

CBCAP Program Use of Funds

Section 201(b) of CAPTA provides that funds made available to states under the CBCAP program must be used for the following purposes—

1. 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, and culturally appropriate, and build upon existing strengths that:
 - A. offer assistance to families;
 - B. provide early, comprehensive support for parents;
 - C. promote the development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents with very young children;
 - D. increase family stability;
 - E. improve family access to other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance available within communities, including access to such resources and opportunities for unaccompanied homeless youth;
 - F. support the additional needs of families with children with disabilities through respite care and other services;
 - G. demonstrate a commitment to involving parents in the planning and program implementation of the lead agency and entities carrying out local programs funded under this Title, including meaningful involvement of parents of children with disabilities, parents with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, and members of underrepresented and underserved groups; and
 - H. provide referrals to early health and developmental services.
2. 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;
3. financing the start-up, maintenance, expansion, or redesign of specific family resource and support program community-based 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 family resource and support child abuse and neglect prevention program to the extent practicable given funding levels and community priorities;
4. 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
5. financing public information activities that focus on the healthy and positive development of parents and children and promotion of child abuse and neglect prevention activities.