

**Child Abuse Prevention – CAPTA Title II: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation - \$270 Million**

**HHS, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau
Community Based Child Abuse Prevention**

	FY23 Enacted Funding	FY24 President’s Request	Prevent Child Abuse America’s FY24 Recommendation
CAPTA, Title II CBCAP	\$70.66 million	\$90 million	\$270 million

The need to increase community-based child abuse prevention funding:

Child abuse and neglect affects over one million children every year and child abuse and neglect costs our nation \$220 million every day. Greater focus on preventing child abuse and neglect before it happens yields significant cost reductions later while simultaneously improving outcomes for children and families.

CBCAP funded programs and services ensure that families have the resources they need to provide healthy environments to give children the best chance at success. CBCAP is designed to create environments where families get the support they need before harm occurs and keep families out of the child welfare system, yet it minimally funds the needed prevention services across communities.

How CBCAP Funding is used:

CBCAP grants provide critical support for locally driven programs and services which are essential to building healthy and thriving communities; including, home visiting such as Healthy Families America and coordination and connection with mental health, substance use, and domestic violence services. While 70% of the funds are proportionately distributed to states based on the number of children, 30% of the funds are based on the leveraging of non-federal funds (private, state, or other non-federal funds). For example, CBCAP grant funding supports evidence-based home visiting programs and Family Resource Centers which include a continuum of services and approaches that are responsive to the needs of the family and community.

Prevent Child Abuse America urges Congress to support CBCAP at \$270 million in FY24 to leverage these federal funds with state and local dollars to prevent child abuse and neglect.

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**Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation - \$15 Million**

**Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control**

	FY23 Enacted Funding	FY24 President's Request	Prevent Child Abuse America's FY24 Recommendation
Adverse Childhood Experiences	\$9 million	\$15 million	\$15 million

The need to increase adverse childhood experiences funding:

Research shows that early exposure to trauma, violence, or other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, and substance misuse in adulthood. ACEs are preventable and having prevention strategies in place, before a traumatic event, can dramatically reduce negative effects. Prevention remains the single most cost-effective approach to minimizing the impact of ACEs and its lifelong health effects. We must invest in prevention services and supports to reduce the cost of interventions and treatment later in life and promote healthy outcomes for children.

How ACEs funding is used:

ACEs funding supports states to coordinate proven strategies to prevent ACEs and support positive childhood experiences. These strategies help to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments where children live, learn and play. As an example, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health recognizes the significant role positive childhood experiences (PCEs) play in creating an environment for healthy development and mitigating the effects of adverse experiences. In 2021, they included PCE questions in the Massachusetts Youth Health Survey and plan to utilize the survey data to inform PCE programmatic activities. This will include a training series for youth service providers, early childhood educators, and home visitors focusing on increasing awareness, understanding, and how PCEs buffer against the impact of trauma.

Prevent Child Abuse America urges Congress support ACEs funding of at least \$15 million in FY24 to support the prevention of ACEs and to support positive childhood experiences.

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**Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendation - \$4 Million**

**Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control**

	FY23 Enacted Funding	FY24 President's Request	FY24 Prevent Child Abuse America Recommendation
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention	\$3 million	\$3 million	\$4 million

The need to increase child sexual abuse prevention funding:

Extensive research shows that experiences of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) are associated with short term and long lasting physical, mental, behavioral health problems and poor academic outcomes. Resources for child sexual abuse have mostly focused on treatment for victims and criminal justice-oriented approaches for perpetrators. These efforts are important after child sexual abuse has occurred. However, little investment has been made in preventing child sexual abuse. Effective evidence-based strategies are available to proactively protect children from child sexual abuse, but few have been widely disseminated. More resources are needed to develop, evaluate, implement, and disseminate evidence-based child sexual abuse primary prevention strategies.

How CSA funding is used:

CSA prevention funding at CDC supports evaluation of primary prevention approaches for adult perpetration of CSA. For example, one study is being funded to rigorously evaluate CSA prevention policies for their impact on the primary prevention of adult-perpetrated CSA. Thirty-four states and D.C. have statutes that encourage or mandate schools to provide CSA prevention education to staff and/or students. Evaluating the effects associated with school-based CSA education laws and their variations across states will provide scientific evidence of the impact of school-based CSA prevention policies on decreasing CSA and other forms of child abuse and neglect.

Prevent Child Abuse America urges Congress to support CSA funding at \$4 million in FY24 to support the prevention of CSA.

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