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**A Message from Michael O. Leavitt
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**



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The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) touches the lives of families in need. By fostering partnerships with individuals, communities, faith-based organizations and other service providers, ACF works day in and day out to find solutions to the problems that affect children and families around the country.

The *Directory of Program Services* is an effort to summarize all of the initiatives, programs and opportunities available to Americans requiring temporary assistance to help them achieve self-sufficiency and improve their well-being.

Through compassionate outreach, President George W. Bush has made a difference in the well-being of so many of our fellow citizens. On behalf of the Administration, I am pleased to offer you this guide that lists services aimed at improving the lives of children, families and communities across America.



**A Message from Wade F. Horn, Ph.D.,
Assistant Secretary for Children and Families**

Welcome to the Administration for Children and Families' *Directory of Program Services*.

This directory is an introduction to the broad range of services offered through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), which may be available to you, your families and communities.

Through its Federal leadership, ACF administers services that empower families and individuals to increase their own economic independence and productivity.



This directory lists ACF services in alphabetical order for your convenience. Each program service comes with a brief description of purpose, eligibility requirements, funding information and, most importantly, details of where you can obtain more information.

I hope this directory will help strengthen our goal of providing services that promote strong, healthy and supportive communities and have a positive effect on the quality of life and the development of children and families.

Sincerely,

Wade F. Horn, Ph.D.
Assistant Secretary for Children and Families
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



OVERVIEW of ACF

ACF partners with State and local governments, for-profit and non-profit organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, American Indian Tribes and Native American communities to design, administer and promote programs that strengthen children, families and communities. ACF also has a strong commitment to supporting initiatives and programs that address the needs, strengths and abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities, refugees and underserved populations.

ACF does not deliver services directly to the customer or end user but rather awards grants to State and local governments, for-profit and non-profit organizations, faith- and community-based organizations and American Indian Tribes and Native American communities who have responsibility for direct delivery of services. Although the directory is targeted to organizations in general, individuals are encouraged to use the ACF contacts listed, particularly the regional offices, for a referral to the appropriate State and/or local agency or community-based organization.

ACF is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and has 10 regional offices located throughout the country to support its activities. Beginning on page 36 of this directory is a list of ACF's regional office locations and contact information for your convenience. In addition, you may also contact the ACF website for further information at www.acf.hhs.gov/.

For answers to additional questions, please go to the question and answer support page at http://faq.acf.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/acfrightnow.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php.

ACF Funding: Mandatory and Discretionary Grants

ACF awards mandatory (or formula, block or entitlement grants), as well as discretionary grants. Federal agencies are required by statute to award mandatory grants to States, the District of Columbia and Federally recognized Tribes and territories.

Discretionary grants permit the Federal Government to exercise judgment or "discretion" in selecting the applicant/recipient organization through a competitive grant process. The States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Federally recognized Tribes and Territories and public and private non-profit organizations may apply in accordance with the requirements in the program announcements.

Native American entities that may apply for discretionary grants include Federally recognized Tribes, non-Federally recognized Tribes, State-recognized Tribes, Alaskan Native Villages, Tribal consortia, urban/off-reservation Indian organizations and Native American non-profit organizations.



Abandoned Infants Assistance

The Abandoned Infants Assistance program provides grants to help identify ways to prevent the abandonment of children in hospitals and to identify and address the needs of infants and young children, particularly those with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and prenatal drug or alcohol exposure.

Public and private non-profit agencies are eligible to apply for these discretionary grants.

Contact Information:

Children's Bureau

Administration on Children,
Youth and Families

Portals Building

1250 Maryland Ave., S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20024

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Fax: 202-205-9721

Website:

[www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/
cb/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/)

Keywords:

abandoned children;

abandoned infants;

child neglect;

border babies;

child placement.





Adoption Opportunities

The Adoption Opportunities program eliminates barriers to adoption and helps to find permanent homes for children who would benefit by adoption, particularly those with special needs.

Public and private non-profit agencies are eligible to apply for these discretionary grants.

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Children's Bureau

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Dr. Horn presents Diane Granito, founder of the Heart Gallery exhibit, with a 2005 Adoption Excellence Award.

Keywords:

adoption;

child placement.



Assets for Independence Demonstration Program; Individual Development Accounts

Assets for Independence (AFI) is a Federal grant program that explores ways to help low-income people become economically self-sufficient.

AFI provides grants of up to \$1,000,000 to local and State AFI projects that provide financial education to clients and assist them with saving money in Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) for the goal of acquiring one of three long-term assets: a first home, post-secondary education, or small business capital.

Eligible applicants for competitive five-year demonstration grants are non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations; State and local government agencies and Tribal governments applying jointly with 501(c)(3) organizations; low-income credit unions; and community development financial institutions.

