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COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GRANTS

State Project/Program: COMMUNITY BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Federal Authorization: Child Abuse Prevention, Adoption and Family Services Act of 1988, Title I, Public Law 100-294, as amended; Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Adoption, and Family Services Act of 1992, Public Law 102-295; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Amendments of 1992, Public Law 102-586; Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Amendments, Public Law 104-235; 42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.; CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-320); American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Title II, Subtitle C, Section 2205 (Public Law 117-2)

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The auditor should <u>not</u> consider the Supplement to be "safe harbor" for identifying audit procedures to apply in a particular engagement, but the auditor should be prepared to justify departures from the suggested procedures. The auditor <u>can</u> consider the supplement a "safe harbor" for identification of compliance requirements to be tested if the auditor performs reasonable procedures to ensure that the requirements in the Supplement are current.

The grantor agency may elect to review audit working papers to determine that audit tests are adequate.

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Auditors may request documentation of monitoring visits by the State Agencies.

This State compliance supplement must be used in conjunction with the OMB 2025 Compliance Supplement which is scheduled to be issued in May 2025. The OMB supplement will include "Part 3 - Compliance Requirements," for the types that apply, and "Part 6 - Internal Control." If a federal Agency issued guidance for a specific program, this will be included in "Part 4 - Agency Program". The OMB Compliance Supplement is Section A of the State Compliance Supplement.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The purposes of the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs (CBCAP) are: (1) to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect and to support the coordination of resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and (2) to foster understanding, appreciation and knowledge of diverse populations in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

I. PROGRAM PROCEDURES

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Social Services (DSS) obtains this funding by submitting the Annual Progress of Service Report and the CBCAP Annual Plan/Application to the Administration of Children and Families (ACF). Funds are awarded to jurisdictions based on availability. These funds are awarded to the State at a rate of 80% federal financial participation. The State uses in-kind funds from the NC Partnership for Children to meet the required 20% match.

The CBCAP Grant is administered by the North Carolina DHHS - DSS. Family Support Services funds are awarded by DSS through a competitive Request for Applications (RFA), an assessment of the ability and capacity of the organization to implement communitybased programs, and availability of funding. An independent review team reviews and scores the applications. The recommendations of this team are forwarded to the Community Prevention Program Manager, Safety and Prevention Section Chief, and Deputy Director for Child Welfare Practice for approval. Once this process is completed, a formal award notification is sent to approved applicants. The applicant's budget becomes part of the contract between the grantee and DSS. The contract narrative will contain a listing of approved services and activities for a particular program.

Subrecipients are reimbursed through submission of the DSS-1571 III Administrative Costs Report to the NC DHHS Controller's Office. A subgrantee under this grant is subject to provisions of Omni Circular. All federal and state requirements are communicated to the subrecipients as part of the RFA and contracting process.

The State is required to monitor, evaluate, and report on all programs funded by this grant in accordance with regulations adopted by DSS, which can be found at <u>https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dss/Monitoring/index.htm.</u>

These funds may be used for an array of programming including but not limited to:

- Provide comprehensive support for parents;
- Promote the development of parenting skills;

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- Improve family access to formal and informal resources and supports;
- Support needs of parents with disabilities through respite or other activities;
- Provide referrals for early health and development services as well as other community-based services;
- Promote meaningful parent leadership;
- Develop and disseminate public awareness information and activities, including for Child Abuse Prevention Month and Family Support Awareness Month;
- Provide concrete supports;
- Family Resource Center based activities; and
- Transport family members to and from services and activities.

III. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Noted below in the following matrix are the types of compliance requirements (Types) that are applicable to the federal program. These Types are either determined by the federal agency or the State Agency may have added the Type. This is noted by "Y." If the State determines that the federal requirement does not apply at the local level or if the State modifies the federal requirements, this is discussed in the supplement under the type of compliance requirement. If the federal and/or State agencies have determined that the type is not applicable, this is indicated by "N."

If the Type is applicable, the auditor must determine if the Type has a direct and material effect on the federal program for the auditee. The auditor must use the OMB 2025 Compliance Supplement, Part 3 and Part 4 (if an OMB supplement is issued) in addition to this State supplement to perform the audit.

