



FY27 Appropriations Priorities

Prevent Child Abuse America Appropriations Recommendations

Prevent Child Abuse America is a national network of state chapters and over 600 Healthy Families America evidence-based home visiting program sites. These priorities have been identified by our network because they focus on enhancing community-based prevention efforts to support children and families before crises arise, thereby reducing the need for costly interventions.

Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Program

Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grants provide critical support for locally driven programs and services essential to building healthy and thriving communities; including family resource centers, parenting skills and home visitation, and coordination and connection to mental health and substance use services. While 70% of the funds are proportionately distributed to states based on the number of children, 30% of the funds are based on leveraging non-federal funds. CBCAP grant funding supports a continuum of efforts responsive to the needs of families and communities, reducing the need for child welfare involvement. **CBCAP received \$70.66 million in FY26, level funding, while an estimated \$14.1 trillion dollars are spent every year on health consequences related to adverse childhood experiences, including child abuse and neglect.**

**FUNDING
REQUEST**
\$70.66M
**LEVEL
FUNDING**
(Under HHS/ACF)

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

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 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 their lifelong health impacts. Investing in prevention reduces the cost of interventions and treatment later in life and promotes healthy outcomes for children. **Twelve grantees are currently funded, but there were over 40 applications; the interest in the field remains overwhelming.**

**FUNDING
REQUEST**
\$16.25M
**LEVEL
FUNDING**
\$9M for ACEs and
\$7.25M for Child
Maltreatment
(Under HHS/CDC)

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Research

Research shows that experiences of childhood sexual abuse are associated with short term and long-lasting physical, mental, behavioral health problems and poor academic and financial outcomes. Resources for child sexual abuse have mostly focused on treatment for victims and criminal justice-oriented approaches for perpetrators, after child sexual abuse has occurred. Little investment has been made in preventing child sexual abuse from happening in the first place. Effective evidence-based strategies are available to proactively protect children from child sexual abuse, but funding is needed to develop, evaluate, implement, and disseminate evidence-based child sexual abuse primary prevention strategies. **The lifetime economic burden of child sexual abuse is at least \$9.3 billion, while the prevention of child sexual abuse program was funded at only \$3 million in FY26.**

**FUNDING
REQUEST**
\$3M
**LEVEL
FUNDING**
(Under HHS/CDC)