Contact Information:

Office of Community Services

Demonstration and Special Projects Division
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
5th Floor West
Washington, D.C. 20447
Telephone: 202-401-4626
Fax: 202-401-5718

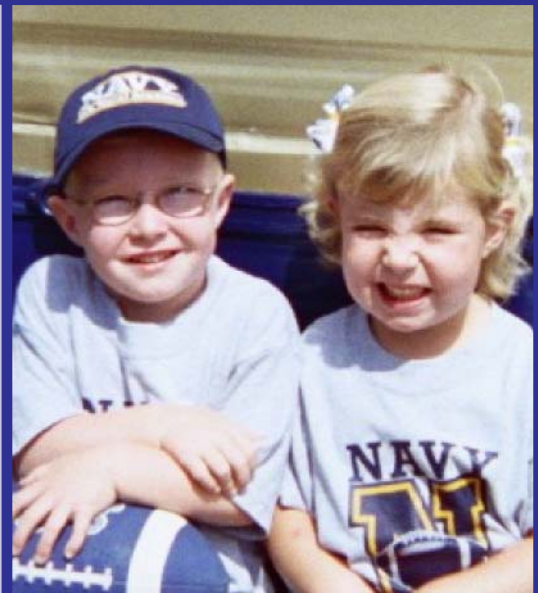
Email:

AFIProgram@acf.hhs.gov

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov/assetbuilding/

Keywords:

savings; investment;
asset accumulation;
financial literacy training;
post secondary education;
home ownership;
business capitalization;
self-sufficiency.





Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Child abuse and neglect prevention services are funded through the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). ACF provides funds and technical assistance to assist States in meeting their responsibilities for prevention and intervention in cases of child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse and neglect prevention grants include:

- Community-based family resource and support grants, which provide funds to statewide networks of local child abuse and neglect prevention and family resource programs; and
- CAPTA State grants, which provide assistance for developing, strengthening and implementing child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment programs.

ACF's Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention programs also include research and demonstration projects, which support research on the causes, prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect to identify the best means of preventing maltreatment and treating troubled families.

Federal funding is awarded to States, Territories and Federally recognized Indian Tribes as well as community-based organizations.

Contact Information:

Children's Bureau
Administration on
Children, Youth and
Families
Portals Building
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programs/cb/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/)



Keywords:

child abuse;
child neglect;
family resources.

Proceeds from this Stop Family Violence postal stamp, which remains on sale through Dec. 31, 2006, support services that help victims of domestic violence.



The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) supports low-income working families through child care financial assistance and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and afterschool programs. A portion of the funds is used for activities that improve the quality of care and promote early learning.

Subsidized child care services are available to eligible families through vouchers or contracts with providers. Parents may select any legally operating child care provider that accepts subsidies—including a child care center, family child care home, relative, friend or neighbor. States use quality enhancement dollars for resource and referral services, provider training and technical assistance, grants and loans to providers for specific improvements, monitoring of compliance with regulatory requirements and other activities.

Federal funding is awarded to States, Territories, Puerto Rico and Federally recognized Indian Tribes. These governments, in turn, distribute subsidy funds to eligible families and providers. Within basic Federal parameters, States have flexibility to define income eligibility and establish other key aspects of program design. Quality enhancement activities are frequently implemented through child care resource and referral agencies, institutions of higher education, and other partners.

Contact Information:

Child Care Bureau

Administration on Children,
Youth and Families

Portals Building

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Washington, D.C. 20024

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programs/ccb](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb)

Keywords:

child care;
family resources;
child and youth development;
employment;
self-sufficiency.





Child Support Enforcement Program

The Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program is a Federal/State/Tribal and local partnership to promote family self-sufficiency and child well-being. States and some Tribes run child support programs to locate noncustodial parents, establish paternity when necessary, establish orders for child support, collect payments and take enforcement action when needed. Child support agencies work across State and Tribal boundaries and can also work internationally. The program is designed to ensure that parents provide financial, medical and emotional support for their children.

The Federal government pays the major part of States' operating costs. In addition, discretionary funding is available for projects designed to improve the effectiveness of child support enforcement services for children and families.

For example, Special Improvement Project (SIP) grants are available, and State CSE agencies and community- and faith-based organizations, among others, are eligible to apply. Recent funding opportunities have been for improving customer service, enhancing child support education services, including parenting and job-skills education for noncustodial parents, improving health care for children in child support cases and improving judicial and administrative processes that lead to establishment and enforcement of fair child support orders. In addition, State agencies are eligible to apply for special grant funds to improve overall program performance and States receive grants for programs that increase noncustodial parents' involvement in their children's lives.

People who need the services of the child support program work with State/local or Tribal child support agencies that operate the program on a day-to-day basis. Families receiving assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program receive services automatically. Non-TANF families can apply for CSE services. Under certain circumstances, noncustodial parents can use the program to locate a parent to enforce or establish a custody or visitation order.

