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NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE

• OCS works with a number of community services throughout the state to offer respite care.	• Alaska's Office of Children's Services (OCS) within the Department of Human Services, the lead CBCAP agency, allocated CBCAP funds to 10 Family Support programs located throughout the state
	• Family Support Programs are required to include the following core components:
	  • An intake process;
	  • Use of the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS) to guide assessment and service planning;
	  • A Safety Plan;
	  • Personal, Family, Child, and Relationship Skill Building and Support as part of in-home services;
	  • Transportation;
	  • Completion of Intervention and Discharge from Service documentation based upon the NCFAS and joint agency/OCS decision;
	  • Follow-up administration of the NCFAS 3, 6 and 12 months after completion of the program;
	  • NCFAS administration as an outcome measure; and
	  • Specification of how the program will document their work with clients.
		• OCS reports that respite care is a continuing unmet need among Alaskan communities.
		• Respite care is provided by 12 different agencies throughout Alaska with two of those agencies providing respite to parents and foster parents of children with disabilities.

DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	TRAINING and TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

• Family Support Programs served:
  • 294 total families
  • 528 total children
  • 151 parents with disabilities
  • 203 children with disabilities
	• OCS reports that Parent Support Programs employ Level I-Emerging Programs and Practices of CBCAP's Evidence-Based Practice Checklist.
	• On-site reviews are conducted for Family Support programs on a rotating basis with each program being evaluated every three to four years.
	• All grantee programs use the NCFAS at intake (pre-measure), upon program completion (post-measure) and at three months after program completion (follow-up measure.)
	• Client satisfaction data are collected in all programs, but it is not measured in a uniform way across programs.
		• The OCS Program Coordinator provided technical assistance in the form of site reviews to three funded programs.

INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS	**PEER REVIEW**	**PARENT LEADERSHIP**
• OCS blends CBCAP funds with Federal IVB II funds (that support Family Support, Family Preservation, and Time Limited Family Reunification programs) allowing expansion of existing programs and increased in-home and one-on-one work with families.	• Peer review is conducted via Peer Review Teleconferences sponsored by the Parenting Institute. • OCS is working with the Alaska Healthy Families office to learn what efforts they have made towards implementing a Peer Review Process in order to improve the Family Support Grant peer review process. Peer Review as part of the on-site review process is anticipated.	• Parents are involved in reviewing Family Support grants as members of Proposal Evaluation Committees. • Parents are encouraged and nominated to sit on Boards and Commissions. Many nominated parents have previously received agency services.
LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)	**OTHER ELEMENTS:**	
• Linkages with other systems were not included in the report.		

State Allowable Claims:	**$691,071**
Population-Based Allocations:	**$200,000**
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	**$33,759**
Final State Allocations:	**$233,759**

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