

**§ 12352. “Family resource and support programs” defined**

As used in this part, the term “family resource and support programs” means community-based services that offer sustained assistance to families at various stages in their development. Such services shall promote parental competencies and behaviors that will lead to the healthy and positive personal development of parents and children through—

(1) the provision of assistance to build family skills and assist parents in improving their capacities to be supportive and nurturing parents;

(2) the provision of assistance to families to enable such families to use other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance that are available within the communities of such families; and

(3) the creation of supportive networks to enhance the childrearing capacity of parents and assist in compensating for the increased social isolation and vulnerability of families.

(Pub. L. 101-501, title IX, §957, Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1278.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Oct. 1, 1990, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 101-501, set out as an Effective Date of 1990 Amendment note under section 8621 of this title.

**§ 12353. Establishment of National Center on Family Resource and Support Programs**

**(a) Establishment**

The Commissioner shall establish, through grant or contract, a national center for the collection and provision of programmatic information and technical assistance that relates to all types of family resource and support programs, to be known as the “National Center on Family Resource and Support Programs”.

**(b) Functions**

The national center established under subsection (a) shall serve as a national information and data clearinghouse, training, technical assistance, and material development source for family resource and support programs. Such center shall—

(1) develop and maintain a system for disseminating information on all types of family resource and support programs and on the state of family resource and support program development, including information concerning the most effective model programs;

(2) develop and sponsor a variety of training institutes and curricula for family resource and support program staff;

(3) identify several programs representing the various types of family resource and support programs to develop technical assistance materials and activities to assist other agencies in establishing family resource and support programs; and

(4) develop State-wide networks of family resource and support programs for the purpose of sharing and disseminating information.

(Pub. L. 101-501, title IX, §958, Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1279; Pub. L. 103-252, title IV, §403(a), May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 673.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1994—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 103-252 substituted “several programs” for “several model programs”.

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**§ 12354. Evaluation**

The Commissioner shall, through grants or contracts awarded or entered into with independent auditors, conduct evaluations and related activities, of family resource and support programs, including—

(1) evaluations of on-going programs;

(2) process evaluations focusing on implementation strategies; and

(3) the development of simple evaluation models for use by local family resource and support programs.

(Pub. L. 101-501, title IX, §959, Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1279.)

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**§ 12355. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) Establishment of Center**

To carry out section 12353 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 1998.

**(b) Evaluation**

To carry out section 12354 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 1998.

(Pub. L. 101-501, title IX, §960, Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1279; Pub. L. 103-252, title IV, §403(b), May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 673.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-252, §403(b)(1), substituted “\$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 1998” for “\$2,300,000 for fiscal year 1991, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1992 through 1994”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-252, §403(b)(2), substituted “\$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 1998” for “\$700,000 for fiscal year 1991, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1992 through 1994”.

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**SUBCHAPTER II—WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

**§ 12371. Findings**

**(a) Findings**

The Congress finds that—

(1) children and youth are inherently our most valuable resource and their welfare, pro-