Contact Information

Office of Child Support Enforcement

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Washington, D.C. 20447

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Website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/index.html

Keywords:

child support;

paternity establishment;

family and child well-being.





Child Welfare Services assist State public welfare agencies in keeping families together. Services are available to children and their families without regard to income and include preventive intervention aimed at keeping children within the home; services to develop alternative placements, such as foster care or adoption, if children cannot remain at home; and reunification services so children can return home if possible.

The Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program prevents the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improves the quality of care and services to children and their families and ensures permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents through adoption or another permanent living arrangement.

Funding is provided by formula grants. States and Federally recognized Tribes that have jointly developed with the State a child and family services plan that is approved by ACF and is in effect are eligible to apply.

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Administration on Children,
Youth and Families

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Website:

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cb/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/)

Keywords:

child welfare;

child advocacy;

child placement;

child support;

foster care;

family resources;

adoption.





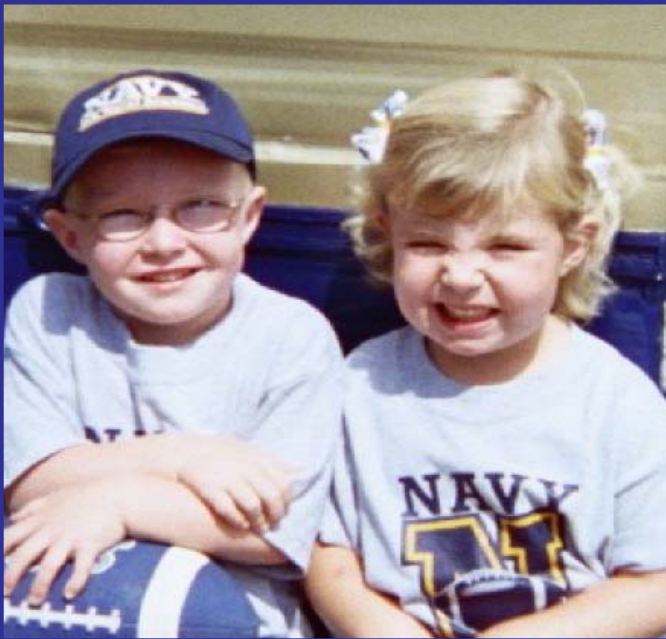
Community-Based Abstinence Education

The Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) program provides support to public and private entities for the development and implementation of abstinence education programs for adolescents, ages 12 through 18, in communities across the country.

This funding opportunity targets the implementation of community-based abstinence educational programs designed to: a) reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse; b) reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and c) reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

Curricula developed or selected for implementation in the Community-Based Abstinence Education grant program must be responsive to the eight elements of the Section 510 Abstinence Education definition and may not be inconsistent with any aspect of this definition. Curricula must emphasize the importance of abstaining from sexual activity, included but not limited to sexual intercourse before marriage, and that the healthiest life outcomes are obtained if an individual abstains from sexual activity before marriage.

Those eligible to apply for funding under this grant competition include faith-based and community organizations, State or local governments, independent school districts, hospitals and clinics, State controlled institutions of higher education, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized Tribal governments), non-profits having 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (other than institutions of higher education) and for-profit organizations.



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programs/fysb/index.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/index.html)

Keywords:

abstinence; youth development;
marriage education.



Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program

The Community Economic Development program increases the access of low-income individuals to employment and business development opportunities and improves the integration, coordination and continuity of the various HHS-funded services potentially available to families living in poverty. The program addresses the economic needs of low-income individuals and families by creating employment and business development opportunities.

Funds may be used for technical and financial support for economic development activities.

The Office of Community Services (OCS) provides discretionary grants to Community Development Corporations (CDCs), including Native American, faith-based and community-based organizations experienced in implementing economic development projects.

Keywords:

economic development;
Community Development Corporation (CDC);
community development;
business development.

Contact Information

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Programs
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Washington, D.C. 20447
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www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/





Community Services Block Grant Program

Contact Information:

Office of Community Services

Division of State Assistance
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
5th Floor West
Washington, D.C. 20447
Telephone: 202-401-9343
Fax: 202-401-5718
Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov/
programs/ocs/csbg/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/)

Grantees of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program work to ameliorate the causes of poverty by assisting low-income individuals with employment, education and adequate housing. Grantees assist them to make better use of their income, solve problems that are blocking the achievement of self-sufficiency and obtain emergency health services, food, housing and employment-related assistance.

This is a mandatory formula grant for which States, territories, Native American Tribes and Tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

Keywords:

employment;
education;
housing;
social services;
community services;
self-sufficiency.





Compassion Capital Fund

The primary purpose of the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) program is to help faith-based and community organizations increase their effectiveness, enhance their ability to provide social services to serve those most in need, expand their organizations, diversify their funding sources and create collaborations to better serve those in need. The CCF program administers two grant programs: the demonstration program, which funds intermediary organizations, and the targeted capacity-building program, which funds faith-based and community organizations directly.

