

***ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES***

***Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008***

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***(Public Law 110-161)***

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**TITLE II--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND  
FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

For making payments to States or other non-Federal entities under titles I, IV-D, X, XI, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act and the Act of July 5, 1960 (24 U.S.C. chapter 9), \$2,949,713,000, to remain available until expended; and for such purposes for the first quarter of fiscal year 2009, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended. For making payments to each State for carrying out the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children under title IV-A of the Social Security Act before the effective date of the program of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) with respect to such State, such sums as may be necessary: Provided, That the sum of the amounts available to a State with respect to expenditures under such title IV-A in fiscal year 1997 under this appropriation and under such title IV-A as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 shall not exceed the limitations under section 116(b) of such Act. For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, payments to States or other non-Federal entities under titles I, IV-D, X, XI, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act and the Act of July 5, 1960 (24 U.S.C. chapter 9), for the last 3 months of the current fiscal year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

For making payments under section 2604(a)-(d) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(a)-(d)), \$2,015,206,000. For making payments under section 2604(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(e)), \$596,379,000, notwithstanding the designation requirement of section

2602(e) of such Act: Provided, That of the amount provided by this paragraph, \$250,000,000 is designated as described in section 5 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act).

### **REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE**

For necessary expenses for refugee and entrant assistance activities and for costs associated with the care and placement of unaccompanied alien children authorized by title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, for carrying out section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, and for carrying out the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998, \$667,288,000, of which up to \$9,988,000 shall be available to carry out the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000: Provided, That funds appropriated under this heading pursuant to section 414(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 for fiscal year 2008 shall be available for the costs of assistance provided and other activities to remain available through September 30, 2010.

### **PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

For carrying out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, \$2,098,746,000 shall be used to supplement, not supplant State general revenue funds for child care assistance for low-income families: Provided, That \$18,777,370 shall be available for child care resource and referral and school-aged child care activities, of which \$982,080 shall be for the Child Care Aware toll-free hotline: Provided further, That, in addition to the amounts required to be reserved by the States under section 658G, \$267,785,718 shall be reserved by the States for activities authorized under section 658G, of which \$98,208,000 shall be for activities that improve the quality of infant and toddler care: Provided further, That \$9,821,000 shall be for use by the Secretary for child care research, demonstration, and evaluation activities.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

For making grants to States pursuant to section 2002 of the Social Security Act, \$1,700,000,000: Provided, That notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of section 404(d)(2) of such Act, the applicable percent specified under such subparagraph for a State to carry out State programs pursuant to title XX of such Act shall be 10 percent.

### **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS**

For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, the Head Start Act, the

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, sections 310 and 316 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Native American Programs Act of 1974, title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (adoption opportunities), sections 330F and 330G of the Public Health Service Act, the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988, sections 261 and 291 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, part B(1) of title IV and sections 413, 1110, and 1115 of the Social Security Act; for making payments under the Community Services Block Grant Act, sections 439(i), 473B, and 477(i) of the Social Security Act, and the Assets for Independence Act, and for necessary administrative expenses to carry out such Acts and titles I, IV, V, X, XI, XIV, XVI, and XX of the Social Security Act, the Act of July 5, 1960 (24 U.S.C. chapter 9), the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, and section 505 of the Family Support Act of 1988, \$9,129,990,000, of which \$4,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, shall be for grants to States for adoption incentive payments, as authorized by section 473A of the Social Security Act and may be made for adoptions completed before September 30, 2008: Provided, That \$7,000,270,000 shall be for making payments under the Head Start Act, of which \$1,388,800,000 shall become available October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009: Provided further, That \$705,451,000 shall be for making payments under the Community Services Block Grant Act: Provided further, That not less than \$8,000,000 shall be for section 680(3)(B) of the Community Services Block Grant Act: Provided further, That in addition to amounts provided herein, \$6,000,000 shall be available from amounts available under section 241 of the Public Health Service Act to carry out the provisions of section 1110 of the Social Security Act: Provided further, That to the extent Community Services Block Grant funds are distributed as grant funds by a State to an eligible entity as provided under the Act, and have not been expended by such entity, they shall remain with such entity for carryover into the next fiscal year for expenditure by such entity consistent with program purposes: Provided further, That the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish procedures regarding the disposition of intangible property which permits grant funds, or intangible assets acquired with funds authorized under section 680 of the Community Services Block Grant Act to become the sole property of such grantees after a period of not more than 12 years after the end of the grant for purposes and uses consistent with the original grant: Provided further, That funds appropriated for section 680(a)(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act shall be available for financing construction and rehabilitation and loans or investments in private business enterprises owned by community development corporations: Provided further, That \$53,625,000 is for a compassion capital fund to provide grants to charitable organizations to emulate model social service programs and to encourage research on the best practices of social service organizations: Provided further, That \$17,720,000 shall be for activities authorized by the Help America Vote Act of 2002, of which \$12,370,000 shall be for payments to States to promote access for voters with disabilities, and of which \$5,350,000 shall be for payments to States for protection and advocacy systems for voters with disabilities: Provided further, That \$110,836,000 shall be for making competitive grants to provide abstinence education (as defined by section 510(b)(2) of the Social Security Act) to adolescents, and for Federal costs of administering the grant: Provided further, That grants under the immediately

