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#### § 6381h. Evaluation

From funds reserved under section 6381a(b)(1) of this title, the Secretary shall provide for an independent evaluation of programs assisted under this subpart—

(1) to determine the performance and effectiveness of programs assisted under this subpart;

(2) to identify effective Even Start programs assisted under this subpart that can be duplicated and used in providing technical assistance to Federal, State, and local programs; and

(3) to provide State educational agencies and eligible entities receiving a subgrant under this subpart, directly or through a grant or contract with an organization with experience in the development and operation of successful family literacy services, technical assistance to ensure that local evaluations undertaken under section 6381d(15) of this title provide accurate information on the effectiveness of programs assisted under this subpart.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1239, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1566.)

#### § 6381i. Indicators of program quality

Each State educational agency receiving funds under this subpart shall develop, based on the best available research and evaluation data, indicators of program quality for programs assisted under this subpart. The indicators shall be used to monitor, evaluate, and improve those programs within the State. The indicators shall include the following:

(1) With respect to eligible participants in a program who are adults—

(A) achievement in the areas of reading, writing, English-language acquisition, problem solving, and numeracy;

(B) receipt of a secondary school diploma or a general equivalency diploma (GED);

(C) entry into a postsecondary school, job retraining program, or employment or career advancement, including the military; and

(D) such other indicators as the State may develop.

(2) With respect to eligible participants in a program who are children—

(A) improvement in ability to read on grade level or reading readiness;

(B) school attendance;

(C) grade retention and promotion; and

(D) such other indicators as the State may develop.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1240, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1566.)

#### § 6381j. Research

##### (a) In general

The Secretary shall carry out, through grant or contract, research into the components of successful family literacy services, in order to—

(1) improve the quality of existing programs assisted under this subpart or other family lit-

eracy programs carried out under this chapter or the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act [20 U.S.C. 9201 et seq.]; and

(2) develop models for new programs to be carried out under this chapter or the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

#### (b) Scientifically based research on family literacy

##### (1) In general

From amounts reserved under section 6381a(b)(2) of this title, the National Institute for Literacy, in consultation with the Secretary, shall carry out research that—

(A) is scientifically based reading research; and

(B) determines—

(i) the most effective ways of improving the literacy skills of adults with reading difficulties; and

(ii) how family literacy services can best provide parents with the knowledge and skills the parents need to support their children's literacy development.

##### (2) Use of expert entity

The National Institute for Literacy, in consultation with the Secretary, shall carry out the research under paragraph (1) through an entity, including a Federal agency, that has expertise in carrying out longitudinal studies of the development of literacy skills in children and has developed effective interventions to help children with reading difficulties.

#### (c) Dissemination

The National Institute for Literacy shall disseminate, pursuant to section 6367 of this title, the results of the research described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section to State educational agencies and recipients of subgrants under this subpart.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1241, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1566.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is title II of Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1059, as amended, which is classified principally to subchapter I (§9201 et seq.) of chapter 73 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of this title and Tables.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1241 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 2801 of this title, prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 89-10 by Pub. L. 103-382.

#### § 6381k. Construction

Nothing in this subpart shall be construed to prohibit a recipient of funds under this subpart from serving students participating in Even Start simultaneously with students with similar educational needs, in the same educational settings where appropriate.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1242, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1567.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

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