

APPENDIX A  
AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

SEC. 50723. ENHANCEMENTS TO GRANTS TO IMPROVE WELL-BEING OF  
FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

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

- 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

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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''.