preceding proviso shall be made only to public and private entities which agree that, with respect to an adolescent to whom the entities provide abstinence education under such grant, the entities will not provide to that adolescent any other education regarding sexual conduct, except that, in the case of an entity expressly required by law to provide health information or services the adolescent shall not be precluded from seeking health information or services from the entity in a different setting than the setting in which abstinence education was provided: Provided further, That within amounts provided herein for abstinence education for adolescents, up to \$10,000,000 may be available for a national abstinence education campaign: Provided further, That in addition to amounts provided herein for abstinence education for adolescents, \$4,500,000 shall be available from amounts available under section 241 of the Public Health Service Act to carry out evaluations (including longitudinal evaluations) of adolescent pregnancy prevention approaches: Provided further, That up to \$2,000,000 shall be for improving the Public Assistance Reporting Information System, including grants to States to support data collection for a study of the system's effectiveness: Provided further, That \$17,301,000 shall be available for the projects and in the amounts specified in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act).

### **PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES**

For carrying out section 436 of the Social Security Act, \$345,000,000 and section 437, \$64,437,000.

### **PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

For making payments to States or other non-Federal entities under title IV-E of the Social Security Act, \$5,067,000,000. For making payments to States or other non-Federal entities under title IV-E of the Act, for the first quarter of fiscal year 2009, \$1,776,000,000. For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, payments to States or other non-Federal entities under section 474 of title IV-E, for the last 3 months of the current fiscal year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

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### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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Sec. 204. None of the funds appropriated in this title for Head Start shall be used to pay the compensation of an individual, either as direct costs or any proration as an indirect cost, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II.

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## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT, DIVISION G**

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### **LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

The amended bill includes \$2,611,585,000 for low-income home energy assistance instead of \$2,662,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,161,170,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount provided, \$596,379,000 is provided for the contingency fund, instead of \$682,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$181,170,000 as proposed by the Senate. Bill language is included designating \$250,000,000 as an emergency.

### **REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE**

The amended bill includes \$667,288,000 for the refugee and entrant assistance programs instead of \$650,630,000 as proposed by the House and \$654,166,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill does not include language that would expand the victims of trafficking program to include domestic victims of trafficking. Within the total for social services, \$19,000,000 is for support to communities with large concentrations of Cuban and Haitian entrants as proposed by the House. The Senate did not include similar language. As proposed by both the House and Senate, the amended bill does not include funds for expanded background checks within the unaccompanied minors program. After addressing increased shelter and medical costs, Office of Refugee Resettlement is directed to use the increase provided for the unaccompanied minors program to expand the pro bono legal services initiative, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

### **PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

The amended bill includes \$2,098,746,000 for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, instead of \$2,137,081,000 as proposed by the House bill and \$2,062,081,000 as proposed by the Senate bill. The amended bill designates \$982,080 for the Child Care Aware toll-free hotline; this provision was included in the House bill. The Senate bill included funds for this purpose but did not name the entity.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**

The amended bill includes language allowing States to transfer up to 10 percent of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to the Social Services Block Grant. This provision was not included in either the House or the Senate bill.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

The amended bill includes \$9,140,490,000 for Children and Families Services Programs, of which \$10,500,000 is provided through the evaluation set-aside. The House bill proposed \$9,157,440,000 for these programs and the Senate proposed \$9,223,832,000. The amended bill includes language, as proposed by the Senate, identifying the amount available for the projects identified in this statement.

