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H. R. 5081

To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to create a grant program to promote joint activities among Federal, State, and local public child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 27, 2000

Mr. Rangel (for himself, Mr. Stark, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Neal of Massachusetts, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Coyne, and Mrs. Thurman) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to create a grant program to promote joint activities among Federal, State, and local public child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Child Protection/Alco-
- 5 hol and Drug Partnership Act of 2000".

1	SEC. 2. CHILD PROTECTION/ALCOHOL AND DRUG PART-
2	NERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN.
3	Part B of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
4	U.S.C. 620 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
5	following:
6	"Subpart 3—Child Protection/Alcohol and Drug
7	Partnerships For Children
8	"SEC. 440. DEFINITIONS.
9	"In this subpart:
10	"(1) ALASKA NATIVE ORGANIZATION.—The
11	term 'Alaska Native Organization' means any orga-
12	nized group of Alaska Natives eligible to operate a
13	Federal program under the Indian Self-Determina-
14	tion Act (25 U.S.C. 450f et seq.) or such group's
15	designee.
16	"(2) Administrative costs.—
17	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'administra-
18	tive costs' means the costs for the general ad-
19	ministration of administrative activities, includ-
20	ing contract costs and all overhead costs.
21	"(B) Exclusion.—Such term does not in-
22	clude the direct costs of providing services and
23	costs related to case management, training,
24	technical assistance, evaluation, establishment,
25	and operation of information systems, and such

1	other similar costs that are also an integral
2	part of service delivery.
3	"(3) Eligible state.—The term 'eligible
4	State' means a State that submits a joint applica-
5	tion from the State agencies that—
6	"(A) includes a plan that meets the re-
7	quirements of section 442; and
8	"(B) is approved by the Secretary for a 5-
9	year period after consultation with the Assist-
10	ant Secretary for the Administration for Chil-
11	dren and Families and the Administrator of the
12	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
13	Administration.
14	"(4) Indian tribe.—The term 'Indian tribe'
15	means any Indian tribe, band, Nation or other orga-
16	nized group or community of Indians, including any
17	Alaska Native Organization, that is recognized as el-
18	igible for the special programs and services provided
19	by the United States to Indians because of their sta-
20	tus as Indians.
21	"(5) State.—
22	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'State'
23	means each of the 50 States, the District of Co-
24	lumbia, and the territories described in sub-
25	paragraph (B).

1	"(B) Territories.—
2	"(i) In general.—The territories de-
3	scribed in this subparagraph are Puerto
4	Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Is-
5	lands, American Samoa, and the Northern
6	Mariana Islands.
7	"(ii) Authority to modify re-
8	QUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may modify
9	the requirements of this subpart with re-
10	spect to a territory described in clause (i)
11	to the extent necessary to allow such a ter-
12	ritory to conduct activities through funds
13	provided under a grant made under this
14	subpart.
15	"(6) State agencies.—The term 'State agen-
16	cies' means the State child welfare agency and the
17	unit of State government responsible for the admin-
18	istration of the substance abuse prevention and
19	treatment block grant provided under subpart II of
20	part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act
21	(42 U.S.C. 300x–21 et seq.).
22	"(7) Tribal organization.—The term 'tribal
23	organization' means the recognized governing body
24	of an Indian tribe.

1	"SEC. 441. GRANTS TO PROMOTE CHILD PROTECTION/AL-
2	COHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHIL-
3	DREN.
4	"(a) Authority To Award Grants.—The Sec-
5	retary may award grants to eligible States and directly
6	to Indian tribes in accordance with the requirements of
7	this subpart for the purpose of promoting joint activities
8	among Federal, State, and local public child welfare and
9	alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies
10	(and among child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse pre-
11	vention and treatment agencies that are providing services
12	to children in Indian tribes) that focus on families with
13	alcohol or drug abuse problems who come to the attention
14	of the child welfare system and are designed to—
15	"(1) increase the capacity of both the child wel-
16	fare system and the alcohol and drug abuse preven-
17	tion and treatment system to address comprehen-
18	sively and in a timely manner the needs of such fam-
19	ilies to improve child safety, family stability, and
20	permanence; and
21	"(2) promote recovery from alcohol and drug
22	abuse problems.
23	"(b) Notification.—Not later than 60 days after
24	the date a joint application is submitted by the State agen-
25	cies or an application is submitted by an Indian tribe, the

