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# H. R. 8544

To amend the Public Health Service Act to support the development and implementation of programs using data analysis to identify and facilitate strategies to improve outcomes for children in geographic areas with a high prevalence of trauma from exposure to adverse childhood experiences, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PRESSLEY (for herself and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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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 “Services and Trauma-  
5 informed Research of Outcomes in Neighborhoods Grants

1 for Support for Children Act of 2020” or the “STRONG  
2 Support for Children Act of 2020”.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) childhood trauma is a pervasive public  
6 health issue with long-term negative effects that  
7 costs the United States thousands of lives and bil-  
8 lions of dollars;

9 (2) addressing childhood and adolescent trauma  
10 requires a comprehensive Federal approach that rec-  
11 ognizes its severe impact and prioritizes trauma-in-  
12 formed prevention and treatment that is reparative,  
13 healing-centered, gender-responsive, culturally spe-  
14 cific, and community-based;

15 (3) adults who have suffered from adverse  
16 childhood experiences are at much greater risk of  
17 death, including as the result of heart disease, lung  
18 disease, cancer, substance use disorder, and suicide;

19 (4) childhood and adolescent exposures to ad-  
20 verse childhood experiences are generational and  
21 persistent and can lead to complex trauma and toxic  
22 stress impacting brain development and triggering  
23 epigenetics;

24 (5) any Federal effort to prevent and treat  
25 trauma must acknowledge and address the impact of

1 historic and systemic causal factors, which include,  
2 but are not limited to, the trauma of—

3 (A) historical and ongoing systemic racism,  
4 sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia,  
5 and ableism that have led to generations of vio-  
6 lence and injustice and have robbed commu-  
7 nities of their health, freedom, and peace of  
8 mind;

9 (B) police brutality, racial profiling, and  
10 criminalization, as well as heightened police ac-  
11 tivity and surveillance in some areas with high-  
12 er police-reported crime, whether as a result of  
13 community violence or of racial profiling;

14 (C) poverty and other systemic inequities,  
15 including lack of health care, housing insta-  
16 bility, poor housing conditions, hunger and food  
17 instability and the accompanying malnutrition,  
18 and environmental injustice resulting from gen-  
19 erations of racist policies, historic redlining,  
20 lending discrimination, and workplace discrimi-  
21 nation;

22 (D) gender-based violence, including sexual  
23 harassment and assault and discriminatory  
24 school discipline policies, especially for Black  
25 girls and girls of color;

1           (E) western colonization and systemic di-  
2           vestment in native communities;

3           (F) family separation policies, including  
4           “zero-tolerance” immigration enforcement poli-  
5           cies that have resulted in the deportation or the  
6           threat of deportation for countless immigrant  
7           families and have led to community mistrust  
8           and fear of reporting injustices; and

9           (G) war and military presence, including  
10          the increased militarization of local, State, and  
11          Federal law enforcement agencies; and

12          (6) the COVID–19 global health pandemic has  
13          increased and exacerbated the trauma inflicted on  
14          young people, specifically young people who—

15                (A) live in communities with higher rates  
16                of infection and mortality;

17                (B) have parents who are essential workers  
18                or first responders;

19                (C) have parents who have lost their  
20                sources of income;

21                (D) have witnessed death;

22                (E) have had their education interrupted;

23                (F) are living without access to green  
24                space and space for physical exercise;

1 (G) have become housing insecure and lack  
2 access to nutritious food; and

3 (H) are isolated amidst increased domestic  
4 violence and sexual assault.

5 **SEC. 3. DATA ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION**  
6 **TO PREVENT AND MITIGATE CHILDHOOD**  
7 **TRAUMA.**

8 Title XXXI of the Public Health Service Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 300kk) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 **“SEC. 3102. DATA ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY IMPLEMENTA-**  
12 **TION TO PREVENT AND MITIGATE CHILD-**  
13 **HOOD TRAUMA.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
15 program—

16 “(1) to support the development and implemen-  
17 tation of programs that use data analysis methods  
18 to identify and facilitate strategies for early inter-  
19 vention and prevention, in order to prevent and miti-  
20 gate childhood trauma and support communities and  
21 families, including—

22 “(A) improving connections through care  
23 coordination;

24 “(B) aligning community initiatives in tar-  
25 geted areas of need; and

1                   “(C) expanding community capacity  
2                   through cross-sector collaboration; and

3                   “(2) to evaluate the effectiveness of these pro-  
4                   grams in improving outcomes for children.

5                   “(b) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants to  
6 up to 5 eligible entities to carry out the activities described  
7 in subsection (a).

