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# National Child Traumatic Stress Network **FUNDING UPDATE**

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**Administration for Children and Families (ACF)**

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This is the second in a series of quarterly funding updates to support National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) programs and initiatives. The purposes of the Funding Updates are twofold: to provide a deeper understanding of the overall funding picture in relevant service areas; and also to supplement monthly announcements by alerting Network members of currently available funding opportunities.

This quarter's update focuses on Administration for Children and Families (ACF) grants that can increase NCTSN members' work in the areas of children's mental health and violence prevention and intervention. It is organized as follows:

**Section I: Funding Highlight** – This section serves as an overview of ACF and its funding capacities, describing funding sources that can support NCTSN programs and their work. This section also provides members with a more thorough understanding of how relevant grants administered by ACF flow into states and communities.<sup>1</sup>

**Section II: Current Opportunities<sup>2</sup>** – This section provides basic information on ACF funding sources that are currently available and that can potentially provide support for NCTSN programs and initiatives. The Finance Project, a contract agency working with the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS), has developed this list of ACF funding sources by scanning and identifying federal requests for proposals or requests for applications that are aligned with the purposes and priorities of NCTSN members. Some of these may be funding sources through which Network members can apply directly to ACF; others may be sources through which a partnership is required to be eligible; and finally, some others may be sources through which state or local government agencies receive funding and then distribute those funds to local community-based agencies, organizations and partnerships through sub-grants or contracts.

**Section III: Helpful Resources** – This section highlights websites and publications that provide supplemental information on the funding sources discussed in the Funding Highlight section that may be helpful for NCTSN members.

#### ACF Grant Opportunities with Upcoming Deadlines (see Section II for more information on these and other upcoming grant opportunities)

- Child Care and Development Block Grant—**July 1**
- CAPTA: National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response in Child Protective Services—**July 11**
- Cooperative Agreements for Child Welfare Training Technical Assistance Implementation Centers—**July 11**

<sup>1</sup> The various funding types that can support NCTSN grantees (Formula/Block grants, Discretionary grants, Entitlement grants) are also described in this section.

<sup>2</sup> To find current opportunities, go to <http://www.grants.gov/>, then “Search by Sub Agency,” then click “Administration for Children and Families”

## Section I:

### Funding Highlight: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

#### Overview

To help broaden the scope of funding sources available to NCTSN grantees, this update highlights ACF, an operating division within the Department of Health and Human Services. ACF's overarching goals are to achieve the following:

- strong, healthy, supportive communities that have a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children;
- partnerships that transcend traditional agency boundaries; and
- improved access to services.

In keeping with these goals and its mission of promoting the economic and social well-being of vulnerable families, children, individuals, and communities, ACF offers several funding opportunities (which are listed in the box) through which NCTSN grantees can address children's mental health and violence intervention and prevention.

#### Funding Landscape

With a budget of approximately \$47.25 billion in Fiscal Year '07 (\$47.36 billion in FY '08, and an estimated budget of \$45.56 billion in FY '09<sup>3</sup>), ACF provides funding for family assistance (welfare), child support, child care, Head Start, child welfare, and other programs carried out by state, territorial, county, city, and Tribal governments as well as by private, non-profit, and community- and faith-based organizations. The two largest programs, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Head Start represent 51 percent of the 2008 budget.

Five offices within ACF fund activities aligned with the priorities of NCTSN grantees (see insert). Below is a description of each of the funding sources within these five offices that can potentially support NCTSN initiatives.

#### Office of Family Assistance-TANF Bureau

- **Funding Source:** TANF  
**Funding Type:** Formula/Block Grant  
**Purposes:** TANF funds can be used to provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes; end dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

<sup>3</sup> FY '09 numbers are based on the President's budget.

