APPENDIX A

Authorizing legislation

[SEC. 50723. ENHANCEMENTS TO GRANTS TO IMPROVE WELL-BEING OF](https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ123/PLAW-115publ123.htm)

 [FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE.](https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ123/PLAW-115publ123.htm)

 Section 437(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)) is

amended--

 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking ``Increase the

 Well-Being of, and To Improve the Permanency Outcomes for,

 Children Affected by'' and inserting ``Implement IV-E Prevention

 Services, and Improve the Well-Being of, and Improve Permanency

 Outcomes for, Children and Families Affected by Heroin, Opioids,

 and Other'';

 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

 ``(2) Regional partnership defined.--In this subsection, the

 term `regional partnership' means a collaborative agreement

 (which may be established on an interstate, State, or intrastate

 basis) entered into by the following:

 ``(A) Mandatory partners for all partnership

 grants.--

 ``(i) The State child welfare agency that is

 responsible for the administration of the State

 plan under this part and part E.

 ``(ii) The State agency responsible for

 administering the substance abuse prevention and

 treatment block grant provided under subpart II of

 part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service

 Act.

 ``(B) Mandatory partners for partnership grants

 proposing to serve children in out-of-home placements.--

 If the partnership proposes to serve children in out-of-

 home placements, the Juvenile Court or Administrative

 Office of the Court that is most appropriate to oversee

 the administration of court programs in the region to

 address the population of families who come to the

 attention of the court due to child abuse or neglect.

 ``(C) Optional partners.--At the option of the

 partnership, any of the following:

 ``(i) An Indian tribe or tribal consortium.

 ``(ii) Nonprofit child welfare service

 providers.

 ``(iii) For-profit child welfare service

 providers.

 ``(iv) Community health service providers,

 including substance abuse treatment providers.

 ``(v) Community mental health providers.

 ``(vi) Local law enforcement agencies.

 ``(vii) School personnel.

 ``(viii) Tribal child welfare agencies (or a

 consortia of the agencies).

 ``(ix) Any other providers, agencies,

 personnel, officials, or entities that are related

 to the provision of child and family services

 under a State plan approved under this subpart.

 ``(D) Exception for regional partnerships where the

 lead applicant is an indian tribe or tribal consortia.--

 If an Indian tribe or tribal consortium enters

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 into a regional partnership for purposes of this

 subsection, the Indian tribe or tribal consortium--

 ``(i) may (but is not required to) include the

 State child welfare agency as a partner in the

 collaborative agreement;

 ``(ii) may not enter into a collaborative

 agreement only with tribal child welfare agencies

 (or a consortium of the agencies); and

 ``(iii) if the condition described in

 paragraph (2)(B) applies, may include tribal court

 organizations in lieu of other judicial

 partners.'';

 (3) in paragraph (3)--

 (A) in subparagraph (A)--

 (i) by striking ``2012 through 2016'' and

 inserting ``2017 through 2021''; and

 (ii) by striking ``$500,000 and not more than

 $1,000,000'' and inserting ``$250,000 and not more

 than $1,000,000'';

 (B) in subparagraph (B)--

 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by inserting

 ``; planning'' after ``approval'';

 (ii) in clause (i), by striking ``clause

 (ii)'' and inserting ``clauses (ii) and (iii)'';

 and

 (iii) by adding at the end the following:

 ``(iii) <<NOTE: Time period.>> Sufficient

 planning.--A grant awarded under this subsection

 shall be disbursed in two phases: a planning phase

 (not to exceed 2 years) and an implementation

 phase. The total disbursement to a grantee for the

 planning phase may not exceed $250,000, and may

 not exceed the total anticipated funding for the

 implementation phase.''; and

 (C) by adding at the end the following:

 ``(D) <<NOTE: Determination.>> Limitation on

 payment for a fiscal year.--No payment shall be made

 under subparagraph (A) or (C) for a fiscal year until

 the Secretary determines that the eligible partnership

 has made sufficient progress in meeting the goals of the

 grant and that the members of the eligible partnership

 are coordinating to a reasonable degree with the other

 members of the eligible partnership.'';

 (4) in paragraph (4)--

 (A) in subparagraph (B)--

 (i) in clause (i), by inserting ``, parents,

 and families'' after ``children'';

 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking ``safety and

 permanence for such children; and'' and inserting

 ``safe, permanent caregiving relationships for the

 children;'';

 (iii) in clause (iii), by striking ``or'' and

 inserting ``increase reunification rates for

 children who have been placed in out-of-home care,

 or decrease''; and

 (iv) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause

 (v) and inserting after clause (ii) the following:

 ``(iii) improve the substance abuse treatment

 outcomes for parents including retention in

 treatment and successful completion of treatment;

 ``(iv) facilitate the implementation,

 delivery, and effectiveness of prevention services

 and programs under section 471(e); and'';

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 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking ``where

 appropriate,''; and

 (C) by striking subparagraphs (E) and (F) and

 inserting the following:

 ``(E) A description of a plan for sustaining the

 services provided by or activities funded under the

 grant after the conclusion of the grant period,

 including through the use of prevention services and

 programs under section 471(e) and other funds provided

 to the State for child welfare and substance abuse

 prevention and treatment services.

 ``(F) <<NOTE: Determination.>> Additional

 information needed by the Secretary to determine that

 the proposed activities and implementation will be

 consistent with research or evaluations showing which

 practices and approaches are most effective.'';

 (5) in paragraph (5)(A), by striking ``abuse treatment'' and

 inserting ``use disorder treatment including medication assisted

 treatment and in-home substance abuse disorder treatment and

 recovery'';

 (6) in paragraph (7)--

 (A) by striking ``and'' at the end of subparagraph

 (C); and

 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as

 subparagraph (E) and inserting after subparagraph (C)

 the following:

 ``(D) demonstrate a track record of successful

 collaboration among child welfare, substance abuse

 disorder treatment and mental health agencies; and'';

 (7) in paragraph (8)--

 (A) in subparagraph (A)--

 (i) by striking ``establish indicators that

 will be'' and inserting ``review indicators that

 are''; and

 (ii) by striking ``in using funds made

 available under such grants to achieve the purpose

 of this subsection'' and inserting ``and establish

 a set of core indicators related to child safety,

 parental recovery, parenting capacity, and family

 well-being. In developing the core indicators, to

 the extent possible, indicators shall be made

 consistent with the outcome measures described in

 section 471(e)(6)''; and

 (B) in subparagraph (B)--

 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by

 inserting ``base the performance measures on

 lessons learned from prior rounds of regional

 partnership grants under this subsection, and''

 before ``consult''; and

 (ii) by striking clauses (iii) and (iv) and

 inserting the following:

 ``(iii) Other stakeholders or constituencies

 as determined by the Secretary.'';

 (8) in paragraph (9)(A), by striking clause (i) and

 inserting the following:

 ``(i) Semiannual reports.--Not later than

 September 30 of each fiscal year in which a

 recipient of a grant under this subsection is paid

 funds under the grant, and every 6 months

 thereafter, the grant recipient shall submit to

 the Secretary a report on the services provided

 and activities carried out during the reporting

 period, progress made in achieving the

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 goals of the program, the number of children,

 adults, and families receiving services, and such

 additional information as the Secretary determines

 is necessary. The report due not later than

 September 30 of the last such fiscal year shall

 include, at a minimum, data on each of the

 performance indicators included in the evaluation

 of the regional partnership.''; and

 (9) in paragraph (10), by striking ``2012 through 2016'' and

 inserting ``2017 through 2021''.