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Q & A CORNER

This ongoing series is designed to address questions raised by state leaders regarding developing state systems and taking HFA to scale. As part of the *State Systems Scoop*, we explore answers to these questions and offer resources for additional information.

With the aim of responding to further questions regarding advocacy, this issue offers several legislative action steps for Healthy Families America. The following information outlines pertinent pieces of legislation, action steps for the HFA network, relevant congressional committees, related pieces of the presidential budget, and, when available, general reauthorization timelines.*

Introduction: President Bush recently unveiled the details of his \$1.96 trillion fiscal year (FY) 2002, which outlines the Administration's spending priorities and becomes a powerful negotiating platform during the appropriations process. Now that details of President Bush's budget have been revealed, it is clear what programs would be cut not only this year, but over the next 10 years, should the tax cuts pass in their present form. It is important to remember that the unprecedented federal surplus would allow for full funding and increases in all existing programs.

Along with advocating for a fair and targeted tax cut, it is vital that our network support the reauthorization of the following acts outlined below which further our goal of making home visiting services available on a voluntary basis to expectant parents and families with newborns and young children in order to promote positive parenting skills and healthy child development and prevent child abuse and neglect:

- 1. Title IV-B, Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families**
- 2. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act**
- 3. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (TANF)**
- 4. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).**

These acts will be fully outlined after the action steps listed here:

1. Contact your Senators today and explain how the Administration's proposed budget will affect your community. It is important that constituents contact their legislators today to thank them for their support of a smaller, targeted tax cut and urge them to continue supporting fair taxes for all Americans. **Senate Finance Committee:** Capitol Switchboard: 202-3224-3121 or see; www.senate.gov.

2. Contact your legislators who reside on the key committees that will be outlined below. Keep your legislators informed, and be a resource as these issues unfold.

For a listing of congressional committees and committee members, go to:

House: <http://www.house.gov/house/CommitteeWWW.html>

Senate: <http://www.senate.gov/committees/index.cfm>

3. Invite your legislator to attend a program site. This provides an opportunity for policy makers to see first-hand how their decisions directly impact individual. In the next few months, there are several scheduled congressional recesses when your legislator will most likely be in her/his home district. Contact the legislator's local office and ask to speak to the person in charge of that legislator's schedule.

Upcoming District Work Periods

Memorial Day:	House: May 28 – June 1 Senate: May 26 – June 3
Independence Day:	House: July 2 – 6 Senate: June 30 – July 8
August/Labor Day	House: August 6 – September 4 Senate: August 4 – September 3

Legislative Action Steps for Healthy Families America

Social Security Act

Program: Title IV-B, Subpart 2, Promoting Safe and Stable Families

Subpart 2 of Title IV-B earmarks funds for the *Safe and Stable Families Program* which is a major source of federal funding for community-based family support services such as home visiting, parent support groups, respite care, information and referral services, and early developmental screening of children. It also funds family preservation and adoption services.

**Action Step: Current Funding Level: \$305 million
Desired Funding Level: \$505 million**

Status:

The President proposed an additional \$200 million a year, \$1 billion over five years, for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program (raising it from \$305 million to \$505 million) and an additional \$60 million a year for assistance to young people aging out of foster care to pursue higher education or vocational training. Together these investments will help prevent children from having to enter foster care and support alternatives for those in foster care when they are returned home, adopted, or leave care at age 18, often with no family to return to.

The President also proposed two additional new initiatives: \$67 million for a program to help children whose parents are in prison or on probation, and \$33 million for residential programs to assist teen parents and their children.

Senate Committee: Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education, and Human Services

House Committee: Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources

Timeline: There is a tentative hearing date scheduled for the House on May 10.

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

This act consists of a basic state grant program (\$21 million), the Discretionary and Research Demonstration Grants(\$33.7 million), and the Community-based Family Resource and Support Program (\$33 million). Combined, these programs embody the core of federal funding to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Program: Title II, Community-Based Family Resource and Support Program

This program represents a consolidation of prevention-focused categorical funding at approximately \$33 million in FY 2000 - only half its authorized level. These grants help local child abuse prevention programs provide the following services to children and families: outreach, home visiting, child care, respite care, parent education, parent-child activities, counseling, substance abuse treatment, GED classes, job training, among other things.