- 1 Secretary shall notify a State or Indian tribe that the ap-
- 2 plication has been approved or disapproved.
- 3 "SEC. 442. PLAN REQUIREMENTS.
- 4 "(a) Contents.—Subject to subsection (c), the plan
- 5 shall contain the following:

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- 6 "(1) A detailed description of how the State 7 agencies will work jointly to implement a range of 8 activities to meet the alcohol and drug abuse preven-9 tion and treatment needs of families who come to 10 the attention of the child welfare system and to pro-
 - "(2) An assurance that the heads of the State agencies shall jointly administer the grant program funded under this subpart and a description of how they will do so.

mote child safety, permanence, and family stability.

- "(3) A description of the nature and extent of the problem of alcohol and drug abuse among families who come to the attention of the child welfare system in the State, and of any plans being implemented to further identify and assess the extent of the problem.
- "(4) A description of any joint activities already being undertaken by the State agencies in the State on behalf of families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who come to the attention of the child wel-

1	fare system (including any existing data on the im-
2	pact of such joint activities) such as activities relat-
3	ing to—
4	"(A) the appropriate screening and assess-
5	ment of cases;
6	"(B) consultation on cases involving alco-
7	hol and drug abuse;
8	"(C) arrangements for addressing con-
9	fidentiality and sharing of information;
10	"(D) cross training of staff;
11	"(E) co-location of services;
12	"(F) support for comprehensive treatment
13	programs for parents and their children; and
14	"(G) establishing priority of child welfare
15	families for assessment or treatment.
16	"(5)(A) A description of the joint activities to
17	be funded in whole or in part with the funds pro-
18	vided under the grant, including the sequencing of
19	the activities proposed to be conducted under the 5-
20	year funding cycle and the goals to be achieved dur-
21	ing such funding cycle. The activities and goals shall
22	be designed to improve the capacity of the State
23	agencies to work jointly to improve child safety, fam-
24	ily stability, and permanence for children whose fam-
25	ilies come to the attention of the child welfare sys-

1	tem and to promote their parents' recovery from al-
2	cohol and drug abuse.
3	"(B) The description shall include a statement
4	as to why the State agencies chose the specified ac-
5	tivities and goals.
6	"(6) A description as to whether and how the
7	joint activities described in paragraph (5), and other
8	related activities funded with Federal funds, will ad-
9	dress some or all of the following practices and pro-
10	cedures:
11	"(A) Practices and procedures designed to
12	appropriately—
13	"(i) identify alcohol and drug treat-
14	ment needs;
15	"(ii) assess such needs;
16	"(iii) assess risks to the safety of a
17	child and the need for permanency with re-
18	spect to the placement of a child;
19	"(iv) enroll families in appropriate
20	services and treatment in their commu-
21	nities; and
22	"(v) regularly assess the progress of
23	families receiving such treatment.
24	"(B) Practices and procedures designed to
25	provide comprehensive and timely individualized

1	alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treat-
2	ment services for families who come to the at-
3	tention of the child welfare system that include
4	a range of options that are available, accessible,
5	and appropriate, and that may include the fol-
6	lowing components:
7	"(i) Preventive and early intervention
8	services for children of parents with alcohol
9	and drug abuse problems that integrate al-
10	cohol and drug abuse prevention services
11	with mental health and domestic violence
12	services, and that recognize the mental,
13	emotional, and developmental problems the
14	children may experience.
15	"(ii) Prevention and early intervention
16	services for parents at risk for alcohol and
17	drug abuse problems.
18	"(iii) Comprehensive home-based, out-
19	patient, and residential treatment options.
20	"(iv) After-care support (both formal
21	and informal) for families in recovery that
22	promotes child safety and family stability.
23	"(v) Services and supports that focus
24	on parents, parents with their children,