#### **Offices within ACF that support NCTSN grantees**

- [Office of Family Assistance \(TANF Bureau, Child Care Bureau\),](#)
- [Office of Head Start,](#)
- [Administration on Children, Youth, and Families \(Family and Youth Services Bureau, Children's Bureau\),](#)
- [Office of Community Services,](#)
- [Office of Refugee Resettlement](#)

#### **Programs that support objectives of NCTSN grantees**

- [TANF](#)
- [Child Care and Development Block Grant](#)
- [Head Start](#)
- [Runaway and Homeless Youth Program \(Part A: Basic Center Program; Part B: Transitional Living Program\)](#)
- [Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth](#)
- [Family Violence Prevention and Services/Battered Women's Shelters; Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act State Grants \(CAPTA\)](#)
- [Child Abuse Discretionary Activities](#)
- [Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention](#)
- [Child Welfare Programs](#)
- [Chafee Foster Care Independence Program](#)
- [Foster Care](#)
- [Social Services Block Grant](#)

**Applicant Eligibility:** State governments; territories; and tribes  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$17.06 billion; FY '08 \$17.06 billion; FY '09 est. \$17.06 billion  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to designated state agencies.  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs can access funds to support trauma-focused mental health services and supports for TANF-eligible children. Funds may also be used to provide training and technical assistance and to promote coordination with other social services providers.

### Office of Head Start

- **Funding Source:** Head Start  
**Funding Type:** Discretionary Grant  
**Purpose:** Head Start provides comprehensive child development services to low-income children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop reading and math skills. Head Start programs are expected to work closely with local school systems to assure the gains Head Start children achieve are sustained as children leave Head Start and enter public school. Additionally, Head Start programs engage parents in their children's learning and help them in making progress toward their own educational, literacy, and employment goals.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** Local government; tribes; and public or private nonprofit or for-profit agencies  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$6.89 billion; FY '08 \$6.88 billion; FY '09 est. \$7.03 billion  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds are awarded directly to grantees. Grantee agencies may subcontract out to other child-serving agencies (e.g., disability specialists, mental health consultants) to provide support services for Head Start children.  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with Head Start grantees to coordinate the provision of mental health services to children who have been exposed to trauma. For example, an initiative can provide training and technical assistance to Head Start staff to recognize signs of trauma or can serve as a contractor providing mental health services to children in Head Start programs.

### Administration on Children, Youth, and Families-Children's Bureau

- **Funding Source:** Title IV-E Foster Care  
**Funding Type:** Entitlement  
**Purposes:** Funds may be used to cover state or local foster care maintenance payments on behalf of eligible children; administrative and training costs; and costs related to the design, implementation, and operation of a statewide data collection system.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** State governments  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$4.77 billion; FY '08 \$4.58 billion; FY '09 est. \$4.46 billion  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to designated agency (usually a state or Tribal child welfare agency)  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs can partner with states to provide training to child protective services staff on how to effectively screen for trauma, implement trauma screenings or refer children to mental health providers. Programs may also partner to provide training to foster parents, staff of residential treatment facilities and group homes.
- **Funding Source:** Child Welfare Programs (Child Welfare Services; Child Welfare Training; Abandoned Infants Assistance Program)  
**Funding Type:** Formula/Block Grant  
**Purpose:** Child Welfare Services grants may be used to address neglect, abuse, exploitation and delinquency of children; and prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families and restore children to their families when possible. In addition, funds can be used to provide training, professional development and to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.  
**Applicant eligibility:** States  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$286 million; FY '08 \$281 million; FY '09 est. \$281 million  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to the designated state agency  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to support screening and assessment, case management, and other services for children in the child welfare system to provide crisis intervention services to enable children to remain in their homes. Funds may also be used to train child welfare workers on trauma-informed services.

