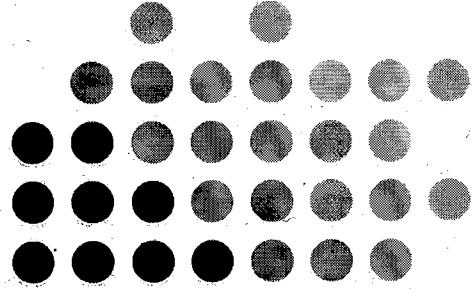
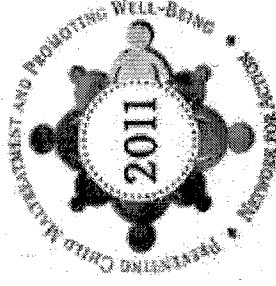


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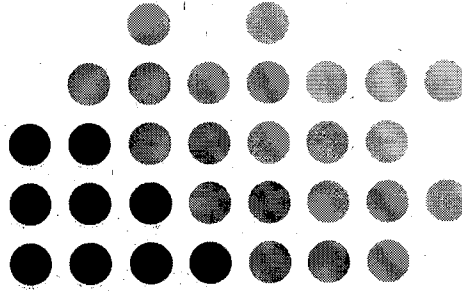
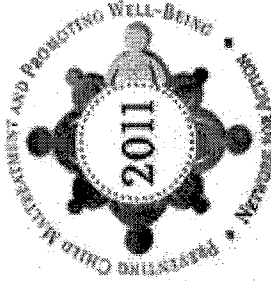


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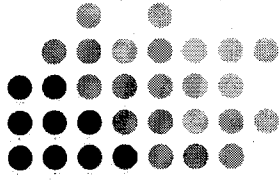
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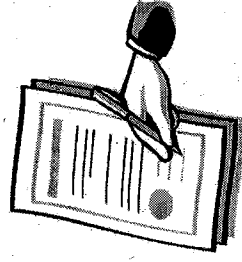


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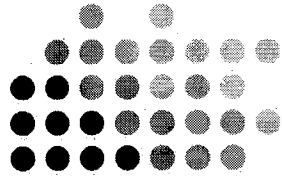


CAPTA REAUTHORIZATION

- Signed into law on December 20, 2010.
- Reauthorized CAPTA, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Adoption Opportunities Program and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act.
- CAPTA State grants, Children's Justice Act grants, CBCAP, CAPTA discretionary research and demonstration grants, the Adoption Opportunities program and the Abandoned Infants Assistance program were all reauthorized through FY 2015.
- Authorized funding levels for the programs remained the same.



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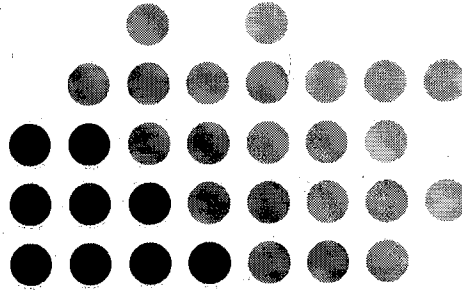
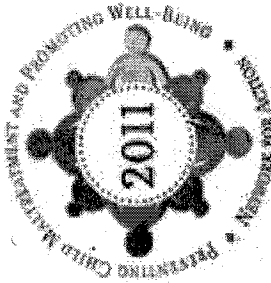


CAPTA REAUTHORIZATION - Areas of New or Increased Focus

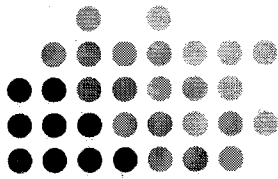
- **Domestic Violence**
- **Differential Response**
- **Cross-agency Collaboration**
- **Children with Disabilities**
- **Homeless Children/McKinney Vento**
- **Homeless Assistance Act**
- **Inter-state and Intra-state
Collaboration**

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CAPTA Research & Demonstration Grants



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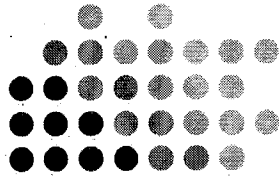
New Research Topics

