) of 28 evidence-based programs that have been proven, through rigorous evaluation, to be effective in changing youth behavior to delay or abstain from sexual activity, increase use of condoms or contraceptives if sexually active, or prevent or reduce pregnancy among youth.

A tribal component will be added in the near future following a consultation with tribal organizations.

Target Population: PREP targets youth who have attained age 10 but not attained age 20 who are considered high risk as well as pregnant and/or parenting youth under the age of 21 and their partners.

Eligibility: State-sponsored programs are open to each of the 59 states and territories, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and tribal entities.

Innovative Strategies programs are open to nonprofits; for-profit organizations (other than small businesses except small, minority, and women-owned businesses); universities; colleges; research institutions; hospitals; community- and faith based organizations; tribal governments or organizations; state and local governments or their bona fide agents; and political subdivisions of states (in consultation with states).

Funding: Funding for this program is discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds.

State Abstinence Education Program (Title V)

The focus of abstinence education is to educate young people and create an environment within communities that supports teen decisions to postpone sexual activity until marriage. It is a primary prevention strategy driven by high rates of teen pregnancy and birth, the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases and other adverse outcomes associated with sexual activity.

The formula Title V program provides grants to states for abstinence education programming. At the option of the state, and where appropriate, mentoring, counseling, and adult supervision services that promote abstinence from sexual activity are also supported. The primary focus is placed upon groups found to be most at risk of bearing children before marriage.

Target Population: The State Abstinence Education program targets youth between the ages of 12 and 18 or populations found to be most at risk of bearing children before marriage.

Eligibility: State-sponsored programs are open to each of the 59 states and territories, which include the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and tribal entities.

Funding: Funding for this program is based upon a formula which considers the number of low-income children there are in a state in proportion to the number of low-income children there are among all states.

State funding requires a 75% non-federal match. This means that three non-federal dollars are required for every four federal dollars awarded.

Demonstration Projects

The Family and Youth Services Bureau takes advantage of opportunities to advance and improve knowledge, data, and service delivery in the areas of youth and families by periodically funding Demonstration Projects. Currently, FYSB funds nine youth program demonstration projects that are designed to enhance and support innovative youth development strategies through collaborations between State and local agencies. Please visit the Family and Youth Services Bureau website and Grants.gov for other demonstration grant program opportunities.

Target Audience: Based on program specifications

Eligibility: Based on program specifications

Funding: Discretionary and subject to the availability of federal funds

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ADD Mission Statement

The mission of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) is to guarantee that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of, and have access to, needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

ADD strives to enhance the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through research, education, advocacy, and the implementation of diverse projects carried out in a manner consistent with the principles of the Development Disabilities (DD) Act.

ADD and its grantees work to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities have access to opportunities and the necessary support to be included in community life, have interdependent relationships, live in homes and communities of their choosing, and make contributions to their families, communities and states, and the nation.

Summary of Programs

ADD provides both formula and discretionary grant awards under two different laws: the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act), and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). These grants provide assistance to States and programs that promote independence, productivity and community life for people with disabilities and their families. **ADD formula grants are state grants posted by policy and program instructions. Discretionary grants are posted by program announcements. All grants are posted at [Grants.gov](#), which lists criteria and eligibility requirements.**

ADD grants include:

[State Councils on Developmental Disabilities \(SCDD\)](#) -- formula grants to 55 state and territory councils. These entities focus on promoting public policy to improve systems, and support leadership development of people with developmental disabilities. Councils, appointed by Governors, are composed primarily (at least 60%) of individuals with disabilities and their families as well as representatives of state agencies. Council members develop and support local and statewide activities and initiatives to improve opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise their personal rights, achieve independence, participate fully in their communities, and obtain their personal goals. These efforts focus on systems change, capacity building, and advocacy.

Protection and Advocacy (P&A) -- formula grants to 57 P&A agencies. These entities protect the legal and human rights of people with disabilities through advocacy and legal services. The Developmental Disabilities Act provides for each state to support a P&A system to empower, protect and advocate on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities. P&As investigate incidents of abuse and neglect, violations of individual rights, discriminatory actions and other issues, and help people with disabilities navigate the legal system to achieve resolution. P&As often begin working on a case to help a single individual and conclude by attempting to correct the underlying systemic problem, be it abuse, neglect, discrimination, lack of information, misinformation, or service system failure.

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) -- 67 discretionary grants to universities and colleges. UCEDDs provide education, research and service to train professionals, students, and fellows, and to conduct community initiatives for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Collectively, the Centers form a national network of programs that conduct interdisciplinary training, exemplary services, research, and information dissemination activities. Each UCEDD is affiliated with a major higher education institution, which uniquely positions UCEDD to actively connect academic environments to service delivery systems and the community. Through a variety of activities that translate research into practice, UCEDDs positively affect the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by increasing their independence, maximizing their ability to fully participate in their communities, and improving their capacity for self-advocacy and self-determination.

Projects of National Significance (PNS)—The total number of discretionary grants varies from year to year. These grants support emerging issues and innovative demonstrations to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities can fully contribute to, and participate in, all facets of community life. In addition, these grants support the development of policies that reinforce and promote the self-determination, independence, integration and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities. Project issues transcend the borders of States and Territories, while project designs are often oriented to permit local implementation of practical solutions.



Help America Vote Act (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA) —The following are three separate formula grant programs that support efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the election process:

- **State Grants for Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities** - Ensures and provides polling places that are accessible. Provide training for election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how to promote access and participation.
- **Protection and Advocacy Systems** – Grants to Protection and Advocacy entities to ensure full participation in the electoral process for people with disabilities.
- **Training and Technical Assistance to Assist Protection and Advocacy Systems** - Provides training and technical assistance to all of the P&As in their promotion of self-sufficiency, and protection of the rights of people with disabilities as this affects the establishment or improvement of access to full participation in the voting process.

Target Audience: Individuals with Developmental Disabilities are people who experience physical or mental impairments that begin before age 22, and alter or substantially inhibit the capacity to do at least three of the following:

1. Take care of themselves (dress, bathe, eat, and other daily tasks)
2. Speak and be understood clearly
3. Learn
4. Walk/ Move around
5. Make decisions
6. Live on their own
7. Earn and manage an income

Eligible Applicants: Each ADD program has different eligible entities. Depending upon the program, these entities include: state governments, local communities, institutions of higher education, and local non-profits that assist people with developmental disabilities and their families to reach their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity and integration within the community.



