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''.