Program: Discretionary and Research Demonstration Grants

Discretionary grants expand our knowledge about the treatment needs of maltreated children, the effectiveness of current risk assessment, training, and service practices, and the consequences and causes of child abuse and neglect.

Action Step: Fully Fund at the authorized funding level of \$166 million

Status: While leaving Title II at its current funding level, the President proposed a \$15.7 million reduction in Child Abuse Discretionary Grants. Funding for the program would be reduced from \$34 million in FY2001 to \$18 million for FY2002.

Timeline: Hearings are tentatively scheduled for late May/early June.

Senate Committee: Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

House Committee: Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education
<http://edworkforce.house.gov/members/mem-sed.htm>

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996

President Clinton signed TANF into law on August 22, 1996, authorizing a fixed allocation of \$16.38 billion in spending for assistance to low-income families annually from FY 1997-2002.

Program: Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF)

Action Step: Ensure that federal support for families in need will continue under the new TANF block grant or that new resources are identified so that funds for prevention are not lost.

Status:

While most TANF funding continues through FY 2002, the TANF supplemental grants expire at the end of FY 2001. The President proposed eliminating funding for FY 2002, which will result in funding cuts ranging from 2.4 percent to 10.4 percent of the annual TANF block grant among the 17 states affected.

By law, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) allocates supplemental grants to states with higher poverty levels or with rapid population growth under TANF. These grants help to reduce the gap in expenditures for poor children among wealthier and poorer states. Seventeen states received supplemental grants in FY 2002. Their average child poverty rate was 19.5 percent in 1999.

Timeline: No new TANF legislation has been introduced this congressional session. However, the Senate budget resolution contained two amendments that would continue funding TANF supplemental grants and restore the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) to the level specified in the original welfare legislation passed in 1996. These provisions will need to be accepted by House budget conferees before becoming part of the final budget resolution.

While there have been no hearings in the Senate, the House Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources has had three hearings regarding the effects of welfare reform and issues such as contingency funds and work programs.

Senate Committee: Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

House Committee: Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is our government's single largest investment in elementary and secondary education. It provides targeted resources to help ensure that disadvantaged students have access to a quality public education. ESEA was originally authorized in 1965 for five years and had been reauthorized every five years since. It expired in the year 2000. ESEA contains a number of education programs critical to children and public education including:

Programs:

- Title I, Helping Disadvantaged Children
- Title I, Part B, Even Start
- Title I, Part D, Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk of Dropping out
- Title XI, Coordinated Services
- 21st Century Schools
- Title IV, Safe and Drug Free Schools

Action Step: To amend ESEA by adding "prevention of child abuse and neglect" to a list of permissible funded activities in an appropriate section. Or add the following: "voluntary, comprehensive, and culturally appropriate family support programs, including home visitor services, parenting education and support services for new parents to prevent or decrease the risk of child maltreatment and increase children's readiness for school. To avoid duplication of services funded under this section, activities support pursuant to this paragraph shall be coordinated with others that provide family support services."

Update: The President's budget proposes a \$1.9 billion increase over FY 2001 levels for elementary and secondary education (ESEA) programs, including an additional:

- \$459 million for Title I grant
- \$614 million for a Reading First program
- \$75 million for an Early Reading First program
- \$375 million for teacher quality state grants
- \$389 million for state and national testing requirements

- \$175 million for a Charter School fund

In order to fund these increases, the Administration proposes eliminating \$1.2 billion for school renovation and consolidating the \$1.6 billion class size reduction program into a new teacher quality program. The budget also proposes combining 10 existing education programs into a new "Choice and Innovation" block grant and would cut the overall funding for this block grant by \$462 million.

Other programs that work to ensure that our schools are safe and productive environments were frozen at FY 2001 funding levels. Once inflation and actual need is factored in, the end result is a cut in the funding levels for the following programs:

- After school programs
- The 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Safe and Drug-free school programs
- Bilingual education programs
- Vocational assistance programs
- Even Start
- Comprehensive school reform programs

On March 22, the House Education and the Workforce Committee leadership released H.R. 1, the No Child Left Behind Act, for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee marked up their version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization on March 8, 2001. This bill extends the current range of programs and activities. As of this writing, the bill is being debated on the Senate Floor.