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The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) provides discretionary grant funding to Tribes (both federally and not federally recognized tribes) and non-profit organizations across the U.S., including AK and HI, and Native populations in the Pacific Basin (including American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

ANA Mission:

The mission of ANA is to promote the goal of self-sufficiency and cultural preservation for Native Americans by providing social and economic development opportunities. These opportunities are provided through financial assistance, training, and technical assistance to eligible tribes and Native American communities. To achieve the goal of self-sufficiency, ANA projects are planned, designed, and implemented by Native American community members to address the particular needs of their society. ANA subscribes to the philosophy that sustainable change must originate within the community.

ANA Funding Opportunity Areas:

- Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)
- SEDS Special Initiative
- Native Language Preservation and Maintenance
- Native Language Preservation and Maintenance – Esther Martinez Initiative
- Environmental Regulatory Enhancement

ANA Goals:

- *Economic Development* - Promote the physical, commercial, technological, and industrial development of stable, diversified local economies and economic activities, which will provide jobs, promote economic well-being, and reduce dependency on public funds and social services.
- *Governance* – Support local access to, control of, and coordination of services and programs that safeguard the health and well-being of people, and are essential to a thriving and self-sufficient community. Increase tribal and Alaska Native village governments' ability to exercise local control and decision-making over their resources.
- *Social Development* – Invest in human and social capital to advance the needs of Native Americans, while incorporating culturally appropriate activities to enhance tribal, native community, and Alaska Native village goals.
- *Strengthening Families* – Incorporate culturally relevant strategies to strengthen families, foster child well-being, and promote responsible fatherhood.
- *Language Preservation and Maintenance* – Preserve, maintain and revitalize Native American languages.
- *Environmental Regulatory Enhancement* – Enhance the capacity of tribes and native non-profits to build and sustain environmentally healthy communities through regulations, ordinances, laws, training and education.



ANA Eligibility – Who is eligible for ANA funding?

- Federally recognized Indian tribes
- Consortia of Indian tribes
- Incorporated non-federally recognized tribes
- Incorporated nonprofit multi-purpose community-based Indian organizations
- Urban Indian Centers
- National or regional incorporated nonprofit Native American organizations with Native American community-specific objectives
- Alaska Native villages as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and/or nonprofit village consortia
- Incorporated nonprofit Alaska Native multi-purpose community based organizations
- Nonprofit Alaska Native Regional Corporations/Associations in Alaska with village-specific projects
- Nonprofit Native organizations in Alaska with village specific projects

- Public and nonprofit private agencies serving Native Hawaiians
- Public and nonprofit private agencies serving native peoples from Guam, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (the populations served may be located on these islands or in the continental United States)
- Native-controlled community colleges, and Native-controlled post-secondary vocational institutions, colleges and universities located on Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that serve Native peoples
- Nonprofit Alaska Native community entities or Native governing bodies (Indian Reorganization Act or Traditional Councils) as recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Training and Technical Assistance

ANA provides free training and technical assistance to potential applicants and current grantees through contractors in each ANA geographic region (East, West, Alaska, and Pacific Basin). This includes:

- Project development trainings
- Pre-application trainings
- Pre-application electronic technical assistance

ANA Resources

Please visit ANA's website for links to the following resources and more:

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana

- Indian Business Guides
- Native Language Preservation: A Reference Guide for Establishing Archives and Repositories
- Native American Veterans: Storytelling for Healing
- Family Preservation Idea Guide
- Reference Guide for Native American Family Preservation Programs
- Family Preservation Resource Directory
- Tribal Resource Directory





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Office of Child Care

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) supports low-income working families through child care financial assistance, and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and after school programs. A portion of the funds is used for activities that improve the quality of care and promote early learning.

Federal funding is awarded to states, territories, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and federally recognized Indian tribes, who then designate a CCDF Lead Agency within each jurisdiction. These CCDF Lead Agencies distribute subsidy funds to eligible families and providers in accordance with their jurisdiction's child care system. Within basic federal parameters, CCDF Lead Agencies have flexibility to define income eligibility and establish other key aspects of program design. CCDF funds can be used for outreach and other efforts to expand child care assistance, or quality improvement efforts in under-represented, vulnerable, or emerging populations and communities.

Subsidized child care services are available to eligible families through vouchers or contracts with providers. Parents may select any legally operating child care provider that accepts subsidies, i.e., a child care center, family child care home, relative, friend, or neighbor. Child care providers serving children funded by CCDF must meet basic health and safety requirements set by states, territories, and tribes. These requirements must address prevention and control of infectious diseases, including immunizations, building and physical premises safety, and minimum health and safety training.

CCDF Lead Agencies use quality enhancement funds to improve the quality of child care and other additional services to parents. These services include child care resource and referral services, and consumer education to assist parents in selecting quality child care. To improve the health and safety of available child care, CCDF Lead Agencies may also provide training, technical assistance, and grants and loans to providers. In addition, funds may be used for improved monitoring to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements. Many CCDF Lead Agencies are making systemic investments, such as developing quality rating and improvement, and professional development systems. These systems are designed to ensure children and families are receiving high quality, developmentally appropriate child care within their early care and education systems. These efforts will in turn lead to school readiness and success in the educational system.



OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (OCSE)

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The Child Support Enforcement program is a federal, state, tribal and local partnership to promote family self-sufficiency and child well-being. States and some tribes operate child support programs to locate noncustodial parents, establish paternity when necessary, establish orders for child support, collect payments and take enforcement action when necessary. Child support agencies work across state and tribal boundaries and in some cases work across international boundaries. The program is designed to ensure that parents provide financial, medical and emotional support for their children.

Since its inception, the child support program has evolved from a welfare cost-recovery effort to a family support program. It serves 1 in 4 children—and half of poor children—in the United States. It is one of the largest income support programs for low-income families and one of the few helping to link low-income fathers to employment and supportive services to assist these noncustodial parents in paying child support and engaging with their children.