- The Act adds new optional areas of research for HHS to conduct, including:
 - improving attachment of infants and toddlers that experienced abuse or neglect with parents when reunification is a goal
 - improving identification, screening, medical diagnosis, health evaluations and services, as well as activities that promote **collaboration** between CPS, the medical community, providers of early childhood intervention services and special education
 - effective **collaborations** between CPS and domestic violence service providers



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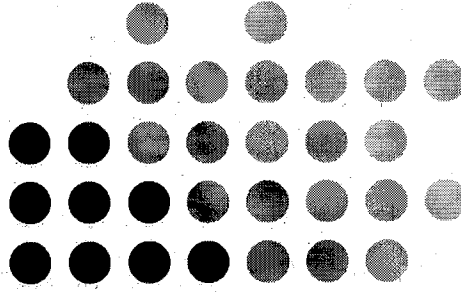


• **The Act adds new optional areas of research for HHS to conduct, including:**

- the impact on child abuse and neglect on the incidence and progression of **disabilities**
- effective practices relating to **differential response programs**, including best practices
- child abuse and neglect **issues facing Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**, including improving data collection
- the extent to which reports of suspected or known instances of child abuse or neglect are screened out on the basis of **cross-jurisdictional complications**

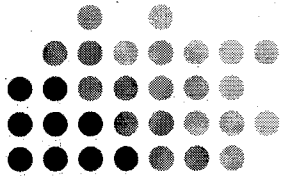
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CAPTA STATE GRANTS

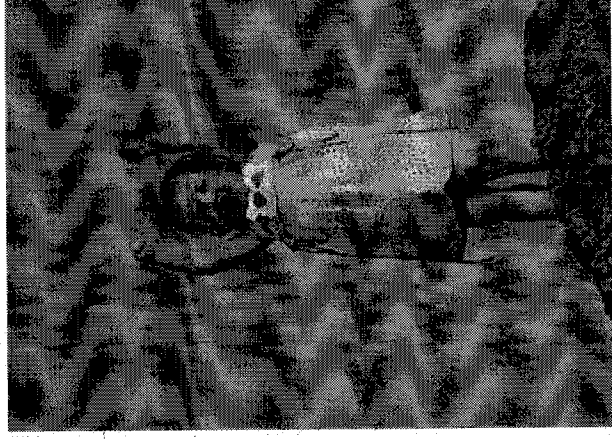


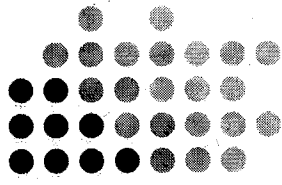
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CAPTA State Grants – WHAT HAS CHANGED?



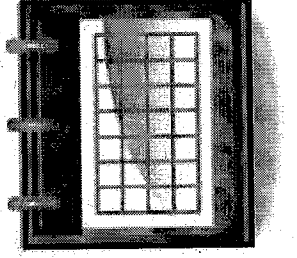
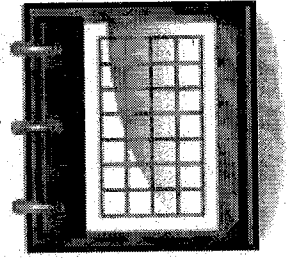
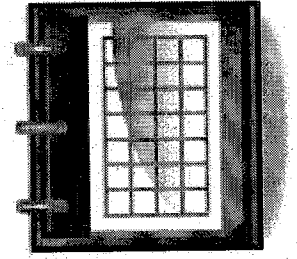
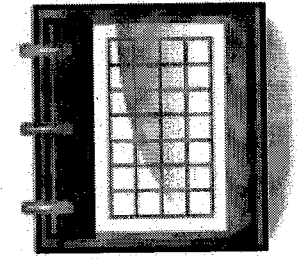
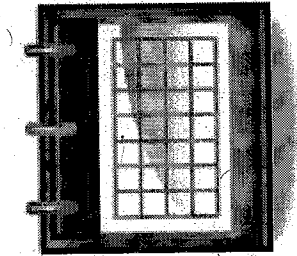
- Grant Purposes
- State Plan Eligibility Requirements
- New Assurances
- New Data Reporting Requirements
- Allotment Formula