Under the demonstration program, CCF funds grants to intermediary organizations that provide training, technical assistance and financial support to faith-based and community organizations. These grants help improve how faith-based and community organizations function in the following areas: leadership development, organizational development, programs and services, funding and community engagement. Intermediary organizations provide training and technical assistance to faith-based and community organizations and financial support through sub-awards.

Under the targeted capacity-building program, CCF funds faith-based and community organizations directly for one year. Grantees use these funds to build their capacity to deliver services to at-risk youth, the homeless and those living in rural communities, or to provide marriage education.

Demonstration program grants are available to:

- State, county, city, township or special district governments;
- State controlled and private institutions of higher education;
- Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized);
- Non-profit organizations;
- For-profit organizations;
- Small businesses;
- Faith-based and community organizations.

Targeted capacity building program grants are available to:

- Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized);
- Non-profit organizations;
- Faith-based and community organizations.

Keywords:

Faith-Based and
Community Initiative;
capacity-building.

Contact Information:

Office of Community Services

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(CCF National Resource Center)

Fax: 202-401-4694

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf



Developmental Disabilities

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) assures that Individuals With Developmental Disabilities (IWDD) and their families participate in the design of and have access to community services, supports, and other forms of assistance that promote independence, productivity and inclusion in all facets of community life.

In order to meet these goals and help IWDD reach their maximum potential, ADD manages the following State-based grant programs:

- State councils on developmental disabilities promote public policy and support IWDD through programs that give them control over their lives;
- Protection and Advocacy Agencies protect the rights of IWDD through information dissemination, legal services and investigations of abuse and neglect;
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service serve and train professionals, conduct research, assist IWDD and their families and sponsor community initiatives; and
- Projects of National Significance are short-term projects that address the most pressing issues affecting IWDD.

ADD's grantees improve the quality of life for IWDD by working in many areas including quality assurance, education and early intervention, child care, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation and formal and informal community supports.

Additionally, ADD is responsible for the disability grant programs established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).

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**Administration on
Developmental Disabilities**
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20201
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programs/add/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/add/)



Keywords:

disabilities;
developmental disabilities;
special needs;
self-sufficiency.



Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants

The Family Violence Prevention and Services program funds the national domestic violence hotline and the domestic violence resource center network with discretionary grant money. It also funds a range of discretionary programs each year for the following purposes:

- Preventing family violence;
- Protecting victims and their dependents;
- Improving the design, delivery and coordination of services to address family violence;
- Gathering information on the incidences of family violence; and
- Increasing knowledge and understanding of issues through research, demonstration and evaluation projects.

Discretionary grant program priority areas vary from year to year. Priority areas include:

- Specialized outreach demonstration projects for services to underserved and diverse populations;
- Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence; and
- Minority training grant stipends in domestic violence for historically black, Hispanic-serving and Tribal colleges and universities.

These are competitive discretionary grants for which non-profit organizations may apply.

Contact Information:

Family and Youth Services Bureau
Administration on Children, Youth and
Families
Portals Building
1250 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024
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Fax: 202-260-9333
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programs/fysb/index.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/index.html)

Keywords:

violence;
family violence;
violence prevention;
emergency counseling;
discretionary grants for
family violence prevention.



Family Violence Prevention and Services Formula Grants

State agencies, Native American Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages receive formula grant funds to operate battered women's shelters that provide emergency shelter, crisis counseling, information and referral, legal and service advocacy, transportation, emergency child care and referrals for health care. In addition, formula grants go to States for the maintenance of State domestic violence coalitions, which are membership organizations representing the majority of domestic violence shelters in each State.

Funds to State agencies, Native American Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages are used for the provision of shelter to victims of family violence and their dependents and for related services. They also allow States and Tribes to expand current service programs and establish additional services in rural and underserved areas, on Native American reservations and in Alaskan Native Villages.

Coalition funds may be used for technical assistance and training to local domestic violence programs and support the implementation of collaborative activities with public agencies and other service providers within their States.

States, Territories, Native American Tribes, Alaskan Native Villages and non-profit State domestic violence coalitions are eligible to apply for the formula grants.

Keywords:

violence;

family violence;

violence prevention;

emergency counseling.

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www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/index



Foster Care/Adoption Assistance/Independent Living

The Foster Care program provides funds to States for children who need placement outside their homes in a foster family home or in an institution. It assists States with the costs of foster care maintenance for eligible children, administrative costs to manage the program and training for staff, foster parents and private agency staff.

The Adoption Assistance program facilitates the placement of special needs children in permanent adoptive homes in lieu of long, inappropriate stays in foster care. It provides funds to States to assist in paying maintenance costs for adopted children with special needs (e.g., children who are older or handicapped).