- Funding Source:** Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP)  
**Funding Type:** Formula/Block Grant  
**Purposes:** Grants may be used to assist foster youth in making the transition to adulthood; receiving education, training, and health services; obtaining employment; preparing for and entering post-secondary training and technical and educational institutions; and receiving personal and emotional support through mentors and the promotion of interactions with dedicated adults.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** State governments  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$140 million; FY '08 \$140 million; FY '09 est. \$140 million  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to designated agency, which may provide funds to local public or private child welfare agencies to deliver services to the target population.  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs can partner with grantee agencies to provide trauma-focused counseling and other interventions to assist current and former foster youth in making the transition to adulthood.
- Funding Source:** Family Violence Prevention and Services/Battered Women's Shelters; Domestic Violence Hotline  
**Funding Type:** Discretionary Grant  
**Purposes:** This discretionary grant awards grants to states and tribes to support programs and projects that work to prevent incidents of family violence, provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims and their dependents, and provide resources to programs that provide prevention and intervention services for families in abusive situations. Seventy percent of funding is awarded to states and territories, which may be used for several purposes: 1) state administrative costs; be distributed to local public agencies and nonprofit private organizations; 2) to provide immediate shelter; expand counseling, self help, and referral services; 3) set up demonstration programs, (e.g., elder abuse shelters); or 4) provide training for staff and volunteers. Another 10 percent is allocated to Tribal organizations to be used for emergency shelter and related assistance. State Domestic Violence Coalitions also receive 10 percent, which can be used to support technical assistance, and training and related collaborative efforts with other social services sectors. The network of Information and Technical Assistance Centers receives the rest of the funding to provide information, training, and technical assistance.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** States; territories; tribes; State Domestic Violence Coalitions (i.e., membership organizations for all shelters in the state); Information and Technical Assistance Centers  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$124 million; FY '08 \$122 million; FY '09 est. \$122 million  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds initially flow to States and territories. States and territories can then distribute sub-grants to local public agencies and nonprofit private organizations.  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may use funds to support the provision of training and technical assistance as well as planning and coordination efforts to better support children and adolescents who are victims of family violence.
- Funding Source:** Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)  
**Funding Type:** Formula/Block Grant  
**Purpose:** CBCAP grants are provided to lead state agencies to disburse funds for community child abuse and neglect prevention activities. Funds are used to develop, operate, expand and enhance community-based efforts to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect; foster the development of a continuum of preventive services through state and community-based public and private partnerships; and finance public information activities focusing on prevention services to families and parents with disabilities.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** States  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$42 million; FY '08 \$41 million; FY '09 est. \$41 million  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow to state administering office-usually the state child welfare agency.  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to provide services aimed at preventing child abuse.

- Funding Source:** Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Grants  
**Funding Type:** Formula/Block Grant  
**Purpose:** CAPTA funding provides grants to states to improve child protective service systems. The program is intended to help improve intake, assessment, screening and investigation of child abuse and neglect reports; risk safety assessment protocols; training for child protective services workers and mandated reporters; programs and procedures for the identification, prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and services to disabled infants with life-threatening conditions. In addition, states can use funds to train child protective services workers.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** States  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$27 million; FY '08 \$26.5 million; FY '09 est. \$26.5 million  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to the state administering office-usually the state child welfare agency.  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with states to provide trauma services to children in the child protective system. Funds also may be used to improve the state's delivery of trauma-focused services to these children through activities such as training agency staff on trauma-informed screening protocols.
- Funding Source:** Child Abuse Discretionary Activities  
**Funding Type:** Discretionary Grant  
**Purpose:** Child Abuse funds may be used to provide technical assistance; research and service demonstration projects to identify, assess, prevent, and treat child abuse and neglect; and to disseminate information on the incidence, causes, prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** States; local governments; tribes; and nonprofits  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$26 million; FY '08 \$37 million; FY '09 est. \$37 million  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to grantees.  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may use funds to support a range of activities, including research and service demonstration projects, evaluation of best practices and technical assistance that supports improved practices in assessing and treating trauma caused by child abuse and neglect.