### *Child Abuse State Grants and Discretionary Activities*

The amended bill includes \$64,802,000 for Child Abuse State Grants and child abuse discretionary programs, instead of \$63,840,000 as proposed by the House and \$64,745,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within this amount, \$10,178,000 is provided for a home visitation initiative to support competitive grants to States to encourage investment of existing funding streams into evidence-based home visitation models, instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate. The Administration for Children and Families shall ensure that States use the funds to support models that have been shown, in well-designed randomized controlled trials, to produce sizeable, sustained effects on important child outcomes such as abuse and neglect. Funds shall support activities to assist a range of home visitation programs to replicate the techniques that have met these high evidentiary standards. In carrying out this new initiative, the Department is instructed to adhere closely to evidence-based models of home visitation and not to incorporate any additional initiatives that have not met these high evidentiary standards or might otherwise dilute the emphasis on home visitation. The amended bill includes funds within child abuse discretionary activities to support the following projects in the following amounts:

The amounts provided for projects displayed in this table  
are prior to reduction in Section 528 of this bill.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
Boys and Girls Town of Missouri, St. James, MO, to expand services to abused and neglected children	\$412,000
Catholic Community Services of Juneau, Juneau, AK, to continue operations at its Family Resource Center for child abuse prevention and treatment in Juneau, AK	390,000
Children Uniting Nations, Los Angeles, CA for a foster child mentoring program in Los Angeles	292,000
Darkness to Light, Charleston, SC, to expand and disseminate the Stewards of Children program in consultation with the CARE House of Dayton, OH	292,000
Jefferson County, Golden, CO for child abuse prevention and treatment programs	97,000

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
New York Center for Children, New York, NY for comprehensive support and services to abused children and their families	170,000
Shelter for Abused Women, Winchester, VA to enhance community efforts to address domestic violence	97,000
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), Williamsport, PA, for abused and neglected children's CASA programs	87,000

*Adoption Incentives*

The amended bill includes \$4,400,000 for the Adoption Incentive Program, rather than \$9,500,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The decrease reflects available carry-over from the previous fiscal year, due to the fact that bonus amounts earned by the States have fallen significantly, causing the Department to revise its estimate of funds needed to pay incentives earned by the States in fiscal year 2007.

*Social Services and Income Maintenance Research*

The amended bill includes \$21,464,000 for social services and income maintenance research, of which \$6,000,000 is provided through the evaluation set-aside. The House proposed \$14,635,000 for this activity, of which \$6,000,000 was funded through the evaluation set-aside, and the Senate proposed \$11,825,000, of which \$6,000,000 was from the evaluation set-aside.

The amended bill also includes funds within social services research to support the following projects in the following amounts:

The amounts provided for projects displayed in this table are prior to reduction in Section 528 of this bill.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
A+ For Abstinence, Waynesboro, PA, for abstinence education and related services	\$24,000
Abyssinian Development Corporation, New York, NY, to support and expand youth and family displacement prevention programs	146,000
Alaska Children's Services, Anchorage, AK, for its program to serve low income youth in Anchorage, Alaska	243,000

Project	Amount (in dollars)
Alaska Statewide Independent Living Council, Inc., Anchorage, AK, to continue and expand the Personal Care Attendant Program and to expand outreach efforts to the disabled living in rural Alaska	195,000
Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA, for program development at the Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and the Elderly	82,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia, MN for the Family-to-Family community based mentoring program to assist low-income families	292,000
Augusta Levy Learning Center, Wheeling, WV for services to children with Autism	97,000
Beth El House, Alexandria, VA for social services and transitional housing for formerly homeless women and their children	73,000
Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA	170,000
Catholic Family Center, Rochester, NY, for the kinship Caregiver Resource Network	243,000
Catholic Social Services, Wilkes-Barre, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Tacoma, WA, for a child care quality initiative	877,000
Children's Home Society of Idaho, Boise, ID, for the Bridge Project to place Idaho children-in-care in foster care	219,000
Children's Home Society of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD for services related to domestic violence, child abuse, and neglect	292,000
Christian Outreach of Lutherans, Waukegan, IL for Latino leadership development in underserved areas	121,000
City of Chester, Bureau of Health, Chester, PA, for abstinence education and related services	29,000
City of Detroit, MI for an Individual Development Account initiative	390,000
City of Fort Worth, TX for programming at neighborhood-based early childhood resource centers	195,000