The Independent Living program provides services to foster children who are 16 years or older to assist them in making the transition to independent living. These services include assistance to earn a high school diploma or receive vocational training; training in daily living skills such as budgeting, locating housing, career planning and job finding; or help in making the transition to independent living.

These are formula grants and entities eligible to apply include the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov/
programs/cb/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/)

Keywords:

adoption;
child placement;
community services;
foster care;
independent living;
family resources.





Contact Information:

Head Start Bureau

Administration on Children,
Youth and Families

Portals Building

1250 Maryland Ave., S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20024

Telephone: 202-205-8572

Fax: 202-401-5916

Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov/
programs/hsb/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/)

Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for America's low-income, preschool children age three to five and their families. Head Start provides diverse services consistent with its goals for success in education, health, parent involvement and social services. Head Start also includes the American Indian Head Start and Migrant Head Start programs and Early Head Start, which expands the benefits of early childhood development to low-income families with children under age three and to pregnant women.

Grants to conduct Head Start programs are awarded to local public or private, non-profit or for-profit agencies.

Keywords:

childcare;

child development;

child health services;

social services;

family resources.





Healthy Marriage Initiative

The Healthy Marriage Initiative (HMI) helps couples who have chosen marriage for themselves gain greater access to marriage education services, on a voluntary basis, where they can acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage. Research demonstrates the strong correlation between family structure and a family's social and economic well-being. Congress recognized the fact that two-parent, married families represent the ideal environment for raising children and incorporated marriage, as well as family formation and fatherhood, as key components in welfare reform legislation in 1996.

The HMI also includes targeted strategies, such as the African American Healthy Marriage Initiative, the Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative and the Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative, to address the unique cultural, linguistic, demographic and socio-economic needs of children and families in Hispanic, Native American and African American communities.

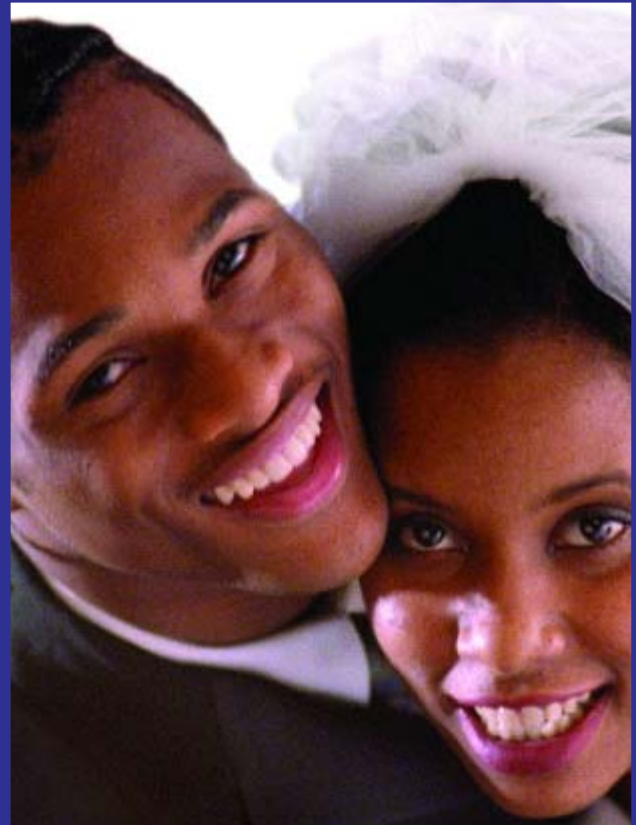
Funding opportunities under the HMI are made in conjunction with other ACF programs. Those eligible to apply for funding include, but are not limited to, faith-based and community organizations, State or local governments, independent school districts, Native American Tribal organizations, non-profits having 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service and for-profit organizations.

Contact Information:

Office of Marriage Education
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20447
Telephone: 202-401-4802
Fax: 202-401-5706
Website: www.acf.hhs.gov/healthymarriage/

Keywords:

healthy marriage;
family formation;
fatherhood.





Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals

The Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program helps low-income individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency. Grantees assist participants in overcoming the identified personal and systemic barriers to employment, job retention and self-sufficiency.

Grantees may use their JOLI program funding to provide technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community to assist them in creating employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals. Grantees may also create a revolving loan fund and make at or below market rate loans to eligible beneficiaries for business development activities. Interest accrued on revolving loan funds must be used to continue or expand the activities of the approved project.

In order to assure the maximum impact on job creation, grantees establish and maintain a formal, cooperative relationship with the designated local agency responsible for administering the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program in the area served by the project. Grantees also attempt to integrate their projects with the larger economic development strategy within the target communities.

Grants are awarded through a competitive process to non-profit organizations having 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status with the Internal Revenue Service. Institutions of higher education are excluded from the process. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for this program.