### Office of Community Services

- Funding Source:** Social Services Block Grant  
**Funding Type:** Formula/Block Grant  
**Purposes:** States may use funds flexibly to provide child day care, protective and emergency services for children and adults; information and referral, adoption, foster care, counseling, and transportation.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** State governments and territories  
**Funding History:** FY '07 \$1.70 billion; FY '08 \$1.70 billion; FY '09 est. \$1.20 billion  
**Flow of Funds:** Funding flows directly to designated agency  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to support a range of services for children exposed to trauma, including case management and mental health treatment. Funds can also be used to engage grantees in case coordination and system building activities.

### Administration on Children, Youth, and Families-Family and Youth Services Bureau

- Funding Source:** Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (Part A: Basic Center Program; Part B: Transitional Living Program)  
**Funding Type:** Discretionary Grant  
**Purpose:** The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program provides grants to public and private organizations to establish and operate runaway and homeless youth shelters and transitional living programs, including maternity group homes. Grants are used to develop community-based shelters to address immediate needs (e.g., crisis intervention, skills training, temporary shelter, counseling, family unification, aftercare services) of runaway and homeless youth and their families.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** States; tribes; localities; private entities; private and public nonprofits; and coordinated networks of such entities unless they are part of the law enforcement structure or the juvenile justice system

**Funding History:** FY '07 \$87.84 million; FY '08 \$96.13 million; FY '09 est. \$96.13 million<sup>4</sup>

**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to grantees.

**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to provide trauma-focused mental health treatment and services to runaway and homeless youth.

- **Funding Source:** Education and Prevention Grants to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth

**Funding Type:** Discretionary Grant

**Purpose:** Education and Prevention grants are awarded to private, nonprofit agencies for street-based outreach and education, including treatment, and counseling for runaway, homeless and street youth who have been subjected to sexual abuse and exploitation. Funds may be used to establish and build relationships between street youth and program outreach staff.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Private, nonprofit agencies

**Funding History:** FY '07 \$15 million; FY '08 \$17 million; FY '09 est. \$17 million

**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to grantees.

**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to provide trauma-focused mental health services and supports to runaway, homeless and street youth. Initiatives can also provide technical assistance training to build the capacity of outreach staff.

### Office of Refugee Resettlement

- **Funding Source:** Unaccompanied Alien Children

**Funding Type:** Discretionary Grant

**Purpose:** These grants provide for the care and placement of unaccompanied alien minors who are apprehended in the U.S. by Department of Homeland Security agencies or other law enforcement agencies. State licensed facilities receive grants to provide shelter care and foster care. The program also provides medical care, pro-bono coordination, background checks of sponsors, family reunification, and secure transportation services through grants, inter-agency agreements, and contracts.

**Applicant Eligibility:** Non-profits; state licensed agencies

**Funding History:** FY '07 \$95 million; FY '08 \$132 million; FY '09 est. \$114 million

**Flow of Funds:** Funds flow directly to grantees.

**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to provide mental health services to unaccompanied alien minors.

### Implications for NCTSN

Given ACF's current priorities on children's mental health and violence prevention and intervention, there is clearly opportunity for Network program and initiative leaders to develop their capacity to access these grant programs either directly or in partnership with stakeholders in their State and community. Following are tips that Network members can utilize to increase their chances of accessing specific grant programs:

Accessing Block or Formula Grants - Accessing these dollars begins with developing an understanding of how your State administers these dollars. By either contacting your State administrator's office and/or reviewing their web page, you can gain valuable insight as to what extent your State is issuing grants and/or contracts on a competitive basis, and you can learn more about existing grantees and contractors. If you are not already aware of and/or connected to the administrator of a particular block grant, it is a good idea to determine who the local contact is (either a regional contact from a State office or a county office depending on how the program is structured in your State). You should have a conversation with them about how and if your NCTSN program aligns with the priorities of the block grant, and you should acquire information on opportunities for funding and/or coordination with existing providers.