1	parents' children, other family members,
2	and parent-child interaction.
3	"(C) Elimination of existing barriers to
4	treatment and to child safety and permanence,
5	such as difficulties in sharing information
6	among agencies and differences between the
7	values and treatment protocols of the different
8	agencies.
9	"(D) Effective engagement and retention
10	strategies.
11	"(E) Pre-service and in-service joint train-
12	ing of management and staff of child welfare
13	and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and
14	treatment agencies, and, where appropriate,
15	judges and other court staff, to—
16	"(i) increase such individuals' aware-
17	ness and understanding of alcohol and
18	drug abuse and related child abuse and ne-
19	glect;
20	"(ii) more accurately identify and
21	screen alcohol and drug abuse and child
22	abuse in families;
23	"(iii) improve assessment skills of
24	both child abuse and alcohol and drug

1	abuse staff, including skills to assess risk
2	to children's safety;
3	"(iv) increase staff knowledge of the
4	services and resources that are available in
5	such individuals' communities and appro-
6	priate for such families; and
7	"(v) increase awareness of the impor-
8	tance of permanence for children and the
9	timelines for decisionmaking regarding per-
10	manence in the child welfare system.
11	"(F) Progress in enhancing the abilities of
12	the State agencies to improve the data systems
13	of such agencies in order to monitor the
14	progress of families, evaluate service and treat-
15	ment outcomes, and determine which ap-
16	proaches and activities are most effective.
17	"(G) Evaluation strategies to demonstrate
18	the effectiveness of treatment and identify the
19	aspects of treatment that have the greatest im-
20	pact on families in different circumstances.
21	"(H) Training and technical assistance to
22	increase the capacity within the State to carry
23	out 1 or more of the activities described in this
24	paragraph or related activities that are designed
25	to expand prevention and treatment services

for, and staff training to assist families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who come to the attention of the child welfare system.

- "(7) A description of the jurisdictions in the State (including whether such jurisdictions are urban, suburban, or rural) where the joint activities will be provided, and the plans for expanding such activities to other parts of the State during the 5-year funding cycle.
- "(8) A description of the methods to be used in measuring progress toward the goals identified under paragraph (5), including how the State agencies will jointly measure their performance in accordance with section 445, and how remaining barriers to meeting the needs of families with alcohol or drug abuse problems who come to the attention of the child welfare system will be assessed.
- "(9) A description of what input was obtained in the development of the plan and the joint application from each of the following groups of individuals, and the manner in which each will continue to be involved in the proposed joint activities:
- 23 "(A) Staff who provide alcohol and drug 24 abuse prevention and treatment and related

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1	services to families who come to the attention
2	of the child welfare system.
3	"(B) Advocates for children and parents
4	who come to the attention of the child welfare
5	and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and
6	treatment systems.
7	"(C) Consumers of both child welfare and
8	alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treat-
9	ment services.
10	"(D) Direct service staff and supervisors
11	from public and private child welfare and alco-
12	hol and drug abuse prevention and treatment
13	agencies.
14	"(E) Judges and court staff.
15	"(F) Representatives of the State agencies
16	and private providers providing health, mental
17	health, domestic violence, housing, education,
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19 20 21 22	and employment services. "(G) A representative of the State agency in charge of administering the temporary assistance to needy families program funded under part A of this title.

the services or benefits provided under other Federal or federally assisted programs that serve families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who come to the attention of the child welfare system, including health, mental health, domestic violence, housing, and employment programs, the temporary assistance to needy families program funded under part A of this title, other child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs, and the courts.

"(11) An assurance that not more than 10 percent of expenditures under the plan for any fiscal year shall be for administrative costs.

"(12) An assurance that alcohol and drug treatment services provided at least in part with funds provided under a grant made under this subpart shall be licensed, certified, or otherwise approved by the appropriate State alcohol and drug abuse agencies, or in the case of an Indian tribe, by a State alcohol and drug abuse agency, the Indian Health Service, or other designated licensing agency.