The federal government pays the major part of program operating costs. In addition, discretionary funding is available for projects designed to improve the effectiveness of services for children and families. State child support agencies may apply for “Section 1115” grants. In addition, state, tribal and local child support agencies, as well as community- and faith-based organizations, among others, may apply for OCSE Special Improvement Project (SIP) grants.

Funding opportunities for these grants reflect the program’s changing priorities, which are based in part on expanding needs of the customer population. For example, the program serves diverse groups and those who are vulnerable and underserved. OCSE’s grant priorities also consider research, for example, that shows reliable payment is based upon jobs and parental commitment. Recently, OCSE awarded grants for projects that focus on various methods of collaboration with courts; improved customer service; and prisoner reentry and employment initiatives for noncustodial parents.

People who need child support program services work with their state, tribal or local offices. Families receiving assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program receive services automatically. Non-TANF families can apply for services. Access and Visitation grants are available to states to help them connect noncustodial parents with their children. Under certain circumstances, noncustodial parents can use the program to locate a parent to enforce or establish a custody or visitation order. OCSE collaborates with other federal agencies to help address issues such as health care needs of children and economic needs of homeless veterans.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (OCS) PROGRAMS

Assets for Independence

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AFI Resource Center:
www.idaresources.org
AFI Guide for Planning an AFI Project:
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/afi/projectbuilder/pb_chap1.htm

Assets for Independence (AFI) funds non-profit and state grantees that use an asset building-approach to help low-income people become more economically self-sufficient. Through special-purposed, matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), grantees help participants save earned income. Every dollar in savings deposited into an IDA by a participant is matched, and the match rate amount ranges from \$1 to \$8 for every \$1 saved. The matching funds come from a combination of federal and private sector resources. The AFI program enables participants to accumulate savings to acquire any of three economic assets: a first home; a small business for self-employment; or post-secondary education, or training. Additionally, all AFI funded projects provide basic financial support services, such as education on owning and managing a bank account or a credit card; credit counseling and repair; guidance in accessing federal tax credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit; and specialized training in owning particular assets for the long-term.

AFI is a Federal demonstration program that provides funding up to \$1,000,000 for five-year awards. The average AFI project grant is approximately \$350,000 for the five-year grant period. Funding announcements are published annually for review and application by "interested organizations" at www.grants.gov and www.acf.hhs.gov/grants. Application deadlines are January 15, 2011, March 24, 2011 and June 25, 2011.

Eligible Applicants

- Non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community groups
- State, local, and tribal government agencies applying jointly with a non-profit
- Community development financial institutions (CDFIs) that partner with a community-based anti-poverty group
- Low-income credit unions that partner with a community-based anti-poverty group
- Consortia of organizations and agencies that target multiple service areas

Community Economic Development Program

Contact Information:

Community Economic Development Program
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Administration for Children and Families
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The purpose of the Community Economic Development discretionary grant program is to promote and support projects that address economic self-sufficiency for low-income persons and distressed communities. The grant program awards funds to community development corporations (CDCs) to create employment and business development opportunities.

Each year approximately 40-45 grants are awarded with a maximum grant award level of \$800,000. Grants are awarded to cover project costs for business start-up or expansion, and the development of new products and services. The grants serve as catalysts for attracting additional private and public dollars: For every CED dollar awarded, \$3-5 is leveraged. Types of projects funded include business incubators, shopping centers, manufacturing businesses, and agriculture initiatives. Funded projects create new employment or business opportunities for low-income individuals.

Beneficiaries are low-income individuals that may be unemployed or receiving public assistance. They include the following: Recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); at-risk youth; custodial and non-custodial parents; residents of public housing; persons with disabilities; persons who are homeless; and individuals transitioning from incarceration into the community.

Private, non-profit CDCs experienced in developing and managing economic development projects are eligible to apply for CED funding. The CDC must be governed by a board consisting of community residents and business and civic leaders, and have as a principle purpose planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development projects. Faith-based and community organizations meeting the statutory eligibility requirements are eligible to apply.

Community Services Block Grant

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Division of State Assistance

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The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program provides funds to states, territories and Native American tribes to support efforts that reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and lead to empowerment and self-sufficiency among low-income families and individuals. CSBG funds help to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities by providing employment training and placement, and linkages with other programs such as child care, emergency services, health, nutrition, transportation, housing assistance and education. CSBG funds also provide income management for better use of available income. CSBG legislation requires states to allocate not less than 90 percent of these federal funds to eligible entities who manage the CSBG at the local community level. Low-income individuals and families, homeless individuals and families, migrant and seasonal workers, and elderly low-income individuals are the targeted population for services and activities.

Eligible Recipients: This is a mandatory formula grant for which states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands, state- and federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

**Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) Program
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The purpose of the JOLI program is to create new jobs to be filled by low-income individuals. JOLI grantees create jobs through business plans, and the provision of technical and/or financial assistance to private employers in the community. The ultimate goal of the JOLI program is economic self-sufficiency for the targeted populations.

Each year approximately 10 grants are awarded, with the maximum grant award being \$500,000. A minimum of 20 percent of the total JOLI funds must be used toward the provision of direct financial assistance to participants. Financial assistance may be provided through the use of revolving loan funds, or the provision of direct cash assistance to a micro enterprise or self-employed business owner.

Beneficiaries are TANF recipients and other low-income individuals whose income level does not exceed 100 percent of the official federal poverty guidelines.

Nonprofits having a 501(c) (3) or a 501(c) (4) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education and faith-based organizations, are eligible to apply for this program.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Contact Information:

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The mission of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is to assist low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy. Assistance is provided primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

States, territories, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations that wish to assist low income households in meeting the costs of home energy may apply for a LIHEAP block grant. Congress established the formula for distributing funds to states based on each state's climate and low-income population. Home energy is defined by statute as a source of heating or cooling in residential dwellings.

Grantees may not set income eligibility standards below 110 percent of the poverty level, but they may give priority to those households with the highest home energy costs, or needs in relation to income.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories, and about 140 tribes and tribal organizations receive LIHEAP grants each year. State and federally recognized tribes (including Alaska Native villages) may apply for direct LIHEAP funding.