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<sup>4</sup> This funding reflects the total of both "Part A: Basic Center Program;" and "Part B: Transitional Living Program." "Part A" funding levels are: FY '07 \$48 million; FY '08 \$52 million; FY '09 est. \$52 million. "Part B" funding levels are: FY '07 \$39 million; FY '08 \$43 million; FY '09 est. \$43 million.

Accessing Entitlement Grants – Entitlement programs guarantee that all individuals who meet the program’s eligibility criteria are served. Because program funds are disbursed to states through a formula, these grants can also be classified as formula grants. Similar to accessing formula or block grants, you should develop a relationship with the administrator of a particular entitlement grant. Forming partnerships is also an effective strategy in accessing entitlement grants when your organization might not directly qualify. For example, while the Title IV-E Foster Care program (the sole entitlement program included in this funding update) funds are not available to cover trauma-focused services, NCTSN grantees can partner with state and child welfare agencies in an effort to access funds and provide services such as training staff and foster parents on issues related to child trauma.

Accessing Discretionary Grants<sup>5</sup> - Discretionary grants, sometimes called project grants because of their targeted focus, are awarded directly to applicants through a competitive proposal process. An application for a discretionary grant does not guarantee an award, and the amounts awarded are not based on a formula. It is important that NCTSN program leaders do the following:

- Get to know the various programs and deadlines by monitoring what funding is available and when (i.e., visit federal agency websites for funding “outlooks” that provide information on which grant opportunities will be open in the coming year; review the Federal Register on an ongoing basis to view notices of fund availability as posted by federal agencies; and explore NCTSN monthly funding announcements and website resources).
- Follow the guidelines and requests in ACF grants application process very carefully.

## Section II: Upcoming Funding Opportunities

This section describes upcoming funding opportunities that could support NCTSN grantees.

- **Funding Source:** Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)  
**Funding Type:** Formula/Block Grant  
**Purpose:** CCDBG funding allows states maximum flexibility in developing child care programs to improve the availability, accessibility, and affordability of child care for low-income families who are working or attending training/education. Funds may be used to provide financial assistance for child care; and establish or expand early child development programs and before-and after- school programs. A state must use a minimum of 4 percent of CCDBG funds to provide comprehensive consumer education to parents and the public, activities to increase parental choice, and activities designed to improve the quality and availability of child care. A quarter of one percent (around \$5 million) is reserved for technical assistance; a half of one percent (around \$10 million) is reserved for research and evaluation purposes.<sup>6</sup>  
**Applicant Eligibility:** State governments; tribes; and territories.  
**Available Funds:** FY '07 \$2.06 billion; FY '08 \$2.06 billion; FY '09 est. \$2.06 billion  
**Flow of Funds:** Funds initially flow to states; tribes; and territories. Funds are distributed by these entities to child care providers and families through grants, contracts, or certificates.  
**Deadline:** July 1, 2008  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with states to ensure that subsidized child care providers are knowledgeable about the effects of trauma on children. For example, funds may support trainings for child care providers.  
**For More Information:** Visit [here](#).

<sup>5</sup> Access to funds is related to state priorities

<sup>6</sup> Administered by the Office of Research Planning and Evaluation, research and evaluation funding is used to identify strengths and weaknesses of the CCDBG program. This funding is discretionary. Applicants usually include universities or research institutions.

- Funding Source:** CAPTA: National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response<sup>7</sup> in Child Protective Services

**Funding Type:** Discretionary

**Purpose:** The purpose of this program announcement is to award a cooperative agreement to establish a National Quality Improvement Center (QIC) on Differential Response in Child Protective Services (CPS). The QIC will work to generate knowledge on effective practice models of differential response in child protective systems. It will support the infrastructure needed at the State and local levels to improve child welfare outcomes for children and their families who are identified as a result of referrals for suspected child maltreatment. In addition, the QIC will work to foster collaborative research, demonstration and dissertation projects that address differential response in child protective services across the various systems that interface to maximize family strengths and keep children safe: neighborhood and community-based organizations, prevention programs, child protection, child welfare, health, education, housing, financial and family support.