8                   “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant for activities under  
9 this section shall be used to support the development and  
10 implementation of programs that use data analysis meth-  
11 ods to identify and facilitate strategies for early interven-  
12 tion and prevention, in order to prevent and mitigate  
13 childhood trauma and support communities and families,  
14 including as follows:

15                   “(1) Utilize data analysis methods to—

16                   “(A) identify specific geographic areas,  
17                   such as census tracts, with a high prevalence of  
18                   adverse childhood experiences and significant  
19                   risk factors for poor outcomes for children  
20                   (such as increased risk of experiencing adverse  
21                   childhood experiences), including areas with  
22                   high rates of—

23                   “(i) poor public health outcomes in-  
24                   cluding illness, disease, suicide, and mor-  
25                   tality;

- 1           “(ii) exclusionary discipline practices,  
2           including suspensions, expulsions, and re-  
3           ferrals to law enforcement, as well as low  
4           graduation rates;
- 5           “(iii) substance use disorders;
- 6           “(iv) poverty;
- 7           “(v) foster system involvement or re-  
8           ferrals;
- 9           “(vi) housing instability and homeless-  
10          ness;
- 11          “(vii) food insecurity;
- 12          “(viii) inequity, including disparities  
13          in income, wealth, employment, educational  
14          attainment, health care access, and public  
15          health outcomes, along lines of race, sex,  
16          sexuality and gender identity, ethnicity, or  
17          nationality;
- 18          “(ix) incarceration rates; or
- 19          “(x) other indicators of adversity as  
20          defined by the Secretary; and
- 21          “(B) identify strategies to improve out-  
22          comes for children aged 0 through 17 that build  
23          on strengths in communities that could be fur-  
24          ther supported, including—

1                   “(i) existing support networks for  
2                   families; and

3                   “(ii) enhanced connections to commu-  
4                   nity-based organizations.

5                   “(2) Implement strategies identified pursuant  
6                   to paragraph (1)(B) to facilitate outreach and in-  
7                   volvement of children and their caregivers in Fed-  
8                   eral, State, or local programs that provide repar-  
9                   ative, gender-responsive, culturally specific, and  
10                  trauma-informed prevention services, and for which  
11                  children and their caregivers are eligible, including—

12                   “(A) home visiting programs;

13                   “(B) training and education on parenting  
14                   skills;

15                   “(C) substance use disorder prevention and  
16                   treatment that is voluntary and noncoercive;

17                   “(D) mental health supports and care that  
18                   is voluntary and noncoercive;

19                   “(E) family and intimate partner violence  
20                   prevention services;

21                   “(F) child advocacy center programming;

22                   “(G) economic and nutrition support serv-  
23                   ices;

24                   “(H) housing support services, including  
25                   emergency and temporary shelter for those ex-



1           periencing homelessness and housing insecurity,  
2           as well as stable, long-term housing;

3           “(I) voluntary, noncoercive, gender-respon-  
4           sive, and culturally specific mental health sup-  
5           ports in school and early childhood education  
6           center-based settings;

7           “(J) wraparound programs for  
8           transitioning youth and youth currently in the  
9           foster system;

10          “(K) programming to support the health  
11          and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
12          transgender, and intersex children and their  
13          families; and

14          “(L) family resource center services.

15          “(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

16          “(1) PRIMARY PAYER RESTRICTION.—The Sec-  
17          retary may not award a grant under this section to  
18          an eligible entity for a service if the service to be  
19          provided is available pursuant to the State plan ap-  
20          proved under title XIX of the Social Security Act for  
21          the State in which the program funded by the grant  
22          is being conducted unless the State and all eligible  
23          subdivisions involved—

1           “(A) will enter into agreements with public  
2 or nonprofit private entities under which the  
3 entities will provide the service; and

4           “(B) demonstrate that the State and all el-  
5 igible subdivisions will ensure that the entities  
6 providing the service—

7           “(i) will seek payment for each such  
8 service rendered in accordance with the  
9 usual payment schedule under the State  
10 plan; and

11           “(ii) the entities have entered into a  
12 participation agreement and are qualified  
13 to receive payments under such plan.

14           “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—An eligible entity that  
15 receives a grant under this section may use—

16           “(A) not more than 25 percent of the  
17 amounts made available through the grant for  
18 the first 24 months of the grant period to uti-  
19 lize data analysis methods to—

20           “(i) identify specific geographic areas  
21 where care coordination, prevention and  
22 early intervention, and facilitation services  
23 will be provided; and

24           “(ii) identify support and intervention  
25 services to improve outcomes for children

1 located in a geographic area identified  
2 under subsection (c)(1)(A); and

3 “(B) not more than 10 percent of the  
4 grant in each subsequent year to continue data  
5 analysis activities.

6 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—An eligible entity that  
7 receives a grant under this section may not use more  
8 than 5 percent of amounts received through the  
9 grant for administration, reporting, and program  
10 oversight functions, including the development of  
11 systems to improve data collection and data sharing  
12 for the purposes of improving services and the provi-  
13 sion of care.

14 “(4) PRIORITY.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants  
16 under this section, the Secretary shall give pri-  
17 ority, to the extent practical, to eligible entities  
18 that use community-based system dynamic  
19 modeling as the primary data analysis method.