Senate Committee: Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)
House Committee: Education and the Workforce Committee

*Among other sources, this information was gathered from the Children's Defense Fund (<http://www.childrendefense.org/>); the Child Welfare League of America (<http://www.cwla.org/>); and the American Public Human Services Association (www.aphsa.org)

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA NEWS

HFA State Leaders Meeting

This year's State Leaders Meeting, which took place on March 11-14 in Washington D.C, focused on advocacy challenges and strategies for Healthy Families America. Over 90 state leaders from forty states benefited from both the insight of a variety of speakers familiar with the policy-making and advocacy processes, and the opportunity to network with colleagues facing similar day-to-day challenges.

Sessions during the meeting included representatives from Zero to Three, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Commissioner's Office of Research and Evaluation; who discussed strategies for translating research on early childhood development into policy recommendations. Elaine Ryan, acting executive director for the American Public Human Services Association, spoke about the reauthorization of TANF and PCA staff facilitated discussions about the ways in which domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental illness are

influencing HFA programs across the country. Shane Salter of the Freddie Mac Foundation spoke of his experiences in the child welfare system and stressed the importance of prevention.

In preparation for the visits to capital hill, Cassie Statuto Bevan, Senior Advisor to House Majority Whip, Jeffrey D. Arnold, Deputy Legislative Director at the National Association of Counties, Thomas Birch Legislative Council, National Child Abuse Coalition, and Karabelle Pizzigati, consultant, and former Director of Public Policy for the Child Welfare League of America imparted advocacy tips and expertise.

Participants met with members of Congress and legislative staff to outline the benefits of home visiting as a prevention strategy and HFA as a valuable family support program. In all, participants and PCA America Staff met with over 200 policy makers and staff members, laying the groundwork for future legislation and underscoring the need for the creation and reauthorization of federal sources to support HFA.

This successful day of visits culminated with the HFA Awards Reception welcoming members of Congress, legislative staff and HFA state leaders. Co-hosted by the National Association of Counties (NACo), the event honored Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT) and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-TX) for their leadership on child abuse prevention issues. PCA America and NACo also honored Freddie Mac Chairman and CEO Leland C. Brendsel for his work in support of the HFA campaign, and recognized four families involved in HFA for their remarkable progress and achievement in the program.

Thanks also to everyone involved in making the State Leaders Meeting a success. This opportunity for our state leaders to advocate on behalf of HFA was a positive and valuable step forward in our work to add “prevention” to the policy vocabularies of our elected officials.

Healthy Families America Licensing Update

Those of you who attended the 2000 Healthy Families America Conference in Atlanta last September will remember that we introduced the new brand identity (i.e., logo) for HFA. At the time, we indicated that all sites and state systems would be hearing from us in early 2001 to report on the new graphic standards governing the use of the new brand identity and the process through which we would make the brand and its related trademarks available to the HFA network.

We are pleased to announce that this information will be provided to you soon. In May, we will be sending all HFA sites a graphics standards manual and a licensing agreement. Both of these elements are critical because the implementation of the new brand identity for Healthy Families America involves two important steps: 1) the development of uniform standards governing the use of the trademarks; and 2) the formalization of the process through which the use of the trademarks is shared with the HFA network. Both of these steps are important for two reasons.

First, they ensure *consistent use* of the trademarks. This consistency across the network increases the opportunities for all of us in the network to create and build public awareness and familiarity with the program.

Second, they make it possible for us to collectively *protect the brand identity* of the program for the benefit of all of us by ensuring that only those organizations affiliated with HFA and committed to the program’s Critical Elements are representing themselves as part of our network.

Please contact us with any questions you have about this process. We look forward to launching this brand identity and expanding public awareness of the HFA program and network.

Healthy Families America Website

The new HFA site, www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org, allows network members, professionals and interested individuals to access information, order publications, and identify primary contacts for each state. Those accessing the site will also be able to donate directly to HFA; read about credentialing, training, state systems support, advocacy and research; and link to HFA partners and other useful resources and publications. For more information, or to offer comments and suggestions, please contact Lori Friedman at 312-663-3520.