"(13) An assurance that Federal funds provided to the State under a grant made under this subpart will not be used to supplant Federal or non-Federal funds for services and activities provided as

1	of the date of the submission of the plan that assist
2	families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who
3	come to the attention of the child welfare system.
4	"(b) Amendments.—
5	"(1) In General.—An eligible State or Indian
6	tribe may amend, in whole or in part, its plan at any
7	time through transmittal of a plan amendment.
8	"(2) 60-day approval deadline.—A plan
9	amendment is considered approved unless the Sec-
10	retary notifies an eligible State or Indian tribe in
11	writing, within 60 days after receipt of the amend-
12	ment, that the amendment is disapproved (and the
13	reasons for disapproval) or that specified additional
14	information is needed.
15	"(c) Requirements for Applications by Indian
16	Tribes.—
17	"(1) In general.—In order to be eligible for
18	a grant made under this subpart, an Indian tribe
19	shall—
20	"(A) submit a plan to the Secretary that
21	describes—
22	"(i) the activities the tribe will under-
23	take with both child welfare and alcohol
24	and drug agencies that serve the tribe's
25	children to address the needs of families

1	who come to the attention of the child wel-
2	fare agencies and have alcohol and drug
3	problems; and
4	"(ii) whether and how such activities
5	address any of the practice and policy
6	areas in subsection (a)(6); and
7	"(B) subject to paragraph (2), meet the
8	other requirements of subsection (a) unless,
9	with respect to a specific requirement of such
10	subsection, the Secretary determines that it
11	would be inappropriate to apply such require-
12	ment to an Indian tribe, taking into account the
13	resources, needs, and other circumstances of
14	the Indian tribe.
15	"(2) Administrative costs; use of federal
16	FUNDS.—Paragraphs (11) and (13) of subsection
17	(a) shall not apply to a plan submitted by an Indian
18	tribe. The indirect cost rate agreement in effect for
19	an Indian tribe shall apply with respect to adminis-
20	trative costs under the tribe's plan.
21	"(3) Authority for intertribal consor-
22	TIUM.—The participating Indian tribes of an inter-
23	tribal consortium may develop and submit a single
24	plan that meets the applicable requirements of sub-

1 section (a) (as so determined by the Secretary) and 2 paragraph (1) of this subsection. 3 "SEC. 443. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. "(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of pro-4 viding allotments to eligible States and Indian tribes under this subpart and research and training under subsection 6 7 (b)(3), there is appropriated out of any money in the 8 Treasury not otherwise appropriated— 9 "(1) for fiscal year 2001, \$200,000,000; 10 "(2) for fiscal year 2002, \$275,000,000; 11 "(3) for fiscal year 2003, \$375,000,000; 12 "(4) for fiscal year 2004, \$475,000,000; and 13 "(5) for fiscal year 2005, \$575,000,000. 14 "(b) Reservation of Funds.—With respect to a 15 fiscal year: "(1) Territories.—The Secretary shall re-16 17 serve 2 percent of the amount appropriated under 18 subsection (a) for such fiscal year for payments to 19 Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Is-20 lands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana 21 Islands. 22 "(2) Indian tribes.—The Secretary shall re-23 serve not less than 3 nor more than 5 percent of the 24 amount appropriated under subsection (a) for such 25 fiscal year for direct payments to Indian tribes and

Indian tribal organizations for activities intended to increase the capacity of the Indian tribes and tribal organizations to expand treatment, services, and training to assist families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who come to the attention of the child welfare agencies.

"(3) Research and Training.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall reserve 1 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a) for such fiscal year for practice-based research on the effectiveness of various approaches for the screening, assessment, engagement, treatment, retention, and monitoring of families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who come to the attention of the child welfare system, and for training of staff in such areas and shall ensure that a portion of such amount is used for research on the effectiveness of these approaches for Indian children and for the training of staff serving children from the Indian tribes.

"(B) DETERMINATION OF USE OF FUNDS.—Funds reserved under subparagraph (A) may only be used to carry out a research

1 agenda that addresses the areas described in 2 such subparagraph and that is established by the Secretary, together with the Assistant Sec-3 4 retary for the Administration for Children and Families and the Administrator of Substance 6 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administra-7 tion, with input from public and private non-8 profit providers, consumers, representatives of 9 Indian tribes, and advocates, as well as others 10 with expertise in research in such areas.