20 “(B) SYSTEM DYNAMIC MODELING DE-  
21 FINED.—The term ‘system dynamic modeling’  
22 means a method of data analysis and predictive  
23 modeling that includes—

24 “(i) utilization of community-based  
25 participatory research methods for involv-

1 ing community in the process of under-  
2 standing and changing systems and evalu-  
3 ating outcomes of grants;

4 “(ii) consideration of a multitude of  
5 environmental risk factors and ascertain-  
6 ment of the significance of contributing  
7 community risk factors for purposes of  
8 identifying strategies to reduce adverse  
9 child outcomes, including—

10 “(I) maltreatment cases;

11 “(II) involvement with the juve-  
12 nile criminal legal system or foster  
13 system;

14 “(III) exclusionary school dis-  
15 cipline; or

16 “(IV) exposure to violence; and

17 “(iii) identification of cross-sector re-  
18 sponses involving reparative, trauma-in-  
19 formed, culturally specific, gender-respon-  
20 sive, and community-based organizations  
21 to reduce adverse child outcomes.

22 “(5) SUBGRANT.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that  
24 receives a grant under this section shall use at  
25 least 25 percent of the total amount of the

1 grant to make subgrants to organizations that  
2 aide in implementing the strategy identified  
3 under subsection (c)(1)(B) for preventing and  
4 mitigating childhood trauma and supporting  
5 communities and families.

6 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
7 ceive a subgrant under this paragraph, an orga-  
8 nization shall prepare and submit to the eligible  
9 entity an application in such form, and con-  
10 taining such information, as the eligible entity  
11 may require, including evidence that the—

12 “(i) needs of the population to be  
13 served are urgent and are not met by the  
14 services currently available in the geo-  
15 graphic area; and

16 “(ii) the organization has the capacity  
17 to provide the services listed in subsection  
18 (c)(2).

19 “(C) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—  
20 Subgrant funds received pursuant to this para-  
21 graph by an organization shall be used to sup-  
22 plement and not supplant State or local funds  
23 provided to the partnership organization for  
24 services listed in subsection (c)(2).

1       “(e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
2 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit to the  
3 Secretary an application in such form, and containing  
4 such information, as the Secretary may require, to include  
5 the following:

6           “(1) A demonstration that—

7               “(A) the applicant utilizes trauma-in-  
8 formed, culturally specific, and gender-respon-  
9 sive practices, including a demonstration of the  
10 extent to which the applicant has trained staff  
11 in these practices;

12               “(B) the applicant has the capacity to ad-  
13 minister the grant, including conducting all re-  
14 quired data analysis activities; and

15               “(C) services will be provided to children  
16 and families in an accessible, culturally rel-  
17 evant, and linguistically specific manner con-  
18 sistent with local needs.

19           “(2) A preliminary analysis of how the appli-  
20 cant will use the grant to—

21               “(A) identify the geographic area or areas  
22 to be served using data analysis methods;

23               “(B) utilize data analysis methods to iden-  
24 tify strategies to improve outcomes for children  
25 in the geographic area;

1           “(C) facilitate strategies identified through  
2           care coordination efforts; and

3           “(D) track data for evaluation of out-  
4           comes.

5           “(3) A detailed project plan for the use of the  
6           grant that includes anticipated technical assistance  
7           needs.

8           “(4) Additional funding sources, including State  
9           and local funds, supporting the prevention and miti-  
10          gation of adverse childhood experiences.

11          “(f) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant under  
12          this section shall not exceed \$9,500,000.

13          “(g) PERIOD OF A GRANT.—The period of a grant  
14          under this section shall not exceed 7 years.

15          “(h) SERVICE PROVISION WITHOUT REGARD TO  
16          ABILITY TO PAY.—As a condition on receipt of a grant  
17          under this section, an eligible entity shall agree that any  
18          assistance provided to an individual through the grant will  
19          be provided without regard to—

20                 “(1) the ability of the individual to pay for such  
21                 services;

22                 “(2) the current or past health condition of the  
23                 individual to be served;

24                 “(3) the immigration status of the individual to  
25                 be served;

1           “(4) the sexual orientation and gender identity  
2 of the individual to be served; and

3           “(5) any prior involvement of the individual in  
4 the criminal legal system.

5           “(i) PROHIBITIONS.—In addition to any other prohi-  
6 bitions determined by the Secretary, an eligible entity may  
7 not use a grant under this section to—

8           “(1) use data analysis methods to inform indi-  
9 vidual case decisions, including child removal or  
10 placement decisions, or to target services at certain  
11 individuals or families;

12           “(2) require any individual or family to partici-  
13 pate in any service or program as a condition of re-  
14 ceipt of a benefit to which the individual or family  
15 is otherwise eligible;

16           “(3) increase the presence or funding of law en-  
17 forcement surveillance, involvement, or activity in  
18 implementing the strategies identified under sub-  
19 section (c)(1)(B); or

20           “(4) enable the practice of conversion therapy.

21           “(j) EVALUATION.—

22           “(1) DATA MODEL EVALUATION.—Not later  
23 than 36 months after the date of enactment of this  
24 section, the Assistant Secretary for Planning and  
25 Evaluation of the Department of Health and Human



1 Services, in coordination with the grantees receiving  
2 a grant under this section, shall complete an evalua-  
3 tion of the effectiveness of the data model accuracy  
4 of the grant program under this section to address  
5 each of the following:

6 “(A) Determining the effectiveness of the  
7 grantees’ use of data analysis methods to iden-  
8 tify geographic areas pursuant to subsection  
9 (c)(1).