The Framework for Healthy Families America State Systems Development

Written in cooperation with the State Leaders Advisory Committee (SLAC), this publication defines the roles of primary contacts and state leaders and outlines the various elements of state systems. This publication is available at a cost of \$8. Visit the HFA website to order or contact Sara Zuiderveen at 312-663-3520 X119 for more information.

The National Family Support Roundtable

The National Family Support Roundtable and Prevent Child Abuse America have joined forces in a national network to promote and expand the availability of mutual self-help support groups for families. One thousand groups are offered currently in sixteen states and one region. A substantial grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) will be used to increase both group numbers and states where the program is available.

The time-tested, mutual self-help model offers free, confidential, non-judgmental groups where anyone involved in a parenting role – biological parents, new parents, grandparents parenting again, step, foster, or adoptive parents – can come together to offer and receive support on parenting and other issues that affect families. Groups are parent-led and supported by facilitators who are knowledgeable about community resources and group dynamics. The program encourages the development of parallel, free children's groups to facilitate parent attendance, build kids' self-esteem, and to help kids learn non-violent ways of interaction.

Mutual self-help support groups for families offer an ideal opportunity for organizations to extend their continuum of services, engage parents, and develop parent leadership. In many areas, these groups have been established to complement the services offered by HFA programs, curriculum-based parent education programs, family resource centers, community mental health centers and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs.

For more information on where to locate a support group for you or your families, or information on bringing this valuable child abuse prevention program to your area, please contact Cynthia Savage, Project Manager, at (312) 663-3520 or csavage@preventchildabuse.org.

Prevent Child Abuse America Conference to be held in Dallas, March 2-5, 2002

Prevent Child Abuse is pleased to announce the first-ever national conference focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The conference theme is Imagine a Nation Without Child Abuse: Combining our Strengths for Prevention. The Prevent Child Abuse National Conference will focus on the great variety of prevention efforts being implemented nationwide by our chapters, Healthy Families America (HFA) program sites, National Family Support Roundtable programs, and members of the research network. The conference will combine PCA America's Chapter Leadership Conference, the HFA National Conference and the HFA State Leaders

Meeting into one meeting. The conference will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas, March 2-5, 2002. We are delighted to partner with Prevent Child Abuse Texas to make this remarkable event possible.

The Call for Proposals will be mailed out in late May and will also be available on the PCA America website.

For information about the Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference please call Ann Johnson, Conference Manager, or Holly Seymour, Conference Services Coordinator at (312) 663-3520.

The Public Health Project Estimates the Cost of Child Maltreatment in the U.S.

A recent study by PCA America estimates that the U.S spends \$94 billion each year as a direct or indirect result of child abuse and neglect. These costs vastly overwhelm the \$68 million spent each year by the federal government through the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) to prevent abuse and neglect in the first place.

This analysis is the first comprehensive attempt to estimate the costs associated with abuse and neglect nationally. It shows a staggering financial drain on social, medical and judicial services. For example, the cost of hospitalization for abused and neglected children is estimated to be \$6.2 billion annually, while the total annual cost to the child welfare system is estimated at \$14.4 billion each year.

The data used to obtain the total cost to society was based on research from a variety of sources, which was then compared with data relating to child abuse and neglect. This study is part of the two-year public health project generously funded by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. To access the report, go to: http://www.preventchildabuse.org/research_ctr/cost_analysis.pdf

Current Trends in Child Abuse Prevention, Reporting, & Fatalities:

The 1999 Fifty State Survey

An estimated 3,244,000 children were reported to child protective service agencies as alleged victims of child abuse or neglect in 1999, according to the 1999 Annual Fifty State Survey released by PCA America last month. The number of confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect was estimated at 1,071,000 in 1999. And of the confirmed cases, 1,401 children died as a result of child abuse and neglect. Reports of child abuse and neglect have shown a 33 percent increase over the past 10 years, although the rate of growth appeared to slow in the last half of the decade.