<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
City of San Jose, CA for its Services for New Americans program, including assistance with job seeking skills, citizenship, family safety and resettlement	195,000
Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club - Mike Horn Unit, Owensboro, KY for purchase of equipment	170,000
Communities In Schools, Bell-Coryell Counties, Inc., Killeen, TX for youth counseling services	253,000
Community Partnership for Children, Inc., Silver City, NM, for a child care quality initiative	165,000
Community Services for Children, Inc., Allentown, PA, for early childhood development services	87,000
Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies, Wethersfield, CT, for the Empowering People for Success initiative	331,000
Covenant House Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, FL for a program for pregnant and parenting teens and young adults	195,000
Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks, Springfield, MO for a child abuse prevention program	239,000
Crozer Chester Medical Center, Upland, PA, for abstinence education and related services	29,000
Eisner Pediatric and Family Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA for the Parent-Child Home Program	121,000
Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Inc., Leesburg, VA for services to disabled individuals	243,000
Family Center of Washington County, Montpelier, VT, for child care related services	487,000
Family Service & Childrens Aid Society, Oil City, PA, for abstinence education and related services	25,000
Fathers and Families Center, Indianapolis, IN	78,000
First 5 Alameda County, San Leandro, CA for development and support of postsecondary early childhood education and training programs, which may include student scholarships	268,000
Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children, West Chester, PA, for programs to provide safe, secure housing for children through an emergency shelter for families, transitional housing, specialized foster care and adoption programs	87,000

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
Friendship Circle of the South Bay, Redondo Beach, CA for services for children with developmental disabilities	453,000
Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc., New Britain, CT for the Pathways/Senderos Center for education and outreach	121,000
Guidance Center, Ridgeway, PA, for abstinence education and related services	25,000
Hamilton-Madison House, New York, NY for services and equipment for a social services program	97,000
Healthy Learners Dillon, Columbia, SC for social services for economically disadvantaged children	195,000
Heart Beat, Millerstown, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
Helping Children Worldwide, Herndon, VA to assist students and families	243,000
Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, Minneapolis, MN for the Family Healing and Restoration Network Project	414,000
Hillside Family of Agencies, Rochester, NY for the Hillside Children's Center for adoption services	97,000
Hope Village for Children, Meridian, MS for a program to assist foster children	209,000
Horizons for Homeless Children, Boston, MA, for Playspace Programs for homeless children in the 7th Congressional District	73,000
Horizons for Homeless Children, Boston, MA to continue and expand the Playspace program	156,000
Keystone Central School District, Mill Hall, PA, for abstinence education and related services	33,000
Keystone Economic Development Corporation, Johnstown, PA, for abstinence education and related services	33,000
Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, NY for the New American's Center	185,000
L.I.F.T. Women's Resource Center, Detroit, MI for services to improve self-sufficiency and life skills of women transitioning from substance abuse, domestic violence, or homelessness	97,000

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA, for abstinence education and related services	45,000
Lawrence County Social Services, New Castle, PA for early childhood, parental training, and life skills programs	121,000
Lutheran Social Services, Duluth, MN for services to runaway, homeless, and other at-risk youth and their families	390,000
Marcus Institute, Atlanta, GA for services for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities and severe and challenging behaviors	390,000
Mary's Family, Orlean, VA to develop a respite program for Winchester-area special needs families	97,000
Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC, for a program to combat domestic violence	195,000
Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, for abstinence education and related services	45,000
Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium, Portageville, MO for the Fatherhood First program	341,000
Monterey County Probation Department, Salinas, CA for the Silver Star gang prevention and intervention program	438,000
My Choice, Inc., Athens, PA, for abstinence education and related services	21,000
Nashua Adult Learning Center, Nashua, NH for a Family Resource Center	97,000
National Energy Assistance Directors' Association, Washington, DC for research and information dissemination related to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program	195,000
Neighborhood United Against Drugs, Philadelphia, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
Network for Instructional TV, Inc., Reston, VA for a training program for child care providers	48,000
New Brighton School District, New Brighton, PA, for abstinence education and related services	29,000
Northeast Guidance Center, Detroit, MI, for the Family Life Center project	204,000
Northwest Family Services, Alva, OK, to establish behavioral health services and family counseling programs	83,000