10 “(B) Examining the grantees’ development  
11 and utilization of data analysis methods.

12 “(C) Examining the grantees’ ability to ef-  
13 fectively utilize data analysis methods in future  
14 prevention work.

15 “(D) Establishing a method for rigorously  
16 evaluating the activities of grantees and com-  
17 paring the reduction of child and family expo-  
18 sure to adverse experiences in other commu-  
19 nities with similar demographics.

20 “(E) Examining the grantees’ utilization of  
21 community-based system dynamics modeling  
22 methods and other community engagement  
23 methods.

24 “(2) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—Not later than 6  
25 years after the date of enactment of this section, the

1 Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of  
2 the Department of Health and Human Services, in  
3 coordination with eligible entities receiving grants  
4 under this section, shall complete an evaluation of  
5 the effectiveness of the grant program under this  
6 section.

7 “(3) DATA COLLECTION.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Sec-  
9 retary for Planning and Evaluation of the De-  
10 partment of Health and Human Services and  
11 each eligible entity receiving a grant under this  
12 section shall collect any relevant data necessary  
13 to complete the evaluations required by para-  
14 graphs (1) and (2) to include—

15 “(i) the activities funded by the grant  
16 under this section, including development  
17 and implementation data analysis methods;

18 “(ii) the number of children and of  
19 families receiving coordination and facilita-  
20 tion of care and services; and

21 “(iii) the effect of activities supported  
22 by the grant under this section on the local  
23 area serviced by the program, including  
24 such effects on—

1                   “(I) children and adolescents’  
2 health and well-being;

3                   “(II) the number of children who  
4 enter into or depart from foster serv-  
5 ices; and

6                   “(III) homelessness and housing  
7 insecurity.

8                   “(B) STUDY.—

9                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 7  
10 years after the date of enactment of this  
11 section, the Assistant Secretary for Plan-  
12 ning and Evaluation of the Department of  
13 Health and Human Services shall—

14                   “(I) complete a study on the re-  
15 sults of the grant program under this  
16 section using the community-based  
17 participatory action research method,  
18 which focuses on social, structural,  
19 and physical environmental inequities  
20 through active involvement of commu-  
21 nity members, clients, organizational  
22 representatives, and researchers in all  
23 aspects of the research process; and

24                   “(II) submit a report on the re-  
25 sults of the study to the Congress.

1                   “(ii) PARTNERS.—In conducting the  
2                   study under clause (i), the Assistant Sec-  
3                   retary for Planning and Evaluation of the  
4                   Department of Health and Human Serv-  
5                   ices shall ensure that partners and persons  
6                   that have participated in the grant pro-  
7                   gram under this section on every level, es-  
8                   pecially those such partners or persons re-  
9                   ceiving services and support through the  
10                  program, have an opportunity to contribute  
11                  their expertise to evaluating the strategy  
12                  and outcomes.

13               “(k) REPORT.—Not later than three months after the  
14               completion of the evaluation required by subsection (j)(2),  
15               the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of  
16               the Department of Health and Human Services shall sub-  
17               mit to Congress and make available to the public on the  
18               internet website of the Department of Health and Human  
19               Services a report based upon the evaluation under sub-  
20               section (j)(2), to include—

21                   “(1) the impact of the program under this sec-  
22                   tion on homelessness and housing insecurity, sub-  
23                   stance use disorder and drug deaths, incarceration,  
24                   foster system involvement, and other child and fam-  
25                   ily outcomes as identified by the Assistant Secretary

1 for Planning and Evaluation of the Department of  
2 Health and Human Services;

3 “(2) an analysis of which elements of the pro-  
4 gram should be replicated and scaled by govern-  
5 mental or non-governmental entities; and

6 “(3) such recommendations for legislation and  
7 administrative action as the Secretary determines  
8 appropriate.

9 “(l) DEFINITION.—In this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘adverse childhood experience’  
11 means a potentially traumatic experience that occurs  
12 in childhood and can have a tremendous impact on  
13 the child’s lifelong health and opportunity outcomes,  
14 such as any of the following:

15 “(A) Abuse, such as any of the following:

16 “(i) Emotional and psychological  
17 abuse.

18 “(ii) Physical abuse.

19 “(iii) Sexual abuse.

20 “(B) Household challenges such as any of  
21 the following:

22 “(i) A household member is treated  
23 violently.

24 “(ii) A household member has a sub-  
25 stance use disorder.

1                   “(iii) A household member has a men-  
2                   tal health condition.

3                   “(iv) Parental separation or divorce.

4                   “(v) A household member is incarcerated,  
5                   placed in immigrant detention, or has  
6                   been deported.

7                   “(vi) A household member has a life-  
8                   threatening illness such as COVID–19.

9                   “(C) Neglect.

10                  “(D) Living in—

11                   “(i) impoverished communities that  
12                   lack access to human services;

13                   “(ii) areas of high unemployment  
14                   neighborhoods; or

15                   “(iii) communities experiencing de  
16                   facto segregation.

17                   “(E) Experiencing food insecurity and  
18                   poor nutrition.

19                   “(F) Witnessing violence.