The 1999 data constitutes the most recent statewide statistics on child abuse and neglect, gathered by the National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research, an arm of PCA America. The Center has been collecting and compiling such data from the 50 states and the District of Columbia since 1986. The study is based on information provided by child protective service agencies in 46 states, representing 96.2 percent of the total U.S. child population. To access the report, go to http://www.preventchildabuse.org/research_ctr/1999_50_survey.pdf

PCA America Hosts Research Colloquium

In April, the National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research hosted its first-ever research colloquium. The colloquium, "Emerging Issues in Child Maltreatment, Place and Neglect" was held April 23-24 in Santa Fe, NM in conjunction with the 13th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Through this colloquium, PCA America hopes to build a national research agenda to further explore the knowledge of abuse and neglect risk factors. An invitation-only event, the colloquium brought together leading researchers representing academia, government,

philanthropy, and non-profit and for-profit think tanks, as well as PCA America chapters, HFA sites and National Board Members.

PCA America Advocacy Guide

This resource is designed for all levels of child advocates; from parents and community members who have never before considered themselves politically active to PCA America chapter staff extensively involved in their state's legislative process. Sections include explanations of the legislative process and lobbying, tips on how to communicate with legislators, advice on working election year advocacy, guidance on planning an effective advocacy agenda, useful web sites and contact information for government offices in all 50 states. This publication is available at the cost of \$28, or \$20 for affiliated HFA sites and members of our chapter network. Visit the HFA website to order or contact Sara Zuiderveen at 312-663-3520 X119 for more information.

Job Openings

Prevent Child Abuse America is seeking energetic, professional, team players. All positions are available immediately:

http://www.preventchildabuse.org/about_us/jobs.html

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Aspect Communications

The Aspect Community Commitment Fund provides monetary support for programs that help children ages 0 to 14 achieve specific results indicative of healthy development and educational success. Desired outcomes include:

- Healthy physical development in the first 36 months of life.
- Readiness to learn upon beginning school at age 5.
- Achievement at or above grade-level standards on general school curriculum.
- Freedom from involvement in violent situations and criminal activity.

To be eligible for funding, the organization must serve communities in which Aspect Communications has a significant representation of employees. The top six areas are:

Santa Clara County, California

Davidson and Williamson Counties, Tennessee

Merrimack Valley in northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire

Cobb and Fulton Counties, Georgia

Dallas and Tarrant Counties, Texas

Cook County, Illinois

For more information: www.aspect.com/newsinfo/community/gdlns.htm

The Avon Foundation

The Avon Foundation's goal is to be a recognized local, national and worldwide leader. Their focus is two-fold: 1) to support education, community and social services, and arts organizations and programs that promote economic opportunities for women and their families; and 2) to support breast cancer organizations and programs with money raised by the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day walks and other fundraising activities.

For more information: www.avoncompany.com/women/avonfoundation/guidelines.html.

Compaq Computer Corporation

Historically, Compaq has contributed significant resources to support education and academic excellence. The company maintains that commitment and continues to support the effective use of technology in the classroom to bring about a positive impact on teachers and student learning. Priority is given to the following:

- * K-12 education programs that enhance math, science, reading and computer skills
- * professional development for teachers with emphasis on using technology as a tool in the classroom
- * programs providing educational enrichment and assistance to students before, during, and after school, e.g. mentoring, homework centers, and science programs

Strengthening Communities

Contribution resources are targeted to support charitable organizations and programs that are located in communities where the company has significant business, facility/site and employee presence. Compaq works with communities to understand those issues and initiatives that are important and have a demonstrated need for assistance.

The company's primary interest is in building the capacity of charitable organizations by increasing their ability to operate more effectively. Compaq seeks innovative opportunities where its products, technology and expertise can contribute to the success of the organization. Requests are considered when they are educational, utilize technology, and demonstrate outreach to new and/or at-risk populations.

Support is provided in the following areas:

- * Healthcare, Human and Community Services: Emphasis is placed on good health promotion and prevention programs and community intervention programs targeting at-risk populations in Compaq communities.
- * Environment: Support is focused on environmental education initiatives that promote the protection of the environment and the appropriate use of resources.
- * Culture and the Arts: The company invests in programs tied to school curricula that broaden knowledge and exposure to the arts, and encourage outreach and development of new audiences.

