

Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Questions & Answers for PEI Grantees

Q: What is CBCAP?

A: Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) is a federal grant authorized under Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), the primary federal legislation addressing child abuse and neglect prevention that was originally enacted in 1974. CBCAP supports community-based efforts to develop and coordinate programs and activities to strengthen and support families and reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. CBCAP also seeks to foster understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse populations in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect. The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is designated by the governor to serve as the lead agency to administer the CBCAP program in Texas.

Q: How much funding does DFPS-PEI receive?

A: Texas' CBCAP award for October 2020 through September 2023 is \$5.6 million dollars. In addition, Texas was awarded \$26 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding through September 2025. The award determinations are based on Texas' large child population and on the amount of state general revenue leveraged to support the grant. Through the Texas Children's Trust Fund and state general revenue allocated to PEI programs, Texas claims approximately \$45 million annually in leveraged funds.

Q: How does Texas use CBCAP funding?

A: The Texas CBCAP program uses dollars to help communities identify prevention needs, manage new and continuing grants for community-based programming, expand the use of evidence-based programming, and provide public awareness and information to promote strong families and encourage help seeking.

Q: Is my PEI grant funded with CBCAP?

A: The following PEI programs are funded with CBCAP:

- Fatherhood EFFECT
- Texas Service Members, Veterans, and Families (SMVF)
- Community Youth Development (CYD)
- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)
- Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Supports (HOPES)
- Family Resource Centers (FRC)

Q: Who is eligible to be served under CBCAP?

A: CBCAP programs serve the general population and vulnerable families that are at risk of abuse or neglect, such as first-time parents, parents of young children, and families living in

underserved communities. Outreach efforts should focus on those who have not been recently involved (past 6 months) with CPS.

Q: What prevention activities are allowable under CBCAP?

A: Primary and Secondary prevention activities are allowable activities under CBCAP funding.

- Primary prevention activities seek to create thriving environments for all children and families to keep them strong and together, like PEI's universal parenting tips campaign and GetParentingTips.org website.
- Secondary prevention activities provide supports to strengthen vulnerable families such as home visiting parent education programs targeted to high risk families such as teen parents. Secondary prevention includes services to families screened out of child welfare intervention, e.g. [Alternative Response](#).

Note: Tertiary activities are not allowable under CBCAP dollars.

- Tertiary prevention activities seek to prevent harm to children in families that have child welfare involvement including families receiving [Family Based Safety Services](#). These families have already demonstrated the need for intervention.

Q: What if a family receiving services has involvement with CPS?

A: DFPS recognizes that services are voluntary, and programs may not be aware of client history. DFPS may periodically review the number of clients served under a PEI Grantee's program that have a history or current involvement with CPS. If it is determined by DFPS that the population served falls excessively outside of the primary and secondary prevention focus, agency staff will provide technical assistance regarding outreach efforts.

Q: What are PEI's expectations for grantees whose programs receive CBCAP funding?

A: Due to requirements on the use of federal funds, PEI expects our grantee partners to make every effort to provide upstream primary and secondary prevention services. We ask grantees to share program successes and challenges in quarterly reporting and other communication so that we can celebrate and work together to strengthen community-based programs and make the best use of our federal dollars. This enables PEI to report on the successes and challenges of our continuing work to grow prevention programming to promote child and family well-being to our federal partners.

Q: Are there reporting or performance outcomes specific to CBCAP?

A: DFPS-PEI establishes outcome and reporting requirements for each PEI program and designs PEIRS to capture necessary data. There are no additional expectations placed on grantees receiving CBCAP outside of what is established for their PEI program. The long-term federal outcome for CBCAP is to decrease the rate of children who are first-time victims of child maltreatment.

Q: How can I learn more?

A: For more information, please contact your PEI Program Specialist.