

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To support the development of evidence-based family-focused residential treatment programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Building Capacity for
5 Family-Focused Residential Treatment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible enti-
9 ty” means a State, county, local, or tribal health or
10 child welfare agency, a private nonprofit organiza-

1 tion, a research organization, a treatment service
2 provider, an institution of higher education (as de-
3 fined under section 101 of the Higher Education Act
4 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)), or another entity speci-
5 fied by the Secretary.

6 (2) FAMILY-FOCUSED RESIDENTIAL TREAT-
7 MENT PROGRAM.—The term “family-focused resi-
8 dential treatment program” means a trauma-in-
9 formed residential program primarily for substance
10 use disorder treatment for pregnant and postpartum
11 women and parents and guardians that allows chil-
12 dren to reside with such women or their parents or
13 guardians during treatment to the extent appro-
14 priate and applicable.

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

17 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVIDENCE-**
18 **BASED FAMILY-FOCUSED RESIDENTIAL**
19 **TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

20 (a) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS.—The Secretary
21 shall award grants to eligible entities for purposes of de-
22 veloping, enhancing, or evaluating family-focused residen-
23 tial treatment programs to increase the availability of such
24 programs that meet the requirements for promising, sup-
25 ported, or well-supported practices specified in section

1 471(e)(4)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
2 671(e)(4)(C))) (as added by the Family First Prevention
3 Services Act enacted under title VII of division E of Public
4 Law 115–123).

5 (b) EVALUATION REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
6 shall require any evaluation of a family-focused residential
7 treatment program by an eligible entity that uses funds
8 awarded under this section for all or part of the costs of
9 the evaluation be designed to assist in the determination
10 of whether the program may qualify as a promising, sup-
11 ported, or well-supported practice in accordance with the
12 requirements of such section 471(e)(4)(C).

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
15 retary to carry out this Act, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2019, which shall remain available through fiscal year
17 2023.