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
Nueva Esperanza, Philadelphia, PA, for abstinence education and related services	29,000
Nurses for Newborns Foundation, St. Louis, MO for nurse home visiting program	463,000
Organization of the NorthEast, Chicago, IL for development of a local homeless services continuum	78,000
Our Piece of the Pie, Hartford, CT, for social outreach services to grandparents raising teenagers	204,000
Partners for Healthier Tomorrows, Ephrata, PA, for abstinence education and related services	21,000
Pediatric Interim Care Center, Kent, WA for the Drug-Exposed Infants Outreach and Education program	146,000
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Harrisburg, PA, for domestic violence programs	87,000
Positively Kids, Las Vegas, NV, to create a program to provide home, respite, and medical day care for severely-disabled children	97,000
Progressive Believers Ministry, Wynmoor, PA, for abstinence education and related services	25,000
Public Health Department, Solano County, Fairfield, CA for a program to support pregnant women and new mothers	97,000
Real Commitment, Gettysburg, PA, for abstinence education and related services	45,000
School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
Sephardic Bikur Holim of Monmouth County, Deal, NJ for social services programs	136,000
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network, San Jose, CA for assistance to immigrants seeking citizenship	97,000
Shepherd's Maternity House, Inc., East Stroudsburg, PA, for abstinence education and related services	25,000
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL for the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders	234,000

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (in dollars)</b>
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX for coordination of family and child services	292,000
Susan Wesley Family Learning Center, East Prairie, MO for programs to assist at-risk youth and their families	97,000
TLC for Children and Families, Inc., Olathe, KS for a transitional living program for at-risk and homeless youth	312,000
Tuscarora Intermediate Unit, McVeytown, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
United Way Southeastern Michigan, Detroit, MI for the Communities of Early Learning initiative	292,000
University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders	292,000
Urban Family Council, Philadelphia, PA, for abstinence education and related services	66,000
Visitation Home, Inc., Yardville, NJ for programs to assist developmentally disabled residents	97,000
Washington Hospital Teen Outreach, Washington, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
Women's Care Center of Erie County, Inc., Erie, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
York County Human Life Services, York, PA, for abstinence education and related services	38,000
YWCA of Greater Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA for a project providing coordinated assistance to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence	97,000

### *Developmental Disabilities*

Within developmental disabilities programs, the amended bill includes \$17,720,000 for voting access for individuals with disabilities, instead of \$36,720,000 as proposed by the House and \$16,720,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the funds provided, \$12,370,000 is for payments to States to promote access for voters with disabilities and \$5,350,000 is for State protection and advocacy systems. The House proposed \$25,890,000 and \$10,830,000 respectively for these two activities, while the Senate proposed \$11,390,000 and \$5,330,000.

For developmental disabilities projects of national significance, the amended bill includes \$14,414,000, instead of \$11,414,000 as proposed by the House and \$15,414,000 as

proposed by the Senate. Within this amount, \$2,000,000 is provided for a National Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Center, as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

#### *Native Americans*

The amended bill includes \$46,332,000 for Native American programs, instead of \$47,332,000 as proposed by the House and \$49,332,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within this total, \$2,000,000 is included for Native language immersion and other revitalization programs, instead of \$3,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### *Community Services*

The amended bill includes \$665,425,000 for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), instead of \$660,425,000 as proposed by the House and \$670,425,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amended bill includes a technical correction, as proposed by the House, to reflect a total for the programs authorized under the CSBG Act. Additional programs in this account are funded under other authorities.

#### *Abstinence Education*

The amended bill includes \$115,336,000 for community-based abstinence education, instead of \$141,164,000 as proposed by the House and \$84,916,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within this amount, \$4,500,000 is provided through the evaluation set-aside.

The amended bill includes a provision, proposed by the House regarding the definition of abstinence education contained in section 510(b)(2) of the Social Security Act. Also included is language, proposed by the House, precluding grantees who receive funding under this section from discussing with adolescents any other education regarding sexual conduct in the same setting as abstinence education. The Senate contained no similar provisions.

The Appropriations Committees direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to require that each applicant for financial assistance under the abstinence education program certify that all materials proposed in the application and funded during the project period of the grant are medically accurate, and direct that a panel of medical experts shall review such grant applications and assess whether the materials proposed are medically accurate, as proposed by the House. Bill language concerning scientific accuracy, as proposed by the Senate, is not included.

The amended bill also provides that up to \$10,000,000 may be used to carry out a national abstinence education campaign as proposed by the House. The Senate contained no similar provision.

#### *Program Direction*

The amended bill includes \$187,776,000 for program direction as proposed by the House, instead of \$197,225,000 as proposed by the Senate. This amount does not include the additional request for \$6,200,000 for improper payments activities as proposed by the Senate.

### **PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES**

The amended bill includes \$64,437,000 for the discretionary grant program of promoting safe and stable families instead of \$89,100,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

### **PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**

The amended bill includes \$5,067,000,000 for Payments to States for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, the same level as the Senate bill instead of \$5,082,000,000 as proposed by the House bill.