

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 “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 prevention-focused 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, §208, formerly Pub. L. 98-473, title IV, §409, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2199; renumbered §208 of Pub. L. 93-247, and amended Pub. L. 101-126, §§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, §401(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 “community-based 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
- (C) have disabilities or chronic or terminal illnesses.

Such services shall be provided within or outside the home of the child, be short-term care (ranging from a few hours to a few weeks of time, per year), and be intended to enable the family to stay together and to keep the child living in the home and community of the child.

(Pub. L. 93-247, title II, §208, formerly §209, as added Pub. L. 104-235, title I, §121, Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3087; amended Pub. L. 108-36, title I, §129, June 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 817; renumbered §208 and amended Pub. L. 111-320, title I, §§139, 141, Dec. 20, 2010, 124 Stat. 3481, 3482.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 208 of Pub. L. 93-247 was renumbered section 207 and is classified to section 5116g of this title.

Another prior section 208 of Pub. L. 93-247 was classified to section 5116g of this title prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 103-252, §401(a).

#### AMENDMENTS

2010—Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-320, §139(1), (2), redesignated par. (2) as (1) and struck out former par. (1). Prior to amendment, text of par. (1) read as follows: “The term ‘children with disabilities’ has the same meaning given the term ‘child with a disability’ in section 1401(3) or ‘infant or toddler with a disability’ in section 1432(5) of title 20.”

Par. (2). Pub. L. 111-320, §139(2), redesignated par. (3) as (2). Former par. (2) redesignated (1).

Par. (3). Pub. L. 111-320, §139(2), (3)(A), redesignated par. (5) as (3) and inserted “, including the services of crisis nurseries,” after “short term care services” in introductory provisions. Former par. (3) redesignated (2).

Par. (3)(A), (B). Pub. L. 111-320, §139(3)(B), substituted “child abuse or neglect” for “abuse or neglect”.