The JOLI program provides discretionary funds for projects designed to create employment and business opportunities for individuals receiving TANF assistance and other low-income individuals. Grantees may focus their projects on four different strategy areas:

- Business expansion;
- Self-employment and micro-enterprises;
- New ventures; and
- Non-traditional employment for women and minorities.

Contact Information:

Office of Community Services

Division of Community Discretionary Programs

370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.

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Keywords:

job opportunities;

low income;

job creation;

employment.



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy (i.e., heating or cooling) needs. The LIHEAP program, however, does not provide assistance directly to low-income households. Each State, direct Tribal grantee and Territory designs and operates its own energy assistance program within broad Federal guidelines.

The LIHEAP leveraging incentive program provides additional funding to LIHEAP grantees that have leveraged non-Federal home energy resources for low-income households. LIHEAP also includes supplemental funding of the Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Option (REACH) program that is described separately. REACH provides competitive grants for implementation through local community-based agencies involving innovative plans to help LIHEAP eligible households reduce their energy vulnerability.

Grantees distribute LIHEAP funds through sub-grantees such as community action agencies for use by low-income households for:

- Heating assistance;
- Cooling assistance;
- Crisis assistance; or
- Weatherization.

This block grant is a mandatory formula grant. The President may release additional LIHEAP funds (energy emergency contingency funds) to LIHEAP grantees for energy-related emergencies. States, Territories, Native American Tribes, and Tribal organizations are eligible to apply. Eligibility requirements, types of assistance and program operating dates vary from State to State. See the LIHEAP website for more information.

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Keywords:

energy assistance;

housing;

self-sufficiency.



Mentoring Children of Prisoners

The Mentoring Children of Prisoners program awards grants to community organizations that provide children and youth of incarcerated parents with mentors. Each mentoring program is designed to ensure that mentors provide young people with safe and trusting relationships, healthy messages about life and social behavior, appropriate guidance from a positive adult role model and opportunities for increased participation in education, civic service and community activities.

Mentoring children of prisoners program grant recipients must use their funds to provide services, both directly and in collaboration with other local agencies, to strengthen and support children of incarcerated parents and their families. This includes preserving families and connecting children with their imprisoned parent if and when appropriate.

Further, grant recipients are required to cultivate mentors from within the child's family and community, through recruitment, screening and training and also conduct monitoring and evaluation.

Eligible entities may include any public or private entity, including faith- and community-based organizations, colleges and universities, States and Federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations.

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Keywords:

mentors

mentoring;

mentoring program;

incarcerated parent(s).





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Native Americans Programs provide funding to American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Native American Pacific Islanders including Native Samoans. These programs provide a broad range of economic development, social development and governance projects, as well as environmental regulatory enhancement projects and language preservation planning and implementation projects.

Grants must support locally determined and designated projects that address community needs and goals.

These are competitive (discretionary) grants. Entities eligible to apply include Federally recognized Tribes, non-Federally recognized Tribes, State-recognized Tribes, Alaskan Native Villages, Tribal consortia, urban/off-reservation Indian organizations and Native American non-profit organizations.



Keywords:

economic development;
governance;
social development;
language preservation;
self-sufficiency;
American Indians;
Alaskan Natives;
Native Americans.



Native Employment Works

The Native Employment Works (NEW) program makes work activities available to the population and service areas that a Tribe or Tribal organization designates. NEW funds can be used for work activities, supportive and job retention services, job market assessments, job creation and economic development leading to job creation. Work activities include, but are not limited to, educational activities, alternative education, post secondary education, job readiness activity, job search, job skills training, on-the-job training, work experience and other training and employment activities.

These are mandatory formula grants. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native organizations that operated a Tribal Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) training program in FY 1995 are eligible to apply.

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Keywords:

employment;

self-sufficiency;

American Indians;

Alaskan Natives;

Native Americans.



Refugee Assistance

Refugee assistance provides benefits and services to refugees admitted to the United States. Refugees are those who have a well-founded fear of persecution in their country of origin because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion. Eligibility for Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)-funded benefits and services extends to refugees, asylees, Cuban and Haitian entrants, certain Amerasians from Vietnam, victims of a severe form of trafficking and specified family members of trafficking victims.

In order to be admitted to the United States, a refugee usually must have a special tie to the U.S., such as former employment by the U.S. government or a U.S. company, previous education, close relatives living in the U.S. and/or persecution specifically related to an individual's association with the U.S. government. Refugees may also be admitted on humanitarian grounds.

ORR provides funds for the following programs: cash and medical assistance, social services (including employment services), preventive health services, the voluntary agency matching grant program, the targeted assistance program, the victims of torture program and the Wilson/Fish alternative program.

Funding is available through discretionary grants for services. Public and private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for discretionary grants. States receive formula grants for social services and are reimbursed 100 percent for their costs of cash and medical assistance.

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Keywords:

refugee assistance;
social services.



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programs/orr/index.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/index.htm)

Keywords:

repatriation assistance;

financial assistance.