11 "SEC. 444. PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE STATES AND INDIAN

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- 13 "(a) Amount of Grant.—
- 14 "(1) Eligible states other than terri-15 tories.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of section 443 for a fiscal year, after the reservation of funds required under subsection (b) of that section for the fiscal year and subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the Secretary shall pay to each eligible State (after the Secretary has determined that the State has satisfied the matching requirement under subsection (b)) an amount that bears the same ratio to such amount for

such fiscal year as the number of children under the age of 18 that reside in the eligible State bears to the total number of children under the age of 18 who reside in all such eligible States for such fiscal year.

- "(B) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—In no case shall the amount of a payment to an eligible State for a fiscal year be less than an amount equal to 0.5 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of section 443 for the fiscal year, after the reservation of funds required under subsection (b) of that section.
- "(C) Pro rata reductions.—The Secretary shall make pro rata reductions in the amounts of the allotments determined under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year to the extent necessary to comply with subparagraph (B).
- "(2) Territories.—From the amounts reserved under section 443(b)(1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall pay to each territory described in section 440(5)(B) with an approved plan that meets the requirements of section 442 (after the Secretary has determined that the territory has satisfied the matching requirement under subsection (b)) an amount that bears the same ratio to such amount

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for such fiscal year as the number of children under the age of 18 that reside in the territory bears to the total number of children under the age of 18 who reside in all such territories for such fiscal year.

"(3) Indian tribes or tribal organiza-TIONS.—From the amount reserved under section 443(b)(2) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall pay to each Indian tribe with an approved plan that meets the requirements of section 442(c) (after the Secretary has determined that the Indian tribe has satisfied the matching requirement under subsection (b)) an amount that bears the same ratio to such reserved amount for such fiscal year as the number of children under the age of 18 in the Indian tribe bears to the total number of children under the age of 18 in all Indian tribes with plans so approved for such fiscal year, as determined by the Secretary on the basis of the most current and reliable information available to the Secretary. For purposes of making the allocations required under the preceding sentence, an Indian tribe may submit data and other information that it has on the number of Indian children under the age of 18 for consideration by the Secretary.

"(b) Matching Requirement.—

1	"(1) In general.—In order to receive a grant
2	under this subpart for a fiscal year, an eligible State
3	or Indian tribe shall provide through non-Federal
4	contributions the applicable percentage determined
5	under paragraph (2) for such fiscal year of the costs
6	of conducting activities funded in whole or in part
7	with funds provided under the grant. Such contribu-
8	tions shall be paid jointly by the State agencies, in
9	the case of an eligible State, or by an Indian tribe.
10	"(2) Applicable percentage.—For purposes
11	of paragraph (1), the applicable percentage for an
12	eligible State or Indian tribe for a fiscal year is—
13	"(A) 15 percent, in the case of fiscal years
14	2001 and 2002;
15	"(B) 20 percent, in the case of fiscal years
16	2003 and 2004; and
17	"(C) 25 percent, in the case of fiscal year
18	2005.
19	"(3) Source of Match.—
20	"(A) Eligible states.—The non-Federal
21	contributions required of an eligible State under
22	this subsection may be in cash or in kind, fairly
23	evaluated, including plant, equipment, or serv-
24	ices. The contributions may be made directly or
25	through donations from public or private enti-

1	ties. Amounts provided by the Federal Govern-
2	ment, or services assisted or subsidized to any
3	significant extent by the Federal Government
4	may not be included in determining whether an
5	eligible State has provided the applicable per-
6	centage of such contributions for a fiscal year.
7	"(B) Indian tribes.—With respect to an
8	Indian tribe, such contributions may be made in
9	cash, through donated funds, through non-pub-
10	lie third party in kind contributions, or from
11	Federal funds received under any of the fol-
12	lowing provisions of law:
13	"(i) The Indian Child Welfare Act of
14	1978 (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.).
15	"(ii) The Indian Self-Determination
16	and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
17	450b et seq.).
18	"(iii) Title I of the Housing and Com-
19	munity Development Act of 1974 (42
20	U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).
21	"(4) Waiver.—
22	"(A) ELIGIBLE STATES.—In the case of an
23	eligible State, the Secretary, after consultation
24	with the Assistant Secretary for the Adminis-
25	tration for Children and Families and the Ad-

ministrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Services Administration, may modify the
applicable percentage determined under paragraph (2) for matching funds if the Secretary
determines that economic conditions in the eligible State justify making such modification.