Rural Community Development Facilities Program

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The Rural Community Facilities Program provides training and technical assistance to low-income rural communities in developing and managing affordable, safe water and wastewater treatment facilities. Six regional grantees and one tribal grantee provide services to multiple states. Activities include improving coordination among federal, state and local agencies in water waste management, and providing assistance in obtaining funding for construction, upgrade, and repair of facilities. This program is administered regionally, and enables these communities to comply with the requirements of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Target Population:

Low-income rural communities.

Eligible Applicants:

Multi-state, regional, private, non-profit 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organizations.

Social Services Block Grant

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The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) program provides flexible funding to assist states in providing a wide range of services to children and families, vulnerable older adults, persons with disabilities, and at-risk adolescents and young adults. Programs most frequently supported by the SSBG program include child care, child welfare, services for persons with disabilities, home-based services, and protective services for adults. For elderly persons and persons with disabilities in danger of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, services may include investigation, emergency medical services, emergency shelter, and counseling. For children in danger of abuse and neglect, services may include protection, prevention, intervention, and adoption services. Services provided for older adults may include home care, congregate and home-delivered meals, adult day care, case management, legal services, and transportation. For persons with disabilities living independently in the community, services may include adult foster care, transportation, case management, and treatment services. States and/or local agencies may provide services directly or purchase them from qualified providers.

The SSBG is a mandatory formula grant. States and territories are eligible to apply.

OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE (OFA)

Office of Family Assistance (OFA): Native Employment Works

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The purpose of the Native Employment Works (NEW) program is to make work activities available to tribal grantees' designated service populations and service areas. NEW work activities may include:

- Educational activities, including support for GED, remedial, vocational, post-secondary, and alternative education;
- Training and job readiness activities, including job skills training, job readiness training, on-the-job training, entrepreneurial training, and management training; and
- Employment activities, including job search, job development and placement, community work experience, community service programs, and subsidized and unsubsidized public and private sector work experience and employment.

NEW funds also may be used to provide supportive and job retention services, such as transportation and child care that enable clients to participate in the program and assist clients in preparing for, obtaining, and retaining employment. NEW activities also may include labor/job market assessments and job creation.

By law, only federally-recognized Indian tribes and Alaska Native organizations that operated a Tribal Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) program in fiscal year 1995 are eligible for NEW program funding. NEW is a mandatory grant program.

Office of Family Assistance (OFA) –Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – State Programs

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) state programs provide time-limited assistance to needy families with children to promote work, responsibility and self-sufficiency. States receive a block grant to design and operate their TANF programs to accomplish the purposes of TANF. These grants provide benefits and services to address the following: to assist needy families with children so that children can be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies, and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

States have the flexibility to determine eligibility, benefits and services, and to develop their own strategies for achieving program goals. Cash grants, work opportunities and other services are provided directly to needy families.

States and territories are eligible to apply for TANF block grants.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Tribal Programs

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) tribal program provides time-limited assistance to needy families with children to promote work, responsibility and self-sufficiency. Tribal TANF grantees independently design, administer and operate their TANF programs to meet the purposes of TANF. These grants provide benefits and services to address the following: to assist needy families with children so that children can be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Tribes have the flexibility to determine eligibility, benefits and services and to develop their own strategies for achieving program goals. Cash grants, work opportunities and other services are directly provided to needy families.

Federally recognized Indian tribes in the lower 48 states and 13 specified Alaskan Native entities are eligible to apply for direct federal funding.

OFFICE OF HEAD START (OHS)



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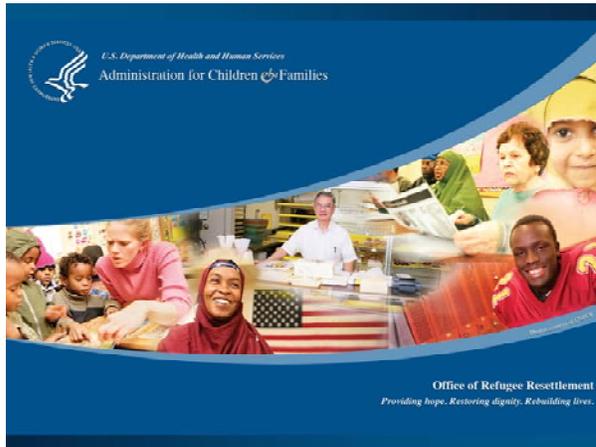
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The Office of Head Start (OHS) provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families. OHS has a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. In FY 1995, the Early Head Start program was established to serve children from birth to three years of age in recognition of the mounting evidence that the earliest years matter a great deal to children's growth and development.

Grants are awarded by the ACF Regional Offices and the Office of Head Start's American Indian - Alaska Native and Migrant and Seasonal Program branches directly to local public agencies, private organizations, Indian tribes and school systems for the purpose of operating Head Start programs at the community level. The Office of Head Start makes periodic determinations of funding opportunities, especially in cases of new administrations, initiatives, or in response to needs identified in the Early Childhood field.



OFFICE of REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (ORR)



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Division of Refugee Assistance

The Division of Refugee Assistance (DRA) was created to oversee and provide guidance to state-administered programs that provide assistance and services to refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and Victims of Human Trafficking (henceforth referred to collectively as "refugees"). DRA monitors program planning and provision of services, and provides technical assistance to ensure compliance with federal regulations governing the delivery of refugee assistance and services, including cash and medical assistance.

Mission:

DRA provides direction to states to ensure that refugees are provided assistance and services through state-administered programs that enable them to become economically self-sufficient as soon as possible after their arrival in the United States.

Program Descriptions:

Cash and Medical Assistance Program

The Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program provides reimbursement to states and alternative refugee assistance programs for 100 percent of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors program services. In an effort to identify and treat contagious diseases and medical conditions that may be a barrier to refugees, CMA also reimburses states for medical screening costs at local public health clinics.

ORR clients, determined ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid, may be eligible for RCA and RMA for up to eight months from the date of arrival in the U.S., date of final grant of asylum for asylees, and date of certification for trafficking victims. Refugees may apply for RCA and/or RMA in their state of residence within eight months from the date of arrival.

Funding: Mandatory

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Public/Private Partnership Program

The Public/Private Partnership (PPP) Program provides states the option to enter into partnership with local voluntary resettlement agency affiliates for the provision of refugee cash assistance.