**Applicant Eligibility:** State governments; county governments; special district governments; public and State controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits; faith based and community organizations; private institutions of higher education; and for profits. Partnerships are encouraged between organizations with experience and expertise in child welfare, child maltreatment prevention, and early childhood programs, but applications must identify a primary applicant responsible for administering the grant.

**Available Funding:** \$1.7 million for one grant

**Deadline:** July 11, 2008

**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with recipients through activities such as training agency staff on trauma-informed screening protocols and providing prevention services.

**For More Information:** Visit [here](#).
- Funding Source:** Cooperative Agreements for Child Welfare Training Technical Assistance Implementation Centers

**Funding Type:** Discretionary

**Purpose:** Implementation Centers will pilot a new, complementary approach to technical assistance (TA) by expanding the T/TA Network and enhancing its ability to provide in-depth and long-term consultation and support to States and Tribes. Implementation Centers will partner with States and Tribes to execute projects that will focus on the implementation of strategies that their child welfare systems have identified to improve the quality and effectiveness of child welfare services for youth and families.

**Eligible Applicants:** State governments; county governments; special district governments; public and State controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits; faith based and community organizations; private institutions of higher education; and for profits.

**Available Funding:** \$7,050,000 for five grants

**Deadline:** July 11, 2008

**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs can partner with states to provide training to child protective services staff on how to effectively screen for trauma, implement trauma screenings or refer children to mental health providers.

**For More Information:** Visit [here](#).

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<sup>7</sup>Differential response, also referred to as “dual track,” “multiple track,” or “alternative response,” is an approach that allows child protective services to respond differently to reports of child abuse and neglect, based on such factors as the type and severity of the alleged maltreatment, number and sources of previous reports, and willingness of the family to participate in services.

- Funding Source:** CAPTA: National Quality Improvement Center on Preventing the Abuse and Neglect of Infants and Young Children  
**Funding Type:** Discretionary  
**Purpose:** The purpose of this program announcement is to award a cooperative agreement to establish a National Quality Improvement Center (QIC) on Preventing the Abuse and Neglect of Infants and Young Children. The QIC will work to improve the social, physical, behavioral, cognitive, and emotional well-being of children zero to five years old, and their families, who are at risk of abuse and neglect, including those infants and young children impacted by substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS, by fostering collaborative research and demonstration projects across the child abuse prevention, child welfare, early childhood, and other health, education, and social service systems.  
**Applicant Eligibility:** State governments; county governments; special district governments; public and State controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits; faith based and community organizations; private institutions of higher education; and for profits. Partnerships are encouraged between organizations with experience and expertise in child welfare, child maltreatment prevention, and early childhood programs, but applications must identify a primary applicant responsible for administering the grant.  
**Available Funding:** \$1.7 million for one grant  
**Deadline:** July 14, 2008  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may partner with recipients through activities such as training agency staff on trauma-informed screening protocols and providing prevention services.  
**For More Information:** Visit [here](#).
- Funding Source:** Family Violence Prevention and Services Program  
**Funding Type:** Discretionary  
**Purpose:** This funding announcement will provide financial support for the development of family violence intervention services and prevention efforts under three priority areas: Priority Area I: Specialized Outreach Demonstration Projects for Services to Underserved and Diverse Populations; Priority Area II: Open Doors to Safety: Capacity-Building Grants for Domestic Violence Programs; and Priority Area III: Technical Support for Open Doors to Safety Grant Programs. Awards will be cooperative agreements or grants depending upon the priority area.  
**Applicant eligibility:** State governments; public and State controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits; private institutions of higher education.  
**Available Funding:** \$2.9 million for 10 grants  
**Deadline:** July 14, 2008  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs may use funds to support the provision of training and technical assistance as well as planning and coordination efforts to better support children and adolescents who are victims of family violence.  
**For More Information:** Visit [here](#).
- Funding Source:** Supporting Evidence-Based Home Visitation Programs to Prevent Child Maltreatment  
**Funding Type:** Discretionary  
**Purpose:** These grants can help support the infrastructure needed for the widespread adoption, implementation, and sustaining of evidence-based home visitation programs. Grant funds can be used for efforts to expand and enhance home visitation programs based on proven effective models.  
**Applicant eligibility:** Public housing authorities; Tribal housing authorities; Native American organizations; and nonprofits  
**Available Funding:** \$8.5 million for 21 grants  
**Deadline:** July 21, 2008  
**NCTSN Relevancy:** NCTSN programs can partner with home visitation programs to identify programs that prevent child maltreatment.  
**For More Information:** Visit [here](#).