- "(B) Indian tribe, the Secretary may modify the applicable percentage determined under such paragraph if the Secretary determines that it would be inappropriate to apply to the Indian tribe, taking into the resources and needs of the tribe and the amount of funds the tribe would receive under a grant made under this section.
- 15 "(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds provided under a grant 16 made under this subpart may only be used to carry out 17 activities specified in the plan, as approved by the Sec-18 retary.
- "(d) DEADLINE FOR REQUEST FOR PAYMENT.—An eligible State or Indian tribe shall apply to be paid funds under a grant made under this subpart not later than the beginning of the fourth quarter of a fiscal year or such funds shall be reallotted under subsection (f).
- 24 "(e) CARRYOVER OF FUNDS.—Funds paid to an eli-25 gible State or Indian tribe under a grant made under this

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1 subpart for a fiscal year may be expended in that fiscal

2 year or the succeeding fiscal year.

"(f) Reallotment of Funds.—

"(1) ELIGIBLE STATES.—In the case of an eligible State that does not apply for funds allotted to the eligible State under a grant made under this subpart for a fiscal year within the time provided under subsection (d), or that does not expend such funds during the time provided under subsection (e), the funds which the eligible State would have been entitled to for such fiscal year shall be reallotted to 1 or more other eligible States on the basis of each such State's relative need for additional payments, as determined by the Secretary, after consultation with the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

"(2) Indian tribes.—In the case of an Indian tribe that does not expend funds allotted to the tribe during the time provided under subsection (e), the funds to which the Indian tribe would have been entitled to for such fiscal year shall be reallotted to the remaining Indian tribes that are implementing approved plans in amounts that are proportional to the

- percentage of Indian children under the age of 18 in
 each such tribe.
- 3 "SEC. 445. PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY; REPORTS
- 4 AND EVALUATIONS.
- 5 "(a) Performance Measurement.—
- 6 "(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF INDICATORS.—The 7 Secretary, in consultation with the Assistant Sec-8 retary for the Administration for Children and Fam-9 ilies, the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Chief Exec-10 11 utive Officers of a State or Territory, State legisla-12 tors, State and local public officials responsible for 13 administering child welfare and alcohol and drug 14 abuse prevention and treatment programs, court 15 staff, consumers of the services, and advocates for 16 children and parents who come to the attention of 17 the child welfare system, shall, within 12 months of 18 the date of enactment of the Child Protection/Alco-19 hol and Drug Partnership Act of 2000, establish in-20 dicators that will be used to assess periodically the 21 performance of eligible States and Indian tribes in 22 using grant funds provided under this subpart to 23 promote child safety, permanence, and well-being 24 and recovery in families who come to the attention 25 of the child welfare system.

"(2) COORDINATION.—The indicators estab-lished under paragraph (1) shall be based on and co-ordinated with the performance outcomes established for the child welfare system pursuant to section 203(b) of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of and the performance measures developed under subpart II of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (relating to the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant).

- "(3) Purpose.—The indicators will be used to measure periodically the progress made by the State agencies and by child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies serving children in Indian tribes in the activities that such agencies jointly engage in with such grant funds. An eligible State or Indian tribe will be measured against itself, assessing progress over time against a baseline established at the time the grant activities were undertaken.
- "(4) ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES.—The indicators developed should address the range of activities that eligible States and Indian tribes have the option of engaging in with such grant funds. Examples of the types of progress to be measured in the different areas of activity include the following:

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1	"(A) Improving the screening and assess-
2	ment of families who come to the attention of
3	the child welfare system with alcohol and drug
4	problems, so such families can be promptly re-
5	ferred for appropriate treatment when nec-
6	essary.
7	"(B) Increasing the availability of com-
8	prehensive and timely individualized treatment
9	for families with alcohol and drug problems who
10	come to the attention of the child welfare sys-
11	tem.
12	"(C) Increasing the number or proportion
13	of families who, when they come to the atten-
14	tion of the child welfare system with alcohol
15	and drug problems, promptly enter appropriate
16	treatment.
17	"(D) Increasing the engagement and re-
18	tention in treatment of families with alcohol
19	and drug problems who come to the attention
20	of the child welfare system.
21	"(E) Decreasing the number of children
22	who re-enter foster care after being returned to

families who had alcohol or drug problems when

the children entered foster care.

