

## Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) programs were established by Title II of The [Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act](#) (CAPTA). CBCAP provides grants in all 50 states and territories for [community-based programs and services](#) that support families before they reach a point of crisis that leads to child welfare system involvement.

### Why is this federal funding critical?

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

CBCAP represents the main federal investment in primary prevention programs, yet it minimally funds prevention services for children, resulting in a great deal of unmet need.

### What Do Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants Support?

CBCAP grants ensure that state and local communities have resources to empower families to provide safe homes for their children, reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, and reduce the need for foster care. These grants can be used to support:

- Voluntary evidence-based home visiting (e.g. Healthy Families America)
- Community-based parent support programs
- Child sexual abuse prevention and parenting skills
- Early childhood and childcare programs
- Family resource centers
- Fatherhood engagement
- Coordination and connection with mental health, substance use, and domestic violence services

### What can I do?

Child abuse and neglect are preventable, and increased funding for CBCAP is part of the solution. We need the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress to appropriate \$270 million for CBCAP grants to allow for greater service delivery to address the needs of vulnerable families in our communities.



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1. [Advocate](#) for CBCAP by [contacting your elected](#) members of Congress to express their support for the program and urge them to provide adequate funding.
2. [Share information](#) about CBCAP and the impact of these funded programs in your community.
3. Learn more about CBCAP in [your state](#).
4. Read the [joint letter](#) to U.S. Appropriation Committees from Prevent Child Abuse America and our nationwide chapter network on the critical role of CBCAP.

Together, we can prevent child abuse, America...*Because childhood lasts a lifetime.*