20                   “(G) Involvement with the foster system.

21                   “(H) Experiencing discrimination.

22                   “(I) Dealing with historical and ongoing  
23                   traumas due to systemic and interpersonal rac-  
24                   ism.

1           “(J) Dealing with historical and ongoing  
2 traumas regarding systemic and interpersonal  
3 sexism, homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia.

4           “(K) Dealing with the threat of deporta-  
5 tion or detention as a result of immigration sta-  
6 tus.

7           “(L) The impacts of multigenerational pov-  
8 erty resulting from limited educational and eco-  
9 nomic opportunities.

10           “(M) Living through natural disasters  
11 such as earthquakes, forest fires, floods, or hur-  
12 ricanes.

13           “(2) The term ‘eligible entity’ means a State or  
14 local health department.

15           “(3) The term ‘practice of conversion ther-  
16 apy’—

17           “(A) means any practice or treatment by  
18 any person that seeks to change another indi-  
19 vidual’s sexual orientation or gender identity,  
20 including efforts to change behaviors or gender  
21 expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or  
22 romantic attractions or feelings toward individ-  
23 uals of the same gender, if such person receives  
24 monetary compensation in exchange for any  
25 such practice or treatment; and

1           “(B) does not include any practice or  
2           treatment that does not seek to change sexual  
3           orientation or gender identity and—

4                   “(i) provides assistance to an indi-  
5                   vidual undergoing a gender transition; or

6                   “(ii) provides acceptance, support,  
7                   and understanding of a client or facilita-  
8                   tion of a client’s coping, social support,  
9                   and identity exploration and development.

10          “(m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
11          is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
12          for the period of fiscal years 2020 through 2027—

13               “(1) to carry out subsection (a)(1) through the  
14               award of grants under subsection (b)—

15                   “(A) \$47,500,000 for grants; and

16                   “(B) such sums as may be necessary for  
17               the administrative costs of carrying out such  
18               subsection; and

19               “(2) \$7,500,000 to carry out the evaluation  
20               under subsection (a)(2).”.

21          **SEC. 4. CARE COORDINATION GRANTS.**

22          Part E of title XII of the Public Health Service Act  
23          (42 U.S.C. 300d–51 et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
24          end the following new section:



1 **“SEC. 1255. CARE COORDINATION GRANTS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
3 grants to eligible entities to establish or expand trauma-  
4 informed care coordination services to support—

5 “(1) children aged 0 through 5 at risk of ad-  
6 verse childhood experiences; and

7 “(2) their caregivers, including prenatal people  
8 of any age.

9 “(b) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—Subject to the avail-  
10 ability of appropriations, the Secretary shall award not  
11 fewer than 9 and not more than 40 grants under this sec-  
12 tion.

13 “(c) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—Subject to the avail-  
14 ability of appropriations, the amount of a grant under this  
15 section for a fiscal year shall be—

16 “(1) not less than \$250,000; and

17 “(2) not more than \$1,000,000.

18 “(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive  
19 a grant under this section, an entity shall be a local gov-  
20 ernment or Indian Tribe, acting through the public health  
21 department thereof if such government or Tribe has a  
22 public health department.

23 “(e) PRIORITY.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants under  
25 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligi-  
26 ble entities proposing to serve communities with a

1 high need for trauma-informed care coordination  
2 services, as demonstrated by indicators such as—

3 “(A) pregnant people who face barriers to  
4 prenatal care;

5 “(B) mortality or morbidity of people giv-  
6 ing birth or infants;

7 “(C) caretakers and parents who are living  
8 with a mental health condition or substance use  
9 disorder;

10 “(D) a high prevalence of community vio-  
11 lence, including domestic violence, as dem-  
12 onstrated by instances of homicide and public  
13 health statistics, including treatment of injury  
14 or trauma;

15 “(E) high proportions of low-income chil-  
16 dren;

17 “(F) a high prevalence of child fatalities or  
18 near fatalities related to child abuse and ne-  
19 glect;

20 “(G) significant disparities in health out-  
21 comes for people giving birth and infants;

22 “(H) a high rate of exclusionary discipline  
23 and referrals to law enforcement; and

24 “(I) a high rate of homelessness and hous-  
25 ing instability.

1           “(2) DATA FROM TRIBAL AREAS.—The Sec-  
2           retary, acting through the Director of the Indian  
3           Health Service, shall consult with Indian Tribes to  
4           establish criteria to measure indicators of need, for  
5           purposes of paragraph (1), with respect to Tribal  
6           areas.

7           “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—

8           “(1) REQUIRED USES.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A grant received  
10          under this section shall be used to establish or  
11          expand gender-responsive, culturally specific,  
12          trauma-informed care coordination services, in-  
13          cluding by instituting and conducting risk and  
14          needs assessments including—

15                 “(i) using strengths-based approaches  
16                 focused on protective factors for children  
17                 and their caregivers, including prenatal  
18                 people of any age; and

19                 “(ii) inputting screening results into a  
20                 centralized intake system to promote a sin-  
21                 gle point of access system across providers  
22                 and services.