Repatriation assistance provides temporary assistance to United States citizens and their dependents who are identified by the Department of State as needing to return from a foreign country to the U.S. but who do not have the resources to do so. This financial assistance is repayable to the U.S. government. If an American citizen in a foreign country becomes ill, is without funds or needs to be returned to the U.S. because of a threatening situation, needed services will be provided. For situations involving the evacuation of a group of Americans from a foreign country, HHS may be requested to establish reception sites as well as provide individual assistance. ACF operates both individual and group repatriation programs through agreements with State agencies.

A national emergency repatriation plan is also established by HHS in coordination with other involved Federal agencies, voluntary organizations and States to implement large-scale repatriation operations in the event of a national security emergency.

Funds are provided by discretionary grants to States.





Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Option Program

The Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Option (REACH) program supports a limited number of innovative projects that demonstrate the long-term cost-effectiveness of supplementing energy assistance payments with non-monetary benefits. These projects seek to minimize health and safety risks that result from high energy burdens on low-income Americans, prevent homelessness as a result of inability to pay energy bills, increase the efficiency of energy usage by low-income families and target energy assistance to individuals who are most in need.

States must delegate the delivery of REACH services to community-based, non-profit organizations, with a preference given to community action agencies funded by the Community Services Block Grant that are Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) service providers and receive weatherization assistance program funds from the Department of Energy.

These are competitive demonstration grants. States, Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations (including Alaska Native Villages) and insular areas that receive direct grants from LIHEAP may apply.

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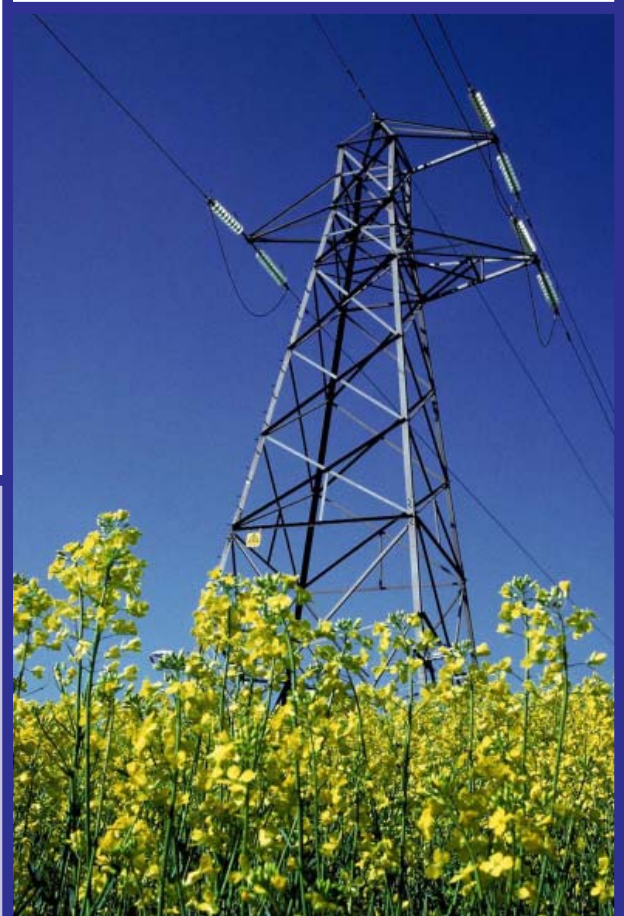
www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/

Keywords:

energy burden;

energy self-sufficiency;

health and safety.





Runaway and Homeless Youth

The Runaway and Homeless Youth program provides comprehensive services for youth in at-risk situations and their families. These services include providing positive alternatives for youth, ensuring their safety and maximizing their potential to take advantage of available opportunities to remain in safe and stable families. The program also provides outreach, education and support services to runaway and homeless youth and reunification services when appropriate.

Runaway and homeless youth funds are used in three major capacities:

- The Basic Center program funds youth shelters that provide emergency shelter, food, clothing, outreach services and crisis intervention for runaway and homeless youth. The shelters also offer services to help reunite youth with their families whenever possible.
- The Street Outreach program funds local youth service providers to conduct street-based education and outreach and to offer emergency shelter and related services to young people who have been or who are at risk of being sexually abused or exploited.
- The Transitional Living program provides funds to address the longer term needs of older homeless youth and assists such youth in developing skills and resources to promote independence and prevent future dependency on social services. Housing and a range of services are provided for up to 18 months for youth ages 16-21 who are unable to return to their homes.

Eligible entities may include any public or private entity, including faith- and community-based organizations, colleges and universities, States and Federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations.

Keywords:

at-risk youth;
homeless youth;
runaway youth;
family and youth services.

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Rural Community Development Activities Program

The Rural Community Development Activities Program supports low-income communities in the development of community facilities that include affordable, safe water and waste water treatment facilities. Activities may include providing training and technical assistance in developing and managing water facilities in rural areas; improving the coordination of Federal, State and local agencies in water waste management; and distributing information to local communities on available Federal assistance.