For detailed information go to:

<http://www.compaq.com/corporate/community/program.html>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Reclaiming Futures: Building Community Solutions to Substance Abuse and Delinquency
'Reclaiming Futures' is a \$21 million Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative designed to build community solutions to substance abuse and delinquency by developing the systems infrastructure necessary to deliver comprehensive care within the juvenile justice system. In order to accomplish this, a partnership encompassing the juvenile justice system, substance abuse treatment systems, and a range of youth and family support services will be necessary in each of the participating communities. Since 1990, the Foundation has supported an expansive array of strategically aimed projects to decrease substance abuse and improve the health and functioning of a variety of high-risk groups. For more information: www.rwjf.org/index.jsp

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Program and Policy Assessments and Evaluation Designs

The CDC is seeking proposals for performance of a full range of evaluation study types; program assessments, policy assessments and evaluation design studies. Evaluations or assessments typically target certain high-priority public health issues or programs that are likely to influence CDC's budgetary, legislative, regulatory and long-range planning. Multiple awards (3 or more) are contemplated for cost-type indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts. Individual task orders for specific services will be competed among the multiple award contractors. The period of performance is contemplated as a base year with 4 option year periods.

Evaluation criteria includes: (1) scientific and technical approach; (2) management plan and personnel; (3) corporate capability; (4) facilities and equipment. No telephone requests for the solicitation will be accepted. The estimated date of release at the www.eps.gov website is on or about April 17, 2001. They do not plan to mail out copies of the solicitation. If you are not able to reach the website, you can request that a copy be emailed to you by requesting this in writing.

Please email requests for email copies of the solicitation to WAllison@CDC.GOV.

Wanda Allison, Contract Specialist, Phone (770) 488-2645, Fax (770) 488-2670

DUE May 21, 2001

Implementation of Community-Based Practice/Research Collaboratives

Department of Health and Human Services

Purpose: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of cooperative agreements to support the implementation of Practice/Research Collaboratives, hereinafter referred to as PRCs. This announcement solicits applications for cooperative agreements to implement the practice/research agenda that has been developed by community based stakeholders who are members of a Practice/Research Collaborative. Project support will enable grantees to build a self sustaining infrastructure, conduct studies which address PRC defined needs, and apply evidence based practices in community based treatment settings. URL: <http://www.samhsa.gov>.

SAFECO

SAFECO's community investments are directed to organizations that do work within four funding priorities, one of which focuses on community leadership. Community leadership efforts are those that:

- Encourage neighborhood-based responses to social issues
- Promote and support community-driven volunteer efforts
- Measure community assets
- Implement solutions to neighborhood-based issues and that build on neighborhood strengths
- Support and enhance the management skills of non-profit, neighborhood-based organizations

Please note that grants are reviewed quarterly in the home office. Other offices may have different grant submittal deadlines.

Eligible Applicants: SAFECO makes contributions in King County, Washington, where their home office is located, and in communities around the country where their employees live and work. Offices are located in: Atlanta, Georgia; Denver, Colorado; Indianapolis, Indiana; Portland, Oregon; Chicago, Illinois; Hartford, Connecticut; Richmond, Virginia; Fountain Valley,

California; Cincinnati, Ohio; Maitland, Florida; Rochester, New York; Spokane, Washington; Dallas, Texas; Nashville, Tennessee; Pleasant Hills, California; and St. Louis, Missouri

Grant seekers outside of the Seattle area should contact the office nearest them.

<http://www.safeco.com/safeco/about/giving/givinglocations.asp>

For detailed information go to:

<http://www.safeco.com/safeco/about/giving/grants.asp#>

Van Ameringen Foundation

The van Ameringen Foundation makes grants to stimulate prevention, education, and direct care in the mental health field with an emphasis on those individuals and populations having a disadvantaged background and deprived opportunities for whom appropriate intervention would produce positive change. The Foundation encourages programs that increase the accessibility of the poor and needy to mental-health services; offer preventive and early-intervention strategies, particularly those working in tandem with educational programs; link existing resources for clients, creatively mixing public and private efforts; and incorporate a self-help model.

Eligibility: Giving primarily in the urban Northeast from Boston, MA to Washington, DC. This includes MA, DC, NY, and PA.

