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**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION,  
INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM  
(CAPIT)**

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## **I. What is CAPIT?**

CAPIT is the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Program designed to fund the prevention, intervention and treatment of child abuse in California.

## **II. Authorities**

Assembly Bill (AB) 1733 (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982) provided the first major commitment of state General Fund dollars to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to fund child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs. The CAPIT Program requirements are now contained in Welfare and Institution Code (W&IC) Sections 18960 - 18964.

Effective July 1, 2011, AB 118 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2011) realigned the funding for the CAPIT program from the state to the local governments and redirects specified tax revenues to fund this effort. Senate Bill (SB) 1020 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2012) established the Support Services Account and Protective Services Subaccount within the Local Revenue Fund (LRF) 2011. CAPIT Program funds, as identified in W&IC Sections 18960-18964, are deposited monthly by the State Controller into the Protective Services Subaccount within each county's LRF 2011.

The realignment of state funds to counties, including CAPIT, allow for more flexibility. With the passage of SB 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012) in June of 2012, counties now have the ability to use CAPIT funds in-house and are no longer required to go through a competitive bid process for the selection and funding of services. Funds may also be used to contract with public or private, non-profit agencies. (Also see the "Program Requirements" section in this document.)

Beginning in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 and for each fiscal year thereafter, funding and expenditures for programs and activities under this section shall be in accordance with the requirements provided in sections 30025 and 30026.5 of the Government Code.

The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) within the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has been designated as the single state agency to administer and oversee the funds. The OCAP provides oversight and consultation through the California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) to ensure that each county:

- (1) Allocates revenues through the use of an accountable process that utilizes a multidisciplinary approach;
- (2) Explains how services funded are coordinated with the array of services available in the county; and
- (3) Ensures funded services are based on priority unmet need.

The OCAP shall review and approve these plans prior to authorizing county expenditure of funds.

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### **III. Purpose**

CAPIT funds are used to fulfill Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant matching and leveraging requirements. As such, these funds cannot be used as a match for other federal funds. Funds shall be used for child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services as described in statute and regulation.

All funds expended by a county for CAPIT activities shall be expended by the county in a manner that will maximize eligibility for federal financial participation, including reporting requirements.

### **IV. Target Population**

Priority for services shall be given to:

- Children who are at high risk, including:
  - Children being served by county welfare departments for abuse and neglect.
  - Children referred for services by legal, medical, or social service agencies.
- Minority populations
- Projects and services related to the needs of children, especially children under 14 years of age.

Priority shall be given to prevention programs through:

- Nonprofit agencies, including where appropriate, programs that identify and provide services to:
  - Isolated families, particularly those with children five years of age or younger;
  - High quality home visiting programs based on research-based models of best practice;
  - Services to child victims of crime.

### **V. Use of Funds**

Funding can be used to supplement, but not supplant, child welfare services.

Funding priority given to private, nonprofit agencies with programs that serve the needs of children at risk of abuse or neglect and that have demonstrated effectiveness in prevention or intervention. Each county shall monitor the projects that are funded by CAPIT. Services may include, but not be limited to:

- day care,
- respite services,
- transportation,
- mental health services,

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- services provided through home visiting programs,
- parent education and support programs,
- domestic violence services,
- disability services,
- early developmental screening and assessment, and
- counseling services.

No more than ten (10) percent of the funds may be used for administrative costs. Administrative costs are defined as:

Costs incurred for common or joint objectives that cannot be identified specifically with a particular project, program, or organizational activity. Depreciation, software, and office equipment are examples of administrative costs.

Allowable costs that would not have been incurred had it not been for the program are direct program costs not administrative (e.g. program personnel, training, supplies, travel).

### **VI. Program Requirements**

Counties are required to demonstrate the following program requirements are met through the County Self-Assessment (CSA) and System Improvement Plan (SIP) components of the California Child and Family Services Review (C-CFSR) and the CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF annual reporting process. Information collected by CDSS via the CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF Annual Report is used to meet federal reporting requirements. The county child welfare agency shall provide to the OCAP, no later than October 1 of each year, an annual expenditure report to include funds expended, populations served, and other information deemed necessary.

In a county that has established a multidisciplinary council, the council shall be utilized to provide recommendation to the board of supervisors for the funding processes and priorities.

Services/activities:

- Are not duplicated in the community
- Are based on needs of children at risk
- Help the county make progress toward the outcome indicators
- Are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the population served.

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Applicant agencies must demonstrate the existence of a ten (10) percent cash or in-kind match (other than funding provided by the CDSS), which will support the goals of child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention.

### **VII. References**

[Assembly Bill 118 \(Chapter 40, Statutes of 2011\)](#)

Assembly Bill 1733 (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982)

[County Fiscal Letters](#)

[Government Code Sections 30025 and 30026.5](#)

[Senate Bill 1013 \(Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012\)](#)

[Senate Bill 1020 \(Chapter 40, Statutes of 2012\)](#)

[Welfare and Institution Code Section 10601.2](#)

[Welfare and Institution Code Sections 18960-18964](#)

### **VIII. Program Resources**

The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse  
[www.cebc4cw.org](http://www.cebc4cw.org)

Strengthening Families  
<http://www.cssp.org/reform/strengthening-families>

Strategies  
<http://www.familyresourcecenters.net/>

Family Development Matrix  
<http://matrixoutcomesmodel.com/famdevmatrix.php>