CAPTA State Grants – Eligibility Requirements for Grants

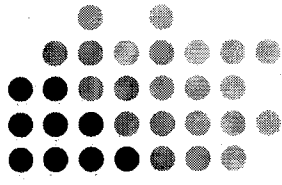
- The Act removes the requirement that States prepare and submit a new plan every five years.
- Instead, each State must now submit a plan that will remain in effect for the duration of the State's participation in the grant program, with additional conditions.



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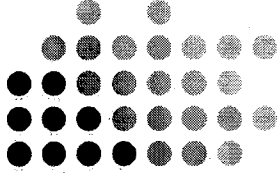
CAPTA State Grants – Eligibility

Requirements for Grants



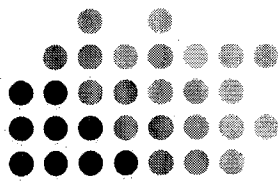
- These additional conditions are that the State must:
 - **periodically review and revise the plan** to reflect any changes in the State's strategies or programs under the grant program.
 - provide notice to CB of **any substantive changes** relating to the prevention of child abuse and neglect that may affect the State's eligibility for the grant program including statutory and regulatory changes
 - continue to provide notice to CB of **any significant changes in how the State is using grant funds** which differ from those described in the State's current State plan
 - continue to **prepare and submit an annual report** describing how the funds provided under CAPTA were used to address the purposes and achieve the objectives of the grant program.

CAPTA State Grants – New Grant Purposes



- A focus on improving **intra-agency, interagency, interstate and intrastate** cooperation in investigations
- Enhancing the child protective system through the use of **differential response**
- **Developing linkages** among CPS agencies and public health, mental health, substance abuse, developmental disabilities and domestic violence service agencies
- **Developing collaborations** between CPS entities and domestic violence service entities

CAPTA State Grants – State Plan Requirements

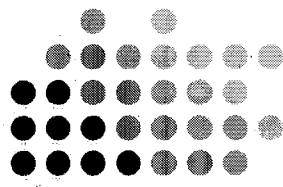


- The law added several plan requirements, including that States must:
 - **enact a State law for mandatory reporting on child abuse and neglect by certain individuals required to report such instances**
 - **address the needs of infants born with and identified as being affected by a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**



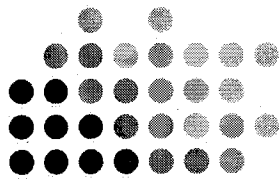
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CAPTA State Grants – State Plan Requirements



- The law added several plan requirements, including that States must:
 - assure that the State doesn't require reunification of a child with a parent who has been found by a court to have committed **sexual abuse against a child of the parent** or who the court has **required to be registered in a sex offender registry** under federal law
 - require criminal background checks that meet the criminal background check requirements under title IV-E for prospective foster and adoptive **parents and other adult relatives and non-relatives residing in the household**
 - put into place **technology systems** that support the child protective service system and track reports of child abuse and neglect from intake through final disposition

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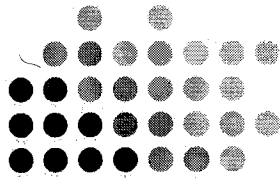


- The law added several plan requirements, including that States must:
 - include **differential response in triage procedures** for the appropriate referral of a child not at risk of imminent harm to a community organization or voluntary preventive service
 - train guardians ad litem appointed to victims of child abuse or neglect in **early childhood, child, and adolescent development**



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CAPTA State Grants – State Plan Requirements



- The State Plan must now include a description of policies and procedures:
 - encouraging the **appropriate involvement of families in decision-making** pertaining to children who experienced child abuse or neglect
 - promoting and enhancing **collaboration among child protective services, domestic violence, substance abuse, and other agencies** in investigations, interventions and service delivery to children and families affected by child abuse or neglect (including children exposed to domestic violence)
 - regarding the **use of differential response**, as applicable