For information, contact the Van Ameringen Foundation:

Henry van Ameringen

509 Madison Ave.

New York, NY 10022-5501

212-758-6221

Grants for the Bilingual/Bicultural Service Demonstration Program

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Office of the Secretary

The purpose of this Fiscal Year 2001 Bilingual/Bicultural Service Demonstration Grant Program:

1. Improve and expand the capacity for linguistic and cultural competence of health care professionals and paraprofessionals working with limited-English-proficient (LEP) minority communities; and
2. Improve the accessibility and utilization of health care services among the LEP minority populations.

About \$1.25 million is expected to be available for award in FY 2001. It is expected that 9 to 15 community-based organizations will receive awards. Note: It is anticipated that \$500,000 of the total funding will be awarded to projects that include HIV/AIDS as one of the targeted health problem areas.

Eligible Applicants:

To qualify for funding, an applicant must:

1. Be a private non-profit, minority or public community-based organization which addresses health or human services (see definition found in this announcement).
2. Provide services to a targeted LEP minority community.
3. Have an established linkage with a health care facility.

Local affiliates of national organizations that have an established link with a health care facility are eligible to apply.

These grants are intended to demonstrate the merit of programs that involve partnerships between minority community-based organizations and health care facilities in a collaborative effort to: address cultural and linguistic barriers to effective health care service delivery; and increase access to effective health care for the LEP minority populations living in the United States.

Closing Date: May 18, 2001

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For detailed information go to:

http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-6715-filed

Caterpillar Foundation

Since its formation in December 1952, Caterpillar Foundation has distributed more than \$100 million to various organizations in the fields of education, health & human service, civic & community activities, and culture & art.

Requests for funding are accepted year-round and should be sent to the nearest Caterpillar facility. For detailed information, write to:

Caterpillar Foundation

Grant Review

100 N.E. Adams Street

Peoria, IL 61629-1480

Eli Lilly and Company Foundation

Cash contributions from the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation are strategically focused within two broad categories. Sixty percent of funds allocated for discretionary giving is directed to not-for-profit groups aligned with company interests. The remaining 40 percent is allocated for discretionary gifts in Indianapolis and several other communities where Lilly has a significant employee base.

The foundation's company-aligned giving focuses on public policy research, health and human services aligned with major therapeutic interests, and academic relations. The foundation's community-aligned giving focuses on culture, education and youth development, community development, locally-aligned health care organizations, neighborhood groups, and diversity.

Requests for support are accepted throughout the year. Requests that fit within the areas of interest outlined on the "what we support" page are reviewed two times a year. The qualifying requests received between January 1 and June 30 are reviewed in the third quarter and those that best meet the criteria are selected for payments that are made in the fourth quarter. Qualifying requests received between July 1 and December 31 are reviewed in the first quarter of the following year and those selected will receive payment in the second quarter.

For detailed information go to:

<http://www.lilly.com/about/community/foundation/cash/apply.html>

Mazda Foundation Grants

Mazda North American Operations has a tradition of supporting philanthropic activities through the Mazda Foundation (USA), Inc. The Mazda Foundation was established in 1990 as the primary means of expanding Mazda's social responsibilities. In addition to financial contributions, Mazda has a long-standing history of employee volunteerism. The foundation's annual grant-making budget is approximately \$400,000. <http://www.mazdafoundation.org/grant.html>

RECENT REPORTS

Federal Report Evaluates Early Childhood Programs

In addition to a quick course on evaluation research, this U.S. General Accounting Office report reviews the impact evaluation studies currently under way to assess two major early intervention programs funded with federal dollars: Head Start and Even Start.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?gao-01-542>

KIDS COUNT Census Data

Kids Count has compiled data on children from the 2000 U.S. Census into an easily-navigated interactive database. You can quickly view profiles and download these raw data for states, counties, cities (population greater than 100,000), and congressional districts. Visit <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/> for KIDS COUNT compiled Census data, online databases, publications, special reports, and more.