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"(F) Increasing the number or proportion of staff in both the public child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies who have received training on the needs of families that come to the attention of the child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment systems for help, and the help that can be provided to such families.

"(G) Increasing the proportion of parents who complete treatment for alcohol or drug abuse and show improvement in their pre-employment or employment status.

"(5) Determination of progress.—

"(A) Initial Report.—Not later than the end of the first fiscal year in which funds are received under a grant made under this subpart, the State agencies in each eligible State that receives such funds, and the Indian tribes that receive such funds, shall submit to the Secretary a report on the activities carried out during the fiscal year with such funds. The report shall contain such information as the Secretary determines is necessary to provide an accurate description of the activities conducted with such funds and of any changes in the use of such

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funds that are planned for the succeeding fiscal year.

"(B) Use of indicators.—As soon as possible after the establishment of indicators under paragraph (1), the State agencies and Indian tribes shall conduct evaluations, directly or under contract, of their progress with respect to such indicators that are directly related to activities the eligible State or Indian tribe is engaging in with such grant funds and include information on the evaluation in the reports to the Secretary required under subparagraphs (C) and (D). After the third year in which such activities are conducted, an eligible State or Indian tribe shall include in the evaluation at least some indicators that address improvements in treatment for families with alcohol and drug problems who come to the attention of the child welfare system.

"(C) Subsequent reports.—After the initial report is submitted under subparagraph (A), an eligible State or Indian tribe shall submit to the Secretary, not later than June 30 of each fiscal year thereafter in which the State or tribe carries out activities with grant funds pro-

vided under this subpart, a report on the application of the indicators established under paragraph (1) to such activities. The reports shall include an explanation regarding why the specific indicators used were chosen, how such indicators are expected to impact a child's safety, permanence, well-being, and parental recovery, and the results (as of the date of submission of the report) of the evaluation conducted under subparagraph (B).

"(D) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2005, each eligible State and Indian tribe with an approved plan under this part shall submit a final report on the evaluations conducted under subparagraph (B) and the progress made in achieving the goals specified in the plan of the State or Indian tribe.

"(E) Failure to report.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), an eligible State or Indian tribe that fails to submit the reports required under this paragraph or to conduct the evaluation required under subparagraph (B) shall not be eligible to receive grant funds provided under this subpart for the fiscal year

following the fiscal year in which such

State or Indian tribe failed to submit such

report or conduct such evaluation.

"(ii) Corrective action.—An eligible State or Indian tribe to which clause applies may, notwithstanding such clause, receive grant funds under this subpart for a succeeding fiscal year if prior to September 30 of the fiscal year in which such failure occurred, the State agencies of the eligible State, or the Indian tribe, submit to the Secretary a plan to monitor and evaluate in a timely manner the activities conducted with such funds, and such plan is approved in a timely manner by the Secretary, after consultation with the Administration for Children and Families and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

"(b) Secretarial Reports and Evaluations.—

"(1) Annual Reports.—On the basis of reports submitted under subsection (a), the Secretary, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental

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Health Services Administration, shall report annually, beginning on October 1, 2002, to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on the joint activities conducted with funds provided under grants made under this subpart, the indicators that have been established, and the progress that has been made in addressing the needs of families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who come to the attention of the child welfare system and in achieving the goals of child safety, permanence, and family stability.

"(2) EVALUATIONS.—Not later than 6 months after the end of each 5-year funding cycle under this subpart, the Secretary shall submit a report to the committees described in paragraph (1) that summarizes the results of the evaluations conducted by eligible States and Indian tribes under subsection (a)(5)(B), as reported by such States and Indian tribes in accordance with subparagraphs (C) and (D) of subsection (a)(5). The Secretary shall include in the report required under this paragraph recommendations for further legislative or administrative actions that are designed to assist children and

- 1 families with alcohol and drug abuse problems who
- 2 come to the attention of the child welfare system.".

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