Services provided to recipients of RCA in the public/private program may be provided by the local resettlement agencies that administer the public/private RCA program or by other refugee service agencies. Program objectives are to create a more effective and better quality resettlement while maintaining state responsibility for policy and administrative oversight. ORR currently funds PPP programs in five states: Maryland, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Texas.

Funding: Mandatory

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program

This program establishes legal responsibility, under state law, to ensure that unaccompanied minor refugees and entrants receive the full range of assistance, care, and services which are available to all foster children in the state. A legal authority is designated to act in place of the child's unavailable parent(s). Reunification of children with their parents or other appropriate adult relatives is encouraged, through family tracing and coordination with local refugee resettlement agencies. Additional services provided include: indirect financial support for housing, food, clothing, medical care and other necessities; intensive case management by social workers; independent living skills training; educational supports; English language training; career/college counseling and training; mental health services; assistance adjusting immigration status; cultural activities; recreational opportunities; support for social integration; and cultural and religious preservation.

Refugee children who enter the U.S. with family, but experience a family breakdown may be eligible to participate in the URM program. ORR's state letters on [reclassification](#) to URM status provide the standards used to determine if such a child may access the program.

Children eligible for the URM Program are under age 18, are unaccompanied, and are:

- Refugees
- Entrants
- Asylees
- Victims of Trafficking
- Unaccompanied Alien Children granted Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

Two lead [voluntary agencies](#) -- Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service (LIRS) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) -- are funded by ORR to support the unaccompanied refugee minors program.

These agencies conduct several important functions for the URM program. They identify eligible children in need of URM services; provide technical assistance in the reclassification process; determine appropriate placements for children among their national networks of affiliated agencies; and conduct training, research and technical assistance on URM services.

Funding: Mandatory

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Refugee Social Services Program

The Refugee Social Services Program allocates formula funds to states to serve refugees who have been in the U.S. less than 60 months (five years).

This program supports employability services and other services that address participants' barriers to employment such as social adjustment services, interpretation and translation services, day care for children, citizenship and naturalization services, etc. Employability services are designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs within one year of becoming enrolled in services. Service priorities are (a) all newly arriving refugees during their first year in the U.S. who apply for services; (b) refugees who are receiving cash assistance; (c) unemployed refugees who are not receiving cash assistance; and (d) employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence.

Funding: Formula

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Targeted Assistance Program

The Targeted Assistance program (TAG) allocates formula funds to states that qualify for additional funds due to an influx of refugee arrivals, and a high concentration of refugees in county jurisdictions with high utilization of public assistance.

TAG services are the same as Refugee Social Services, and are intended to assist refugees obtain employment within one year's participation in the program, and to achieve self-sufficiency. TAG service priorities, however, are distinctive in that they prioritize (a) cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients; (b) unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance; and (c) employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence.

Funding: Formula

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Qualifying states and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Cuban Haitian Program

The Cuban Haitian Program provides discretionary grants to state and state-alternative programs to fund assistance and services in localities most heavily impacted by an influx of Cuban and Haitian entrants and refugees.

This program supports employment services, hospitals and other health and mental health care programs, adult and vocational education services, refugee crime or victimization programs, and citizenship and naturalization services.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Cuban and Haitian entrants

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Refugee Preventive Health Program

The Refugee Preventive Health Program provides grants to states and state-alternative programs and their designated health agencies to provide medical screenings. The screenings are in accordance with the *Medical Screening Protocol for Newly Arriving Refugees*, and follow-up activities to newly arriving refugees.

Program objectives are to reduce the spread of infectious disease, treat any current ailments, and promote preventive health practices for good health to facilitate refugees' full participation in activities that encourage self-sufficiency and integration.

Services include: health screening for contagious diseases with associated preventive care treatment; health assessments for chronic and other health conditions harmful to refugees' health; interpreter services; information and referral to local health centers/clinics and Medicaid providers; and follow-up services to ensure appropriate treatment. The program also supports health education and orientation and implementation of coordinated health projects with other federal and state offices.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Refugee School Impact Program

The Refugee School Impact Program provides grants to state and state-alternative programs. The grants support impacted school districts with the funds necessary to pay for activities that will lead to the effective integration and education of refugee children.

Services target school-age refugees between the ages of five and 18 years of age with program activities that include: English as a Second Language instruction; after-school tutorials; programs that encourage high school completion and full participation in school activities; after-school and/or summer clubs and activities; parental involvement programs; bilingual/bicultural counselors; interpreter services and other services.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Services to Older Refugees Program

The Services to Older Refugees Program provides grants to states and state-alternative programs, public and private non-profit organizations to ensure that refugees aged 60 and above are linked to mainstream aging services in their community.

ORR has an interagency agreement with the U.S. Administration on Aging to identify ways in which the aging and ORR networks can work together more effectively at the state and local levels to improve elderly refugees' access to services. Program objectives are to (a) establish and/or expand a working relationship with the state Agency on Aging and the local community Area Agency on Aging to ensure all older refugees in the community will be linked to mainstream aging services in their community; (b) provide appropriate services that are not currently being provided in the community to all older refugees; (c) create opportunities to enable older refugees to live independently as long as possible; and (d) develop services for or link older refugees to naturalization services, especially for those who have lost or are at risk of losing Supplemental Security Income and other federal benefits.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Qualifying states and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Targeted Assistance Discretionary Program

The Targeted Assistance Discretionary Program provides grants to states and state-alternative programs to address the employment needs of refugees that cannot be met with the Formula Social Services or Formula Targeted Assistance Grant Programs.

Activities under this program are for the purpose of supplementing and/or complementing existing employment services to help refugees achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Services funded through the targeted assistance program are required to focus primarily on those refugees who, either because of their protracted use of public assistance or difficulty in securing employment, continue to need services beyond the initial years of resettlement. This funding requirement also promotes the provision of services to refugees who are “hard to reach” and thus finding greater difficulty integrating. Refugees residing in the U.S. longer than five years, refugee women who are not literate in their native language, and the elderly are some of the special populations served by this discretionary grant program.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Qualifying states and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Division of Community Resettlement

The Division of Community Resettlement (DCR) provides assistance through public and private non-profit agencies to support the economic and social integration of refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking (henceforth referred to collectively as “refugees”). The division administers the Voluntary Agency Match Grant Program, the Wilson/Fish Program, Services for Survivors of Torture program, and seven competitive refugee social services discretionary grant programs. Discretionary grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

Program Descriptions:

Matching Grant Program

The Voluntary Agency Matching Grant (MG) Program is an alternative program to public assistance designed to enable refugees to become self-sufficient within four to six months from the date of arrival into the United States. Eligible grantees are voluntary agencies able to coordinate comprehensive multilingual, multicultural services for refugees at local sites. These same agencies are under cooperative agreements with the Department of State/Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM).