23           “(B) TRAINING.—A grant received under  
24          this section shall be used to ensure that individ-  
25          uals employed through the grant funds, in

1 whole or in part, have received sufficient and  
2 up-to-date training on trauma-informed care  
3 and strategies that are reparative, culturally  
4 sensitive, gender-responsive, and healing-cen-  
5 tered.

6 “(2) PERMISSIBLE USES.—A grant received  
7 under this section may be used for any of the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(A) Employing care coordinators, case  
10 managers, community health workers, certified  
11 infant mental health specialists, and outreach  
12 and engagement specialists to work with chil-  
13 dren and their caregivers, including prenatal in-  
14 dividuals, to prevent and respond to adverse  
15 childhood experiences by connecting clients with  
16 culturally specific, trauma-informed care treat-  
17 ment services, including economic, social, food,  
18 and housing supports.

19 “(B) Providing training described in para-  
20 graph (1)(B) to community health providers  
21 and community partners.

22 “(C) Expanding, enhancing, modifying,  
23 and connecting the existing network of commu-  
24 nity programs and services to achieve a more

1 comprehensive and coordinated system of care  
2 approach, including—

3 “(i) developing local infrastructure to  
4 bolster and shape community support sys-  
5 tems and map and build access to services  
6 in a coordinated and comprehensive way;  
7 and

8 “(ii) creating infrastructure to con-  
9 duct outreach to children and families, in-  
10 cluding those experiencing homelessness  
11 and housing instability, so they acquire ac-  
12 cess to the services and supports they need  
13 and the benefits to which they are entitled.

14 “(D) Compiling information on resources  
15 (including any referral services) available  
16 through community-based organizations and  
17 local, State, and Federal agencies, such as—

18 “(i) programs addressing social deter-  
19 minants of health, including—

20 “(I) emergency, temporary, and  
21 long-term housing;

22 “(II) programs that offer free or  
23 affordable and nutritious food;

24 “(III) vocational and workforce  
25 development; and

- 1                   “(IV) transportation supports;
- 2                   “(ii) home visiting programs for new
- 3 parents and their infants;
- 4                   “(iii) workforce development programs
- 5 to support caregivers in skill building;
- 6                   “(iv) trauma-responsive, parenting
- 7 skills-building programs;
- 8                   “(v) the continuum of substance use
- 9 prevention, intervention, and treatment
- 10 programs and mental health support pro-
- 11 grams, including programs with trauma-in-
- 12 formed, gender-responsive, and culturally
- 13 specific counseling; and
- 14                   “(vi) childcare support and early
- 15 childhood education, including Head Start
- 16 and Early Head Start programs.
- 17                   “(E) Subject to subsection (g)(2), estab-
- 18 lishing or updating a database that compiles
- 19 data used to track the effectiveness of the care
- 20 coordination services funded through the grant.
- 21                   “(F) Developing and implementing referral
- 22 partnership agreements with community-based
- 23 organizations, parent organizations, substance
- 24 use disorder treatment providers and facilities,
- 25 housing and shelter providers, health care pro-

1           viders, mental health care providers, and Fed-  
2           eral and State offices and programs that imple-  
3           ment practices to support children ages 0  
4           through 5 who are at risk of adverse childhood  
5           experiences and their caregivers, including pre-  
6           natal people. Such practices shall include—

7                   “(i) a bilateral ‘warm handoff’ system  
8                   whereby a grantee understands the needs  
9                   of the children and their families, and fam-  
10                  ilies are involved in addressing these needs;  
11                  and

12                  “(ii) an active service connection  
13                  whereby the children and families are each  
14                  actively connected with a resource in a  
15                  well-coordinated way that ensures avail-  
16                  ability and direct contact.

17           “(G) Supporting cross-system planning  
18           and collaboration among employees who may  
19           work in emergency medical services, health care  
20           services, public health, early childhood edu-  
21           cation, and substance use disorder treatment  
22           and recovery support.

23           “(H) Providing or subsidizing services to  
24           address barriers that children, prenatal individ-  
25           uals, and caregivers face to utilizing community

1 resources and services, such as by providing or  
2 subsidizing transportation or childcare costs as  
3 applicable and within reasonable amounts.

4 “(I) Creating or expanding infrastructure  
5 and investing in technology, including the provi-  
6 sion of communications technology and internet  
7 service to children and their caregivers, to en-  
8 able increased telemedicine capabilities to reach  
9 participants.

10 “(3) INDIAN TRIBES.—In the case of an eligible  
11 entity that is an Indian tribe, the Secretary may  
12 waive such provisions of this subsection as the Sec-  
13 retary determines appropriate.

14 “(4) PROHIBITIONS.—In addition to any other  
15 prohibitions determined by the Secretary, an eligible  
16 entity may not use a grant under this section to—

17 “(A) use data analysis methods to inform  
18 individual case decisions, including child re-  
19 moval or placement decisions, or to target serv-  
20 ices at certain individuals or families;

21 “(B) require any individual or family to  
22 participate in any service or program as a con-  
23 dition of receipt of a benefit to which the indi-  
24 vidual or family is otherwise eligible; or



1           “(C) increase the presence or funding of  
2 law enforcement surveillance, involvement, or  
3 activity in connection with trauma-informed  
4 care coordination services supported pursuant  
5 to this section.

