



# **Pregnancy Assistance Fund Support for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers, and their Families**

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## Purpose of Today's Call

- Review the Pregnancy Assistance Fund Announcement: Support for Expectant and Parenting Teens ,Women, Fathers, and their Families

### Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) sections 10211- 10214

- Authorizes \$25 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2019
- Authorizes the Secretary of HHS, in collaboration and coordination with the Secretary of Education, to establish and administer a Pregnancy Assistance Fund to award competitive grants to States to assist pregnant and parenting teens and women

- Currently OAH funds **17 States and Tribes**
- Project period: September 1, 2010- August 31, 2013
- Funding range: \$500,000- \$2,000,000 per year
- Building on existing programs and creating new programs
  - ✓ Develop new activities with partners
  - ✓ Expand current program services

# Pregnancy Assistance Fund- Current Grantees



- \* Tribes
- \* States

## Pregnancy Assistance Fund- Current Grantees

- \* Arkansas Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
- \* State of California Department of Public Health Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program
- \* Connecticut State Department of Education
- \* Government of the District of Columbia
- \* Indiana State Department of Health
- \* Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- \* Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.
- \* Minnesota Department of Health Treasurer
- \* Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- \* New Mexico Public Education Department
- \* North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- \* Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- \* Oregon Department of Justice
- \* State of Tennessee Executive Office
- \* State of Vermont
- \* Virginia Department of Health
- \* Washington State Department of Health

## Key Highlights

- Four year project period is 4 years; grant awards range from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million
- Language was revised to “expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families” instead of “pregnant and parenting teens and women”
- Clarification that all services provided should be evidence-based or evidence-informed and culturally and linguistically appropriate
- Development of a sustainability plan
- Collection of a common set of performance measures
- Allows for grantee level evaluation and includes plans for Federal evaluation

- Any State, which includes the District of Columbia, any commonwealth possession or other territory of the United States, and any Indian tribe or reservation (hereafter referred to as “States or tribes”)
  - **Amended wording:** Any State, which includes the District of Columbia, any commonwealth possession or other territory of the United States, and **any Federally-recognized** Indian tribe, reservation or **Consortium or Council** (hereafter referred to as “States or tribes”)
- A signed letter from the authorized State representative or tribe must accompany the application.
  - Should include documentation establishing the authorized representative’s authority to apply for and administer the grant funds on behalf of the State or tribe.
- Each State or tribe is allowed only one eligible application for submission

# Funding Categories

1. Providing support for expectant and parenting students in Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)
2. Providing support for expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families in high schools and community service centers
3. Improving services for pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, and stalking
4. Increasing public awareness and education of services available for expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families

## Target Population

- **Category 1** – Expectant and parenting **students** of **any age** enrolled in an eligible IHE, and their families
- **Category 2** – Expectant and parenting **teens**, expectant and parenting **young** women and men, and their families.
- **Category 3** – A female of **any age** who is pregnant on the date on which she becomes a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or who was pregnant during the one-year period before such date.
- **Category 4** – Desire applications that aim to increase public awareness and education of services provided in categories 1, 2, or 3.

- Evidence-Based Program
  - A program that has (i) demonstrated impacts on key outcomes through-rigorous research and evaluation, and (ii) been identified through a systematic independent review that considers both study design (RCT or QED) and the quality of the research study conducted.
- Evidence-Informed Program
  - Includes new or emerging programs that are **theory-based** and have been implemented previously, even on a limited scale or in a limited setting, and yielded promising results.

## Expectations Across All Categories

- Phased In Implementation
- Collaboration
- Medical Accuracy
- Performance Measures
- Report to the State or Tribe
- Grantee Evaluation
- Federal Evaluation of PAF Programs
- Sustainability Planning

## Program Approach

- Propose program activities that emphasize health, education, and social services for expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families
- All services provided in categories 1, 2, and 3 should be evidence-based or evidence-informed and culturally and linguistically appropriate

## Program Approach (continued)

- Disseminate information about the availability of and eligibility for health coverage under federal and state programs, such as:
  - Medicaid
  - Children's Health Insurance Program
  - Health Insurance Marketplaces
- Provide application assistance and enrollment in these services for expectant and parenting students and their children.
- Demonstrate collaboration among relevant State agencies and leverage other resources or links to existing support services



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## Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF)

The PAF Resource and Training Center exists to provide training and technical assistance to PAF Grantees and other pregnant and parenting teen service providers in the field. Read about [PAF Grantees](#), access [training materials](#), and learn more about services and supports for pregnant and parenting teens through lists of [resources](#).

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### SPOTLIGHT ON CALIFORNIA



Partnerships Support a Life Planning Intervention for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

### SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEXICO



Nurturing Relationships; Coming Full Circle

### TRAINING TOPICS

- Engaging Diverse Populations
- Building Collaborations
- Strategic Communications
- Performance Management
- Sustainability

# Young Fathers Initiative

- OAH efforts
- Resources
- Technical assistance to grantees
- Key components to engaging youth fathers

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