The Matching Grant Program requires a match from private funds or donated goods and services to partner with monies provided by ORR. In program year 2009, ORR funded \$60 million to the Match Grant Program with a per capita of \$2,200. The program achieved 70% self sufficiency for the 27,272 participants enrolled in the program.

In program year 2010, ORR increased funding for the program to \$65.3 million, which will serve some 30,000 clients.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: National voluntary agencies

Wilson-Fish Program

The Wilson-Fish (WF) program is an alternative to the traditional state administered refugee resettlement program for providing assistance (cash and medical), and social services to refugees.

The purpose of the WF program is to increase refugee prospects for early employment and self-sufficiency, promote coordination among voluntary resettlement agencies and service providers, and ensure that refugee assistance programs exist in every state where refugees are resettled.

The program emphasizes early employment and economic self-sufficiency by integrating cash assistance, case management, and employment services, and by incorporating innovative strategies for the provision of cash assistance. ORR currently funds 12 WF programs in the following 11 states: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, plus San Diego County, CA. It is anticipated that Tennessee, which is currently administered by a state replacement designee, will become the 13th Wilson-Fish project later this year.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs

Services to Survivors of Torture Program

The [Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 \(TVRA\)](#), provides funding for a comprehensive program of support for survivors of torture. The TVRA recognizes that a significant number of refugees, asylees, and asylum seekers entering the United States have suffered torture. These torture survivors, now living in the United States, are provided with rehabilitative services which would enable them to become productive members of our communities.

Grants to programs in the United States fund the following services:

- Rehabilitation of victims of torture, including treatment of the physical and psychological effects of torture
- Social and legal services for victims of torture
- Research and training for health care providers outside of treatment centers, or programs for the purpose of enabling such providers to provide the services described in paragraph (1)

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Survivors of torture (per legal definition)

Eligible Grantees: Not for profit agencies

Refugee Agriculture Partnership Program

A focus of the Refugee Agricultural Partnership Program (RAPP) is to integrate refugees into the movement in this country to improve the supply and quality of food in urban and rural areas. Refugees are potential farmers or producers of healthier foods, as well as part of the population whose health and well-being are impacted by food and diet.

RAPP has evolved into a program with multiple objectives that include: sustainable income; supplemental income; having an adequate supply of healthy foods in a community; better physical and mental health; community integration; and developing the capacity of organizations to access USDA and other services and resources.

There is widespread interest among refugee and other community based organizations across this country in participating in this movement. Areas of participation include: some combination of promoting community gardens; small acreage farming; farm to school programs; school gardens; health and nutrition classes; increased utilization of farmers markets to purchase fresh produce; cooperation with local food banks; and better access to fresh produce by refugee families living in areas with an inadequate number of healthy food outlets, known as food deserts.

RAPP encourages partnerships at all levels. ORR's partnership with USDA has improved the understanding and accessing of USDA programs and resources. Collaboration with private foundations and other organizations has helped incorporate refugees into the mainstream of the sustainable food movement. Local organizations have been effective because of their ability to adapt to the unique challenges and opportunities of their individual communities. In addition, they have been effective because of multiple partnerships and collaboration with Cooperative Extension and other public and private organizations.

In FY 2010, RAPP has 10 grantees; however, there is a much larger network of individuals and organizations that subscribe to the RAPP Listserv. The Institute for Social and Economic Development, the technical assistance provider, has a website and blog that can be accessed at www.ised.us. Click on Refugee Agriculture Promotion.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Not for profit agencies

Preferred Communities Program

This program supports the resettlement of newly arriving refugees with the best opportunities for their self-sufficiency and integration into new communities, while assisting refugees with special needs that require more intensive case management. There are two types of Preferred Communities programs for the purpose of this grant. The first type of Preferred Communities program should expect to receive a minimum of 100 new refugees annually. The second type of Preferred Communities program will expect to receive a proposed number of cases that will need intensive case management. If the Preferred Community plans to focus resources on special needs cases, a history of its qualifications and experience with serving special needs cases should be provided.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: National voluntary agencies

Unanticipated Arrivals Program

The purpose and objectives of this program are to provide additional resources to communities where the refugee services are insufficient. Funding is intended to enhance the allocation of social services within the state because of the immediacy of arrivals and their need for services. Allowable activities are social services for refugees that are appropriate and accessible in language and culture. Services provided include: case management; health and mental health services; English as a Second Language; job placement/employment; life skills workshops; nutrition education; an education program for mothers of pre-school children; after school programs; orientation; interpretation; and translation.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: States and Wilson-Fish (WF) programs, not for profit agencies

Ethnic Community Self-Help Program

This program provides assistance to refugee community-based organizations and other groups that address community building, and facilitate cultural adjustment and integration of refugees. These organizations and groups also deliver mutually supportive functions such as information exchange, civic participation, resource enhancement, orientation and support to newly arriving refugees (and other refugees that may be in need of such assistance regardless of their resettlement date), and public education to the larger community on the background, needs and potential of refugees. In short, the program's purpose is to promote community organizing that builds bridges between newcomer refugee communities and community resources.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Not for profit agencies

Technical Assistance Program

In order to assist ORR-funded agencies in providing the highest quality in services, ORR has funded a number of technical assistance grants to organizations with expertise in specific areas, such as employment, cultural orientation, economic development, and English language training. Technical assistance providers can help in a number of ways, depending on the provider's time and funding constraints, and the recipient agency's particular needs.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Not for profit agencies

Microenterprise Development Program

This program enables refugees to become financially independent by helping them develop capital resources and business expertise to start, expand, or strengthen their own business. The program provides training and technical assistance in business plan development, management, bookkeeping, and marketing to equip refugees with the skills they need to become successful entrepreneurs.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Not for profit agencies

Individual Development Accounts Program

Individual development accounts are matched savings accounts available for the purchase of specific assets. Under the IDA program, the matching funds, together with the refugee's own savings from his or her employment, are available for purchasing one (or more) of four savings goals: home purchase; microenterprise capitalization; post secondary education or training; and in some cases, purchase of an automobile if necessary to maintain or upgrade employment.