6           “(g) REQUIREMENTS.—As a condition on receipt of  
7 a grant under this section, an eligible entity shall agree  
8 to each of the following funding conditions:

9           “(1) RESTRICTION OF FUNDING ALLOCATION.—  
10       The eligible entity will not use more than 30 percent  
11 of the funds made available to the entity through the  
12 grant (for the total grant period) to establish or up-  
13 date a database pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(E).

14           “(2) ACCESSIBLE SETTING.—

15           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The eligible entity will  
16 ensure that all care coordination services pro-  
17 vided through the grant are provided in a set-  
18 ting that is accessible, including through mobile  
19 settings, to—

20           “(i) low-income or no-income individ-  
21 uals, including individuals experiencing  
22 homelessness or housing instability; and

23           “(ii) individuals in rural areas.

24           “(B) COMMUNITY OUTREACH.—In com-  
25 plying with subparagraph (A), the eligible entity

1 will ensure that at least 50 percent of the care  
2 coordination services provided through the  
3 grant occur in community settings that are con-  
4 venient to the children and caregivers who are  
5 being served, such as homes, schools, and shel-  
6 ters, whether for initial outreach or as part of  
7 long-term care.

8 “(3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—The grant  
9 will be used to supplement not supplant other Fed-  
10 eral, State, or local funds available for care coordi-  
11 nation services.

12 “(4) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The eligible entity  
13 will maintain the confidentiality of individuals receiv-  
14 ing services through the grant in a manner con-  
15 sistent with applicable law.

16 “(5) PARTNERING; RISK STRATIFICATION.—In  
17 providing care coordination services through the  
18 grant, the eligible entity will—

19 “(A) partner with community-based orga-  
20 nizations with experience serving child popu-  
21 lations prenatally through age 5;

22 “(B) coordinate with the local agency re-  
23 sponsible for administering the State plan ap-  
24 proved under title XIX of the Social Security  
25 Act; and

1           “(C) employ risk stratification to develop  
2           different effective models of care for different  
3           populations based on their needs.

4           “(h) APPLICATION.—

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—To seek a grant under this  
6           section, an eligible entity shall submit an application  
7           to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
8           containing such information, as the Secretary may  
9           require.

10           “(2) CONTENTS.—An application under para-  
11           graph (1) shall, at a minimum, contain each of the  
12           following:

13           “(A) Goals to be achieved through the  
14           grant, including the activities that will be un-  
15           dertaken to achieve those goals.

16           “(B) The number of individuals likely to  
17           be served through the grant, including demo-  
18           graphic data on the populations to be served.

19           “(C) Existing programs and services that  
20           can be used to significantly increase the propor-  
21           tion of children and families who receive needed  
22           supports and services.

23           “(D) A plan for expanding, coordinating,  
24           or modifying the existing network of programs  
25           and services to meet the needs of children and

1 families for preventing and mitigating the trau-  
2 matic impact of adverse childhood experiences.

3 “(E) A demonstration of the ability of the  
4 eligible entity to reach the individuals to be  
5 served, including by partnering with local stake-  
6 holders.

7 “(F) An indication of how the personnel  
8 involved are reflective of the communities to be  
9 served.

10 “(G) A list of stakeholders with whom the  
11 entity plans to partner or consult.

12 “(i) REPORTING BY GRANTEES.—Not later than 4  
13 years after the date of enactment of this section, an eligi-  
14 ble entity receiving a grant under this section shall submit  
15 to the Secretary a report on the activities funded through  
16 the grant. Such report shall include, at a minimum, a de-  
17 scription of—

18 “(1) the number of individuals served through  
19 activities funded through the grant, including demo-  
20 graphics as applicable;

21 “(2) the number of referrals made through the  
22 grant and the rate of such referrals successfully  
23 linked or closed;

1           “(3) a qualitative analysis or number of collabo-  
2           rative partnerships with other organizations in car-  
3           rying out the activities funded through the grant;

4           “(4) the number of services provided to individ-  
5           uals through the grant;

6           “(5) aggregated and de-identified outcomes ex-  
7           perienced by individuals served through the grant  
8           such as—

9                   “(A) the rate of successful service connec-  
10                  tions;

11                  “(B) any increases in development of pro-  
12                  tective factors for children;

13                  “(C) any increase in development of pro-  
14                  tective factors for the caregivers;

15                  “(D) any mitigation of the negative out-  
16                  comes associated with adverse childhood experi-  
17                  ences or decreased likelihood of children experi-  
18                  encing an adverse childhood experience as evi-  
19                  denced by—

20                          “(i) decreased presence of law en-  
21                          forcement or other punitive State surveil-  
22                          lance in the community;

23                          “(ii) a parent completing substance  
24                          use treatment;

1                   “(iii) a parent receiving voluntary  
2                   treatment for mental health-related condi-  
3                   tions;

4                   “(iv) a family entering into or main-  
5                   taining a stable housing situation;

6                   “(v) a family achieving or maintaining  
7                   economic security;

8                   “(vi) a parent achieving or maintain-  
9                   ing job stability; or

10                  “(vii) a child meeting developmental  
11                  markers for school readiness; and

12                  “(E) reports of satisfaction with the co-  
13                  ordination of care by people served; and

14                  “(6) any other information required by the Sec-  
15                  retary.

