Par. (4). Pub. L. 111–320, \$137(3)(B), which directed amendment of par. (4) by inserting a comma after "operation", was executed by making the insertion after "operation" the second place appearing to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Par. (6). Pub. L. 111-320, §137(4), inserted a comma after "local" and after "expansion".

Par. (7). Pub. L. 111-320, \$137(5), substituted "the results of evaluation, or the outcomes of monitoring, conducted under the State program to demonstrate the effectiveness of activities conducted under this subchapter in meeting the purposes of the program; and" for "the results of a peer review process conducted under the State program; and".

2003—Par. (1). Pub. L. 108-36, §127(1), substituted "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect" for "a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs".

family resource and support programs". Par. (3). Pub. L. 108-36, §127(2), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: "shall demonstrate the establishment of new respite care and other specific new family resources services, and the expansion of existing services, to address unmet needs identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 5116d(3) of this title;".

services required under section 5116d(3) of this title;". Par. (4). Pub. L. 108–36, §127(3), inserted "and parents with disabilities," after "children with disabilities," and substituted "evaluation of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect, and in the design, operation and evaluation of the networks of such community-based and prevention-focused programs" for "evaluation of the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs, and in the design, operation and evaluation of the individual community-based family resource and support programs that are part of the Statewide network funded under this subchapter".

Par. (5). Pub. L. 108-36, §127(4), substituted "and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect" for ", prevention-focused, family resource and support programs".

Par. (6). Pub. L. 108-36, §127(5), substituted "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect" for "Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs". Par. (8). Pub. L. 108-36, §127(6), substituted "commu-

Par. (8). Pub. L. 108-36, §127(6), substituted "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect" for "community based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs".

# § 5116g. National network for community-based family resource programs

The Secretary may allocate such sums as may be necessary from the amount provided under the State allotment to support the activities of the lead entity in the State—

(1) to create, operate, and maintain a peer review process;

(2) to create, operate, and maintain an information clearinghouse;

(3) to fund a yearly symposium on State system change efforts that result from the operation of the community-based and preventionfocused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect;

(4) to create, operate, and maintain a computerized communication system between lead entities; and (5) to fund State-to-State technical assistance through bi-annual conferences.

(Pub. L. 93-247, title II, §207, formerly §208, as added Pub. L. 104-235, title I, §121, Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3086; amended Pub. L. 108-36, title I, §128, June 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 817; renumbered §207 and amended Pub. L. 111-320, title I, §§138, 141, Dec. 20, 2010, 124 Stat. 3481, 3482.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5116g, Pub. L. 93–247, title II,  $\S208$ , formerly Pub. L. 98–473, title IV,  $\S409$ , Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2199; renumbered  $\S208$  of Pub. L. 93–247, and amended Pub. L. 101–126,  $\S\$2(a)$ , 3(a)(3), (c)(3), 4(h), Oct. 25, 1989, 103 Stat. 764, 766, 768, related to reports to Congress, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 103–252,  $\S401(a)$ .

A prior section 207 of Pub. L. 93-247 was renumbered section 206 and is classified to section 5116f of this title.

Another prior section 207 of Pub. L. 93–247 was classified to section 5116f of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 103–252, \$401(a).

## Amendments

2010—Pars. (1), (2), (4). Pub. L. 111–320, 138, inserted a comma after "operate".

2003—Par. (3). Pub. L. 108-36 substituted "communitybased and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect" for "Statewide networks of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs".

## §5116h. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter:

## (1) Community referral services

The term "community referral services" means services provided under contract or through interagency agreements to assist families in obtaining needed information, mutual support and community resources, including respite care services, health and mental health services, employability development and job training, and other social services, including early developmental screening of children, through help lines or other methods.

## (2) Community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect

The term "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect" includes organizations such as family resource programs, family support programs, voluntary home visiting programs, respite care programs, parenting education, mutual support programs, and other community programs or networks of such programs that provide activities that are designed to prevent or respond to child abuse and neglect.

# (3) Respite care services

The term "respite care services" means short term care services, including the services of crisis nurseries, provided in the temporary absence of the regular caregiver (parent, other relative, foster parent, adoptive parent, or guardian) to children who—

(A) are in danger of child abuse or neglect;(B) have experienced child abuse or neglect; or