### Section III. Helpful Resources

- **Dept of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families (ACF)**  
A full range of information on funding opportunities.  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants>
- **Child Welfare Information Gateway**  
A service of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, we provide access to print and electronic publications, websites, and online databases covering a wide range of topics from prevention to permanency, including child welfare, child abuse and neglect, adoption, search and reunion, and much more.  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>  
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/>
- **The National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth (NCFY)**  
A free information service of the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), NCFY supports FYSB grantees, as well as individuals and communities interested in these focus areas: Youth Development; Mentoring Children of Prisoners; Family Violence Prevention; Abstinence Education  
<http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/>
- **Children's Bureau Express electronic newsletter**  
The newsletter is designed for professionals concerned with child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and adoption. Children's Bureau Express is supported by the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and published by Child Welfare Information Gateway.  
<http://www.cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/>
- This **ACF** website provides a forecast of future funding opportunities  
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open.html>
- [Afterschool.gov](http://www.afterschool.gov) is a one-stop website connecting the public, and particularly afterschool providers, to federal resources that support children and youth during out-of-school time
- **National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW)** This is the first national study that examines child and family well-being outcomes in detail and seeks to relate those outcomes to their experience with the child welfare system and to family characteristics, community environment, and other factors  
[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/abuse\\_neglect/nscaw/nscaw\\_overview.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/abuse_neglect/nscaw/nscaw_overview.html)
- The **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America** offers grant-writing tips at  
<http://cadca.org/CoalitionResources/Funding.asp>.
- [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) is a valuable source to find and apply for federal government grants.

## **NCTSN/Finance Project Publications**

- **A Guide to Private Funding to Support Child Traumatic Stress and Other Trauma-Focused Initiatives** provides practical information and guidance on how child traumatic stress initiative leaders can attract and access private funding to address their financing challenges and support the development, implementation and dissemination of trauma-informed interventions. [http://www.nctsnet.org/nctsn\\_assets/pdfs/Private\\_Funding\\_Guide\\_Final.pdf](http://www.nctsnet.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/Private_Funding_Guide_Final.pdf)
- **Thinking Broadly: Financing Strategies for Child Traumatic Stress Initiatives** presents a conceptual framework for financing child traumatic stress initiatives' work and a set of approaches that initiative leaders can implement to provide comprehensive and coordinated trauma supports and services. [http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn\\_assets/pdfs/ThinkingBroadlyCTS\\_final.pdf](http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/ThinkingBroadlyCTS_final.pdf)
- **Finding Funding: A Guide to Federal Sources for Child Traumatic Stress and Other Trauma Focused Initiatives** catalogs over sixty-five federal funding sources that can potentially support child trauma services. [http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn\\_assets/pdfs/CTS\\_FFG\\_finalRev.pdf](http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/CTS_FFG_finalRev.pdf).

### **About the National Child Traumatic Stress Network**

Established by Congress in 2000, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is a unique collaboration of academic and community-based service centers whose mission is to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families across the United States. Combining knowledge of child development, expertise in the full range of child traumatic experiences, and attention to cultural perspectives, the NCTSN serves as a national resource for developing and disseminating evidence-based interventions, trauma-informed services, and public and professional education.

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