A. ACTIVITIES ALLOWED OR UNALLOWED

Section 202(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act provides that funds made available to States must be used for:

• Developing, operating, expanding, and enhancing community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support

families to prevent child abuse and neglect that are accessible, effective, culturally appropriate, and build on existing strengths that:

- o Offer assistance to families, including concrete supports;
- Provide early, comprehensive support for parents;
- Promote the development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents with very young children;
- o Increase family stability;
- Improve family and unaccompanied homeless youth access to other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance available within communities;
- Support the additional needs of families with children with disabilities through respite care and other services;
- Demonstrate a commitment to involving parents in the planning and program implementation of the lead agency and entities carrying out local programs funding under this title, including involvement of parents of children with disabilities, parents who are individuals with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, and members of other underrepresented or underserved groups; and
- Provide referrals to early health and developmental services as well as other community-based services.
- Fostering the development of a continuum of preventive services for children and families, including unaccompanied homeless youth, through State and community-based collaborations and partnerships both public and private;
- Financing the start-up, maintenance, expansion, or redesign of specific communitybased child abuse and neglect prevention program services (such as respite care services, child abuse and neglect prevention activities, disability services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, domestic violence services, housing services, transportation, adult education, home visiting and other similar services) identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 205(a)(3) as an unmet need, and integrated with the network of community-based child abuse and neglect prevention program to the extent practicable given funding levels and community priorities;
- Maximizing funding through leveraging of funds for the financing, planning, community mobilization, collaboration, assessment, information and referral, startup, training and technical assistance, information management and reporting, reporting and evaluation costs for establishing, operating, or expanding community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect; and
- Financing public information activities and campaigns that focus on the healthy and positive development of parents and children, family support, and the promotion of child abuse and neglect prevention activities.

B. ALLOWABLE COSTS/COST PRINCIPLES

• Subrecipients may claim reimbursement for the costs of purchasing any of the above allowable activities from another source.

- In addition to the above allowable activities, subrecipients may claim reimbursement for the purchase of any other services, with prior written approval from DSS.
- Subrecipients may claim reimbursement for travel costs to meetings and other events.
- Purchase of equipment, and training materials;

All grantees that expend State funds (including federal funds passed through the N. C. Department of Health and Human Services) are required to comply with the cost principles described in the N. C. Administrative Code at 09 NCAC 03M .0201.

E. ELIGIBILITY

Any tribal government, community–based, public or private nonprofit, tax-exempt organization (including faith-based), school system or local government agency that is duly incorporated and registered under North Carolina Statutes is eligible to apply.

CBCAP Services are designated as primary or secondary prevention services. Families who do not have a confirmed or unconfirmed child abuse and neglect report are eligible to receive services.

H. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Funding is received for the Federal Fiscal Year, October 1-September 30, and is distributed by the State Fiscal Year, July 1-June 30. This requirement that has not been passed to subrecipients; therefore additional testing is not required.

I. PROCUREMENT AND SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

Procurement

All subrecipients that expend federal funds (received either directly from a federal agency or passed through the N. C. Department of Health and Human Services) are required to conform with federal agency codifications of the grants management common rule accessible at <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/</u>.

All subrecipients that expend State funds (including federal funds passed through the N. C. Department of Health and Human Services) are required to comply with the procurement standards described in the North Carolina General Statutes and the North Carolina Administrative Code, which are identified in the State of North Carolina Agency Purchasing Manual accessible at

http://www.pandc.nc.gov/documents/Procurement Manual 5 8 2013 interactive.pdf.

Nongovernmental subrecipients shall maintain written Procurement policies that are followed in procuring the goods and services required to administer the program.

Suspension and Debarment

The listing of most debarred and suspended parties can be viewed at the following web site: <u>https://www.sam.gov/SAM/</u>

L. REPORTING

This program is required to report financial data on OMB form OCSE-396A annually. Additionally, program data is reported on OMB form #0970-0204 on an annual basis by the state. This program is also required to report programmatic information to the CBCAP Office of ACF once a year. This requirement has not been passed to the subrecipients; therefore, additional testing is not required