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Chapter 4. Dawn Project

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"Dawn project" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "dawn project" refers to a local program that is responsible for developing a coordinated, family centered, and community based system of services for children with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

As added by P.L.282-2001, SEC.2.

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Award of grants

Sec. 2. (a) The division may award grants to local units of government that meet the qualifications of this chapter for establishing dawn projects. A dawn project may include more than one (1) county.

(b) The division may award five (5) grants.

(c) The division shall provide technical assistance for all dawn projects funded by grants awarded by the division under this chapter.

As added by P.L.282-2001, SEC.2.

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Qualifications of applicants

Sec. 3. An applicant for a grant under this chapter must meet the following qualifications:

(1) Develop and demonstrate a plan to blend county and state funds that support services for children with serious emotional disturbances who meet the qualifications under section 5 of this chapter.

(2) Demonstrate that the plan to blend funds under subdivision

(1) is able to blend funds from the following sources:

(A) Child welfare.

(B) Juvenile justice.

(C) State or local educational systems.

(D) Division of mental health.

(E) Other governmental agencies.

(3) Demonstrate that the plan to blend funds under subdivision

(1) includes the following components:

(A) Risk sharing with mental health organizations that manage the care of eligible children.

(B) Additional direct services for eligible children.

(C) Flexibility in providing services.

(D) Individualized case coordination plans that encourage creativity when providing services to eligible children and families.

(E) Access to consultation with appropriate expertise.

(F) Evaluation.

(4) Create a coordinating committee that includes representatives of the following:

- (A) The county office of family and children.
- (B) Mental health service providers.
- (C) A mental health advocacy organization.
- (D) The juvenile court.
- (E) The largest school district in the county.
- (F) At least two (2) family members of eligible children.
- (G) An organization that provides advocacy for children and families.

The committee may include other representatives, including representatives of law enforcement, county government, medical care, and nonprofit health and human service agencies.

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Duties of coordinating committees

Sec. 4. A coordinating committee created under section 3(4) of this chapter is responsible for the following:

- (1) Administering the plan to blend funds to provide comprehensive services for children who are:
 - (A) eligible under the dawn project; and
 - (B) described in section 5 of this chapter.
- (2) Ensuring that any funds saved as a result of reduced use of institutional services under the plan to blend funds will be used to provide additional services to eligible children.
- (3) Establishing a process to identify children to be served under the dawn project.

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Selection criteria

Sec. 5. (a) A coordinating committee created under section 3(4) of this chapter must select children to be served based on the following criteria:

- (1) The child has a mental illness diagnosed under the most current edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, as amended.
- (2) The child experiences significant functional impairment in at least one (1) of the following areas:
 - (A) Activities of daily living.
 - (B) Interpersonal functioning.
 - (C) Concentration, persistence, and pace.
 - (D) Adaptation to change.
- (3) The child has:
 - (A) a mental illness that has continued, or is expected to continue, for at least twelve (12) months; or
 - (B) experienced a situational trauma and is receiving services from at least two (2) of the following:
 - (i) A special education agency.
 - (ii) A mental health agency.

(iii) A child welfare agency.

(iv) A law enforcement agency.

(4) The child is not more than eighteen (18) years of age.

(5) The child is at risk of separation from the child's family or is separated from the family.

(b) The coordinating committee may add additional eligibility criteria or other target groups in the plan approved by the division.

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