RESOURCES

Free Color Printers

Think you can't afford a color printer? Xerox is currently offering free color printers to qualified organizations. PCA America has enjoyed using this printer for several months. Visit this website for program qualifications and details: <http://www.freecolorprinters.com/>

2000 Nonpartisan Congressional Voting Record

Which members of Congress voted consistently to "Leave no child behind" this year? The Children's Defense Fund's nonpartisan Action Council graded legislators based on 10 votes in the Senate and 10 in the House of Representatives that affected millions of children. The scores showed that 34 Senators and 48 House members earned 100 percent, but 47 Senators and 108 House members scored below 50 percent. Order a free copy by e-mail:

mbsalomone@childrensdefense.org

Understanding the Maternal Health Culture of Recent Immigrants

To help health practitioners better serve immigrant women, the American Public Health Association has released an information catalog of health care practices and the unique maternal health cultures in the regions of the world from which immigrants to the United States frequently come --Latin America, Asia and Africa. Visit <http://www.apha.org/ppp/red/> for more information.

Office of Community Services

Application kits for a number of community programs are available from the Office of Community Services of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/kits1.htm>

A Look at Successful Grant Proposals

The Grantsmanship Center has a new searchable database of proposals selected by major government funders from among their highest-rated grant applications.

<http://www.TGCIgrantproposals.com>

Promising Practices Network

The Promising Practices Network has information on programs and practices that are effective in helping children, families, and communities, organized by topic areas on successful outcomes associated with the well-being of children and families.

<http://www.promisingpractices.net>

National Call to Action

The National Call to Action coalition has identified specific reforms so that child protection services, educators, physicians, community leaders and parents can reduce the incidence of maltreatment, trauma and its consequences for children.

<http://www.nationalcalltoaction.com/>

Three New Products Now Available Online from Child Trends:

What are effective strategies for improving school readiness? What are our “best bets”? What doesn’t work? Child Trends presents an extensive body of research on early school readiness in an easy-to-navigate “What Works” table, with links to relevant sections of a longer report. To view the table, visit <http://www.childtrends.org/schoolreadiness.asp>.

America’s unmarried mothers -- they’re not who you think they are. (Hint: They’re not all teens, and they’re not all alone.) A new research brief presents trends in non-marital childbearing, including often-overlooked data on births to cohabiting couples. To view Births Outside of Marriage: Perceptions vs. Reality, http://www.childtrends.org/PDF/rb_032601.pdf .

How are Hispanic children and families faring? Following news from the 2000 Census of the rapid growth in America’s Hispanic population, Child Trends presents a fact sheet to Hispanic children and families, reviewing statistics on education and workforce preparation, adolescent risk-taking, family structure, health and safety, and poverty. To access the fact sheet, go to <http://www.childtrends.org/PDF/Hispanicfactsheet2.pdf> .

Child Trends is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that studies children and families.

Healthy Solutions for Immigrant Families

Many jobs available to new immigrants in today’s economy do not provide health insurance or enough income to fully support a family, making these families especially vulnerable during their first years in the United States. A bipartisan group of House and Senate Members are proposing a number of bills to address the most severe of the restrictions – those that deny federal health care to certain lawfully present children and pregnant women; those that deny food stamps to many qualified immigrant families; and those that deny services to help domestic violence victims to recover from abuse.

http://www.nilc.org/immspbs/Healthy_Solutions/Hardworking_Families_index.htm

The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Child Care

Churches and synagogues may be the largest providers of center-based child care in the United States, providing these services for over 100 years, according to panelist Mary Bogle at this Brookings Institution panel on the history and characteristics of congregation-based child care. <http://www.brookings.edu/comm/transcripts/20010314a.htm>

Please continue to forward any new resources, funding information, conference dates, and news items (reply to this email) so that we may share this information with the rest of the network.

CONFERENCES

May 20-22, 2001 Family Support America presents the national conference, “The Promise of Partnership: Communities, Family Support and Child Protection.” This conference will provide information, research results and training on the most innovative neighborhood-based practices to ensure the safety of children to a broad-based audience.

Location: Adams Mark Hotel, Jacksonville, FL

Contact: Samara Riley, Family Support America, 312-228-0900 ext. 129

July 29-August 1, 2001 The Georgia Council on Child Abuse and the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) is sponsoring its 17th Annual training Symposium and APSAC Advanced Training Institutes, “The Power of Prevention, give Children Back Their Childhood.”

Location: Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA

Contact: Georgia Council on Child Abuse, 404-870-6565

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