IDA grantees provide matched savings accounts to refugees whose annual income is less than 200 percent of the poverty level, and whose assets, exclusive of a personal residence and one vehicle, are less than \$10,000. Grantees provide matches of up to \$1 for every \$1 deposited by a refugee in a savings account. The total match amount provided may not exceed \$2,000 for individuals or \$4,000 for households. Upon enrolling in an IDA program, a refugee signs a savings plan agreement, which specifies the savings goal, the match rate, and the amount the refugee will save each month.

In addition, the IDA grantees provide basic financial training which is intended to assist refugees in understanding the American financial system, budgeting, saving, and credit. The IDA grantees also provide training focused on the specific savings goals. The specialized training ensures that refugees receive appropriate information on purchasing and managing their asset purchases.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Refugees, asylees, certain Amerasian immigrants, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and victims of human trafficking

Eligible Grantees: Not for profit agencies

Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services

The Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services (DUCS) was created to provide care and placement for unaccompanied alien children (UAC). ORR/DUCS makes and implements placement decisions in the best interests of the UAC to ensure placement in the least restrictive setting possible while they are in federal custody. The majority of UAC are cared for through a network of state licensed ORR-funded care providers, which provide classroom education, mental and medical health services, case management, and socialization/recreation. The majority of children are placed in the minimally restrictive setting of shelter care. ORR/DUCS funds programs to provide a continuum of care for children, including foster care, group homes, staff secure, secure, and residential treatment centers.

In order to facilitate UAC's access to legal representation to the greatest extent possible and practicable, ORR/DUCS coordinates a legal access project. The legal access project provides presentations on UAC's rights, conducts individualized legal screenings, and builds pro bono legal representation capacity. Many UAC meet conditions that make them eligible for legal relief to remain in the United States including: asylum; special visas for children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by the parents or guardian; special visas for victims of severe forms of trafficking and other types of criminal violence; or adjustment of status for those who have a legal resident or citizen family member, who can sponsor them.

ORR/DUCS provides family reunification services to facilitate safe and timely release, and ensure that children are released to family members or other sponsors that can care for their physical and mental well-being. ORR/DUCS conducts home studies prior to release if safety is in question. ORR/DUCS also funds follow-up services for at-risk children after release to sponsors from ORR custody.

Mission

ORR/DUCS provides UAC client-focused care utilizing a holistic approach to individual service planning. This includes treating all in custody with dignity, respect and special concern for their unique strengths and needs. DUCS considers the best interests of the child in all decisions and actions relating to the placement of each UAC. DUCS strives to provide the highest quality of care tailored to each UAC in order to maximize his or her opportunities for success while in care, but also upon discharge from the program to sponsors in the U.S. or return to his or her home country. ORR/DUCS strives to assist UAC in becoming integrated members of our global society.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Unaccompanied alien children are children who: have no lawful immigration status in the United States; have not attained 18 years of age; and with respect to whom: (1) there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States; or (2) no parent or legal guardian in the United States is available to provide care and physical custody.

Eligible Grantees: Residential child care programs, non-profit agencies, voluntary organizations

Anti-Trafficking in Persons Division

The Anti-Trafficking in Persons (ATIP) Division helps certify victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons, as defined by the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000. These individuals are eligible to receive federally funded benefits and services to the same extent as refugees, and can begin to rebuild their lives in the United States. ATIP is committed to promoting public awareness and assisting in the identification of trafficking victims by educating the public and persons likely to encounter victims. These organizations or persons may include: social services providers; public health officials; legal organizations; as well as ethnic, faith-based, and community organizations.

Mission

ATIP is committed to helping victims of human trafficking receive the benefits and services they need to rebuild their lives in the United States. ATIP's ultimate goal is to turn victims of human trafficking into survivors of human trafficking.

Program Description:

Victim Identification and Public Awareness

Rescue and Restore Campaign

ATIP leads the HHS *Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking* public awareness campaign, which established *Rescue and Restore* coalitions in 24 cities, regions and states. These community action groups are comprised of non-governmental organization (NGO) leaders, academics, students, law enforcement officials, and other key stakeholders who are committed to addressing the problem of human trafficking in their own communities.

Rescue and Restore Regional Program

The *Rescue and Restore* Regional Program serves as the focal point for regional public awareness campaign activities and intensification of local outreach to identify victims of human trafficking. Each *Rescue and Restore* Regional partner oversees and builds the capacity of a local anti-trafficking network, and sub-awards 60 percent of grant funds to local organizations that identify and work with victims. By acting as a focal point for regional anti-trafficking efforts, *Rescue and Restore* Regional partners encourage a cohesive and collaborative approach in the fight against modern-day slavery.

Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking

Certifications and Eligibility Letters

HHS is the sole Federal agency authorized to certify foreign adult victims of human trafficking. Similarly, it is the sole Federal agency authorized to make foreign child victims of human trafficking eligible for assistance. The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), within HHS, issues all Certifications and Eligibility Letters. Certification grants adult foreign victims of human trafficking access to Federal benefits and services to the same extent as refugees. Likewise, Eligibility Letters grant minor foreign victims of trafficking access to federal benefits and services to the same extent as refugees, including placement in the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors program. This program provides specialized, culturally appropriate foster care or other licensed care settings, according to the children's individual needs. Trafficking victims who are U.S. citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) do not need Certification or Letters of Eligibility to be eligible for similar benefits and services.

Per Capita Services Contract

ATIP funds comprehensive support services to victims of human trafficking through a per capita services contract designed to centralize services, while maintaining a high level of care for victims of human trafficking. The contract is designed to provide "anytime, anywhere" case management to assist a victim of trafficking to become certified, and to provide other short-term necessary services after Certification. These services are provided through a network of nongovernmental service organization subcontractors in over 100 locations throughout the country.