This program is administered region-wide to assist small rural, low-income communities in the construction or repair/rehabilitation of water and waste water systems and in meeting requirements placed upon them by the Clear Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Funding is available through competitive discretionary grants, and multi-State, regional private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

Keywords:

water treatment;

waste water treatment;

community services.

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Social Services Block Grant

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) program provides social services directed toward achieving economic self-support or self-sufficiency; preventing or remedying neglect, abuse or the exploitation of children and adults; preventing or reducing inappropriate institutionalization; and securing referral for institutional care where appropriate. Services include, but are not limited to, child care, protective services for children and adults, including children and adults in foster care, management and maintenance of homes, day care for adults, transportation, family planning, training and employment services. States and/or local agencies may provide services directly or purchase them from qualified providers.

The SSBG is a mandatory formula grant and States and Territories are eligible to apply.



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Keywords:

social services;
self-sufficiency;
child abuse;
child neglect;
child care;
employment;
foster care;
adult day care;
transportation;
family planning;
training;
home care services;
teens;
teen parents;
teen pregnancy.



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - State Programs

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State programs provide time-limited assistance to needy families with children to promote work, responsibility and self-sufficiency. States receive a block grant to design and operate their TANF programs to accomplish the purposes of TANF. These are to provide assistance to needy families with children so that children can be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

States have the flexibility to determine eligibility, benefits and services and to develop their own strategies for achieving program goals. Cash grants, work opportunities and other services are provided directly to needy families.

States and Territories are eligible to apply for TANF block grants.

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Keywords:

family resources;

employment;

training;

families and children;

needy families;

time-limited assistance;

welfare;

welfare reform.





The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Tribal program provides time-limited assistance to needy families with children to promote work, responsibility and self-sufficiency. Tribal TANF grantees independently design, administer and operate their TANF programs to meet the purposes of TANF. These are to provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Tribes have the flexibility to determine eligibility, benefits and services and to develop their own strategies for achieving program goals. Cash grants, work opportunities and other services are provided directly to needy families.

Federally recognized Indian Tribes in the lower 48 states and 13 specified Alaskan Native entities are eligible to apply for direct Federal funding.

Keywords:

family resources;
employment;
training;
time-limited assistance;
welfare;
American Indians;
Native Americans;
Alaskan Natives.

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Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which victims are exploited for forced labor or commercial sex. The U.S. government estimates that each year 600,000 to 800,000 persons worldwide fall prey to this crime. Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) to comprehensively address this scourge.

The TVPA established mechanisms through which persons subjected to trafficking within the United States can obtain immigration relief, case-management and access to all Federally funded benefits and services to the same extent as refugees. Examples of such benefits and services include all Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) refugee programs and mainstream programs and services such as Medicaid, the food stamp program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the one-stop career center system, Jobs Corps and State-specific programs that are partially or wholly Federally funded or administered.

HHS issues the certifications that entitle victims to these benefits and services.

Funding is available through contracts and discretionary grants for public outreach and victim services. Public and private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for discretionary grants.

Keywords:

trafficking;
human trafficking;
T-visa;
certification.

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The Division of Unaccompanied Alien Children's Services provides housing and a wide range of services to Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) under age 18 who have been apprehended by U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) immigration officials. Once referred by DHS, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) temporarily places the children in ORR-funded shelters, group homes, staff-secure shelters, secure shelters, foster care or residential treatment centers, depending on the needs of the particular child.

While in ORR custody and care, children are provided not only shelter and meals, but also medical screenings and services, group and individual counseling, vocational training, recreation, full-day classroom education and family reunification services.

Funding is available for the housing facilities and therapeutic residential mental health facilities through discretionary grants for services. Private for-profit and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

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Keywords:

unaccompanied alien children;

custody and care of;

shelter facilities.





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The Office of Community Services supports Community Development Corporations (CDCs) including CDCs operated by American Indian and Alaska Native faith-based and community organizations that are experienced in implementing economic development projects.

A CDC is a corporation governed by a board of directors consisting of community residents and business and civic leaders. Its principal purpose is the development, implementation and maintenance of low-income housing or community development activities.

Funding allows CDCs to provide technical and financial assistance to businesses, which results in job creation. The program is designed to increase access by low-income individuals to employment and business development opportunities.



Keywords:

economic development;
Community Development Corporation (CDC),
project operations.



Regional Office Locations:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) regional offices oversee the administration of programs. The regional offices administer the programmatic and financial management of ACF programs in the region and provide guidance to grantees and other entities responsible for administering these programs, such as State and local governments. Information is provided in the ACF map at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/oro/regions/acf_regions.html, and a list of contacts is provided on the ACF regional contacts page at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/oro/regions/regional_contacts.html.

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