16                  “(j) CONVENING PARTICIPANTS FOR SHARING LES-  
17                  SONS LEARNED.—After the period of all grants awarded  
18                  under this section has concluded, the Assistant Secretary  
19                  for Planning and Evaluation of the Department of Health  
20                  and Human Services shall provide an in-person or online  
21                  opportunity for persons participating in the programs  
22                  funded through this section to share with each other—

23                         “(1) lessons learned;

24                         “(2) challenges experienced; and

25                         “(3) ideas for next steps and solutions.

1       “(k) COMPILING FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS.—  
2 After providing the opportunity required by subsection (j),  
3 the Secretary shall—

4           “(1) compile the findings and conclusions of  
5 grantees under this section on the provision of care  
6 coordination services described in subsection (a);

7           “(2) submit a report on such findings and con-  
8 clusions to the appropriate congressional commit-  
9 tees; and

10          “(3) make such report publicly available.

11       “(l) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           “(1) ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE.—The  
13 term ‘adverse childhood experience’ means a poten-  
14 tially traumatic experience that occurs in childhood  
15 and can have a tremendous impact on the child’s  
16 lifelong health and opportunity outcomes, such as  
17 any of the following:

18           “(A) Abuse, such as any of the following:

19           “(i) Emotional and psychological  
20 abuse.

21           “(ii) Physical abuse.

22           “(iii) Sexual abuse.

23           “(B) Household challenges such as any of  
24 the following:

1           “(i) A household member is treated  
2 violently.

3           “(ii) A household member has a sub-  
4 stance use disorder.

5           “(iii) A household member has a men-  
6 tal health condition.

7           “(iv) Parental separation or divorce.

8           “(v) A household member is incarcer-  
9 ated, placed in immigrant detention, or has  
10 been deported.

11           “(vi) A household member has a life-  
12 threatening illness such as COVID-19.

13           “(C) Neglect.

14           “(D) Living in—

15           “(i) impoverished communities that  
16 lack access to human services;

17           “(ii) areas of high unemployment  
18 neighborhoods; or

19           “(iii) communities experiencing de  
20 facto segregation.

21           “(E) Experiencing food insecurity and  
22 poor nutrition.

23           “(F) Witnessing violence.

24           “(G) Involvement with the foster system.

25           “(H) Experiencing discrimination.



1           “(I) Dealing with historical and ongoing  
2 traumas due to systemic and interpersonal rac-  
3 ism.

4           “(J) Dealing with historical and ongoing  
5 traumas regarding systemic and interpersonal  
6 sexism, homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia.

7           “(K) Dealing with the threat of deporta-  
8 tion or detention as a result of immigration sta-  
9 tus.

10          “(L) The impacts of multigenerational pov-  
11 erty resulting from limited educational and eco-  
12 nomic opportunities.

13          “(M) Living through natural disasters  
14 such as earthquakes, forest fires, floods, or hur-  
15 ricanes.

16          “(2) CARE COORDINATION.—The term ‘care co-  
17 ordination’ means an active, ongoing process that—

18           “(A) assists children ages 0 through 5 at  
19 risk of, or who have experienced, an adverse  
20 childhood experience, and their caregivers, in-  
21 cluding prenatal people of any age, to identify,  
22 access, and use community resources and serv-  
23 ices;

24           “(B) is client-centered and comprehensive  
25 of the services a child or caregiver may need;

1           “(C) ensures a closed loop referral by ob-  
2           taining feedback from the families served; and

3           “(D) works across systems and services to  
4           promote collaboration to effectively meet the  
5           needs of community members.

6           “(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
7           has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the  
8           Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
9           Act.

10          “(4) PROTECTIVE FACTORS.—The term ‘protec-  
11          tive factors’ refers to any supportive element in a  
12          child or caretaker’s life that helps the child or care-  
13          taker to withstand trauma such as a stable school  
14          environment or supportive peer relationships.

15          “(m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16          “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,  
17          there is authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000  
18          for each of the 5 fiscal years following the fiscal year  
19          in which this section is enacted.

20          “(2) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.—Of the  
21          amount made available to carry out this section for  
22          a fiscal year, the Secretary shall use not less than  
23          10 percent of such amount for grants to eligible en-  
24          tities that are Indian tribes.

1           “(3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the  
2 amount made available to carry out this section for  
3 a fiscal year, the Secretary may use not more than  
4 15 percent of such amount for administrative ex-  
5 penses, including the expenses of the Assistant Sec-  
6 retary for Planning and Evaluation of the Depart-  
7 ment of Health and Human Services for compiling  
8 and reporting information.

9           “(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Of the amount  
10 made available to carry out this section for a fiscal  
11 year, the Secretary may reserve up to 5 percent of  
12 such amount to provide technical assistance to eligi-  
13 ble entities in preparing and submitting applications  
14 under this section.”.

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