Working in concert with the HHS *Rescue and Restore* public awareness campaign, per capita subcontractors are reimbursed for each human trafficking victim served under their case management. This *per capita* system ensures the efficient provision of high-quality services to victims of human trafficking. It also streamlines support services in order to help victims of human trafficking gain timely access to shelter, legal assistance, job training and health care, and enable them to establish lives free of violence and exploitation.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) is a national, toll-free hotline for the human trafficking field in the United States and is reached by calling **1-888-3737-888** or emailing NHTRC@PolarisProject.org. The NHTRC operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. The NHTRC works to improve the national response to protect victims of human trafficking in the U.S. by providing callers with a range of comprehensive services including: crisis intervention; urgent and non-urgent referrals; tip reporting; comprehensive anti-trafficking resources; and technical assistance for the anti-trafficking field and those who wish to get involved. The NHTRC is able to connect community members with additional tools to raise awareness and combat human trafficking in their local areas, as well as guide service providers and law enforcement personnel in their work with potential trafficking victims. To perform these functions, the NHTRC maintains a national database of organizations and individuals working in the anti-trafficking field, as well as a library of available anti-trafficking resources and materials.

Funding: Discretionary

Target Population: Victims and potential victims of human trafficking; social service and legal service organizations; ethnic, faith-based and community organizations; health care providers; and law enforcement officials.

Eligible Grantees: Public and private, nonprofit and for-profit entities

President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities(PCPID)



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Establishment and History:

The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) was established by Executive Order of President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966. The Committee advises the President on a broad range of topics relating to people with intellectual disabilities, and the field of intellectual disabilities. Since its inception, the Committee has advised the President on the continuing needs of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and both achievements and emerging issues in the dynamic field of Intellectual Disabilities. In 1974, goals for the Committee focusing on deinstitutionalization, prevention, and legal rights were established by President Richard M. Nixon. Under President Bill J. Clinton, in 1996, the Committee established more person-centered goals that supported citizenship rights and encouraged full and life-long community inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Due to advances in medicine, technology, research, education, and public understanding, much has changed for people with intellectual disabilities in the past four decades. Consistent with its Executive Order, the Committee evaluates the adequacy of current practices and programs, and reviews federal agency activities that impact people with intellectual disabilities. In its Annual Report to the President, the Committee highlights the need for appropriate changes, and encourages research, education, services, and supports relating to people with intellectual disabilities. Recent PCPID Reports to the President focus on employment, housing, least-restrictive environment, and post-secondary education for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Committee members and staff collaborate, on an ongoing basis, with other federal agencies and national organizations to convene conferences and forums and to disseminate information to the public pertaining to issues and accomplishments of people with intellectual disabilities. In compliance with its Charter, the Committee meets at least three times a year, and reports its findings to the President of the United States.

Composition of the PCPID:

The Committee consists of 21 citizen members appointed by the President and 13 ex officio members designated by the President. The 13 ex officio members include:

- The Attorney General of the United States
- The Secretary of Interior
- The Secretary of Commerce
- The Secretary of Labor
- The Secretary of Health and Human Services
- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- The Secretary of Transportation
- The Secretary of Education
- The Secretary of Homeland Security
- The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Services
- The Commissioner of the Social Security Administration
- The Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- The Chair of the National Council on Disability

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Overview

The Office of Administration (OA) is responsible for the development and implementation of programs and policies for central and regional offices.

- The Office of Management Resources (OMR) provides guidance and direct activities associated with human resource management, real property operations/facilities management, employee development programs, ethics policy, and delegations of authority.
- The Office of Information Services (OIS) provides centralized information technology policy and procedures, and develops long-range strategic and procurement plans for ACF information systems.
- The Office of Financial Services (OFS) develops financial and grants policy guidance, performs audit oversight and debt management functions, and plans for the annual preparation and audit of ACF's financial statements in order to foster effective fiscal stewardship of ACF programs.
- The Office of Grants Management (OGM) directly administers, manages, and provides technical guidance to ACF program and regional offices for discretionary and mandatory grants.

ACF has the second highest budget within HHS, and the most diverse grants portfolio in the federal government. We award discretionary and mandatory grants (including formula, block and entitlement) to such entities as state and local governments, American Indian tribes, Native American entities, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations.

In FY 2009, ACF published more than 60 funding opportunity announcements that resulted in the award of approximately \$58 billion, including \$12 billion from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) in grants and cooperative agreements. This resulted in the issuance of 3,316 mandatory awards and 9,632 discretionary grants for a total of 12,948 grant awards.

ACF Funding Opportunities

You can learn about expected grant opportunities from ACF at the HHS Grants Forecast site at <https://extranet.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/index.cfm>. Each Forecast record contains actual or estimated dates, funding levels, and a list of eligible applicants for grants that the agency intends to award during the fiscal year.

When funding is available, ACF will issue an official notice, known as a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) that will provide program goals, requirements, and timetables for completion of awarded projects. You can find FOAs at <http://www.grants.gov/>. All ACF announcements are located on this website and you can both find and apply for grant awards on this site.

You can also learn more about ACF funding opportunities by visiting us at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/>. This site provides links to current announcements, forms, and other related information.

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The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) is responsible for advising the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of programs to improve the economic and social well-being of children and families. In collaboration with ACF program offices and others, OPRE is responsible for performance management for ACF, conducts research and policy analyses, and develops and oversees research and evaluation projects to assess program performance and inform policy and practice. OPRE's website provides links to research projects under eight separate topic areas: Abuse, Neglect, Adoption & Foster Care Research; Child Care Research; Early Head Start Research; Family & Youth Services Research; Head Start Research; Strengthening Families & Healthy Marriage Research; Welfare & Employment Research, and Other Research. The Office also provides guidance, analysis, technical assistance, and oversight to ACF programs on strategic planning; performance measurement; research and evaluation methods; statistical, policy, and program analysis; and synthesis and dissemination of research and demonstration findings. OPRE includes the Division of Economic Independence (DEI) and the Division of Child and Family Development (DCFD).

Funding Types

Grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts are awarded for innovative research, demonstrations, and evaluations that are responsive to ACF program priorities. All applications must meet standards of excellence in research, demonstration, or evaluation design.

Target Audience

Researchers, policy-makers, practitioners, and other stakeholders at the national, state, and local levels.

Grantee Types

Governmental entities, colleges, universities, non-profit and for-profit organizations (if fee is waived). Grants or cooperative agreements cannot be made directly to individuals.

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