

**LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE RECEIPT OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA)
COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION (CBCAP)
SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT**

_____, 2022
Date

California Department of Social Services
Attention: Office of Child Abuse Prevention
P Street, MS 8-11-544
Sacramento, CA 95814

Director Johnson:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that El Dorado County Child Welfare Agency or _____ tribe with a Title IV-E agreement with the State has reviewed the information provided in the attached All County Letter (ACL) and is electing one of the following options:

- Option A:** The county or tribe with a Title IV-E agreement with the State agrees to the conditions set forth in the ACL including but not limited to, adhering to funding only allowable activities and the reporting requirements. Counties and tribes with a Title IV-E agreement with the State must also indicate how funds will be expended by selecting one or more of the options listed on the following page.
- Option B:** The county or tribe with a Title IV-E agreement with the State is declining the receipt of ARPA-CBCAP supplemental grant funds and is not required to adhere to the reporting requirements set-forth in this letter.

Signature of Child Welfare Director or
Authorized Representative

Date

A response must be submitted to the OCAP via email at OCAP-PND@dss.ca.gov **no later than, December 17, 2021**. The OCAP will accept electronic signatures in lieu of traditional manual signatures.

Counties and tribes with a Title IV-E agreement with the State electing to receive ARPA-CBCAP supplemental grant must inform the CDSS of the intended use of funding. A list of funding expenditure options is provided, and counties and tribes with a Title IV-E agreement with the State may choose to select more than one option.

- County and tribes with a Title IV-E agreement with the State is electing to initiate or further develop local prevention planning efforts including but not limited to the establishment of an OCAP prevention planning team or advisory committee for the development of a comprehensive plan, cross-sector data collection, readiness assessments, development of Charters or a memorandum of understanding (MOU), development of strategies and evaluation processes as it pertains to comprehensive planning
- Funding the administrative activities/business processes required to support implementation of an OCAP prevention plan or comprehensive plan
- Community needs and strengths assessment and gap analysis
- Providing a stipend, a contract to employ, or offering other compensation to those with lived experience to participate in the planning and implementation processes of prevention systems; provide peer to peer support; or other direct services to support families at-risk of entry into the child welfare system
- Provide peer to peer support; or other direct services to support families at-risk of entry into the child welfare system
- Assessing, evaluating, and monitoring desired outcomes for primary, secondary prevention strategies
- Conducting outreach activities to establish a community pathway for prevention services
- Increased support and funding to expand the services and supports offered through Family Resource Centers or other Community-Based Organizations providing services to primary and secondary populations
- Funding programs and services to increase father engagement and involvement
- Expanding the availability and access to domestic violence services and supports
- Funding the establishment and/or expansion of direct primary and secondary prevention services including but not limited to evidence-based practices listed in the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse
- Building the capacity and capabilities of Family Resource Centers or networks to provide direct services to children, youth, parents, caregivers, and families
- Developing community-based efforts to operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect
- Offering training to improve and foster understanding of diverse populations and their

needs; and implementing primary and secondary prevention programs and services specific to and reflecting of the underserved and marginalized populations.

- Developing, operating, expanding and enhancing community-based, and prevention focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect that are accessible, effective, and culturally appropriate, and build upon existing strengths that (please select all that apply):
 - Offer assistance to families, including the provision of concrete resources and funds;
 - Provide early, comprehensive support for parents;
 - Promote the development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents with very young children
 - Increase family stability
 - Funding child abuse and neglect prevention programs and services that target young people at risk of entering the juvenile justice system, including, but not limited to educational and other advocacy, mentoring, service navigation, peer support, and funding of extracurricular and enrichment activities
 - Provide supports and services for unaccompanied homeless youth
 - Support the additional needs of families with children with disabilities through respite care and other services
 - Provide referrals and screenings for early health and developmental services
 - Foster the development of a continuum of preventive services for children and families, including unaccompanied homeless youth, through state and community- based collaborations and partnerships, both public and private
 - Finance the start-up, maintenance, expansion, or redesign of specific family resource and support program community-based child abuse and neglect prevention program services (such as respite care services, child abuse and neglect prevention activities, disability services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, domestic violence services, housing services, transportation, adult education, home visiting and other similar services) identified by the inventory and description of current services required under Section 205(a)(3) as an unmet need, and integrated with the network of community-based family resource and support child abuse and neglect prevention program to the extent practicable given funding levels and community priorities

- Maximizing funding through leveraging of funds for the financing, planning, community mobilization, collaboration, assessment, information and referral, startup, training and technical assistance, information management and reporting, reporting and evaluation costs for establishing, operating, or expanding community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect
- Financing public information activities that focus on the healthy and positive development of parents and children and promotion of child abuse and neglect prevention activities

If the county child welfare agency or tribe with a Title IV-E agreement with the State determines at a later date that funds will be better directed for different activities than selected, please notify the OCAP of changes by emailing OCAP-PND@dss.ca.gov.

Please note, the ARPA-CBCAP supplemental grant must be obligated by September 30, 2025 and liquidated by December 30, 2025.

This Letter of Intent must be submitted to the OCAP **before or no later than the close of business, December 17, 2021.**

Signature of Child Welfare Agency Director
or Authorized Representative

Date