



1 **“PART O—FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS**
2 **PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM**

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4 **“SEC. 399H. FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS PREVENTION,**
5 **INTERVENTION. “**

6 (a) IN GENERAL. —The Secretary shall establish or continue a comprehensive Fetal
7 Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (referred to in this section as ‘FASD’) awareness, prevention,
8 identification, intervention, and services delivery program which may include—

9 “(1) an education and public awareness program to support, conduct, and
10 evaluate the effectiveness of—

11 “(A) educational programs targeting health profession schools, social and
12 other supportive services, educators and counselors and other service providers in all phases of
13 childhood development, and other relevant service providers, concerning the prevention,
14 identification, and provision of services for infants, children, adolescents, and adults with FASD;

15 “(B) strategies to educate school-age children, including pregnant and
16 high risk youth, concerning FASD;

17 “(C) public and community awareness programs concerning FASD; and

18 “(D) strategies to coordinate information and services across affected
19 community agencies, including agencies providing health, social services such as foster care,
20 adoption, and social work, agencies providing and agencies involved in education, vocational
21 training and civil and criminal justice;

22 “(2) supporting and conducting research on FASD as appropriate, including to—

23 “(A) develop appropriate medical diagnostic methods for
24 identifying FASD; and

25 “(B) develop effective evidence-based services and interventions for
26 preventing prenatal alcohol exposure, which may co-occur with exposure to other substances;



1 “(3) integrating into surveillance practice an evidence-based standard case
2 definition for fetal alcohol syndrome and, in collaboration with other Federal and outside
3 partners, support organizations of appropriate medical and mental health professionals in their
4 development and refinement of evidence-based clinical diagnostic guidelines and criteria for all
5 fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; and,

6 “(4) building State and Tribal capacity for the identification, treatment, and
7 support of individuals with FASD and their families, which may include-

8 “(A) utilizing and adapting existing Federal, State or Tribal programs to
9 include FASD identification and FASD-informed support;

10 “(B) developing and expanding screening and diagnostic capacity for
11 FASD;

12 “(C) developing, implementing, and evaluating targeted FASD-informed
13 intervention programs for FASD;

14 “(D) increasing awareness of FASD;

15 “(E) providing training with respect to FASD for professionals across
16 relevant sectors,

17 “(F) disseminating information about FASD and support services to
18 affected individuals and their families”;

19 “(b) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. —

20 (1) IN GENERAL. – The Secretary may award grants, cooperative agreements
21 and contracts and provide technical assistance to eligible entities to carry out subsection (a).

22 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES. – To be eligible to receive a grant, or enter into a
23 cooperative agreement or contract under this section, an entity shall-

24 (A) be a State, Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, local government,
25 scientific or academic institution, or nonprofit organization; and

26 (B) prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in

1 such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including a
2 description of the activities that the entity intends to carry out using the amounts received under
3 this section.

4 “(c) DEFINITION OF FASD-INFORMED. – For purposes of this section, the term of
5 ‘FASD-informed’, with respect to support or an intervention program, means that such support
6 or intervention program uses culturally and linguistically informed evidence-based or practice-
7 based interventions and appropriate societal supports to support an improved quality of life for
8 an individual with FASD and the family of such individual.”.

9 **“SEC. 399I. FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS CENTERS FOR**
10 **EXCELLENCE.**

11 “(a) In General.—The Secretary shall, as appropriate, award grants, cooperative
12 agreements, or contracts to public or nonprofit entities with demonstrated expertise in the
13 prevention of, identification of, and intervention services with respect to, fetal alcohol spectrum
14 disorders (referred to in this section as ‘FASD’) and other related adverse conditions. Such
15 awards shall be for the purposes of establishing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Centers for
16 Excellence to build local, Tribal, State, and national capacities to prevent the occurrence of
17 FASD and other related adverse conditions, and to respond to the needs of individuals with
18 FASD and their families by carrying out the programs described in subsection (b).

19 “(b) Programs.—An entity receiving an award under subsection (a) may use such award
20 for the following purposes:

21 “(1) Initiating or expanding diagnostic capacity for FASD by increasing
22 screening, assessment, identification, and diagnosis.

23 “(2) Developing and supporting public awareness and outreach activities,
24 including the use of a range of media and public outreach, to raise public awareness of the risks
25 associated with alcohol consumption during pregnancy, with the goals of reducing the
26 prevalence of FASD and improving the developmental, health (including mental health), and



1 educational outcomes of individuals with FASD and supporting families caring for individuals
2 with FASD.

3 “(3) Acting as a clearinghouse for evidence-based resources on FASD prevention,
4 identification, and culturally aware best practices, including the maintenance of a national data-
5 based directory on FASD-specific services in States, Indian Tribes, and local communities, and
6 disseminating ongoing research and developing resources on FASD to help inform systems of
7 care for individuals with FASD across their lifespan.

8 “(4) Increasing awareness and understanding of efficacious, evidence-based
9 FASD screening tools and culturally- and linguistically-appropriate evidence-based intervention
10 services and best practices, which may include by conducting national, regional, State, Tribal, or
11 peer cross-State webinars, workshops, or conferences for training community leaders, medical
12 and mental health and substance use disorder professionals, education and disability
13 professionals, families, law enforcement personnel, judges, individuals working in financial
14 assistance programs, social service personnel, child welfare professionals, and other service
15 providers.

16 “(5) Improving capacity for State, Tribal, and local affiliates dedicated to FASD
17 awareness, prevention, and identification and family and individual support programs and
18 services.

19 “(6) Providing technical assistance to grantees under section 399H, as appropriate.

20 “(7) Carrying out other functions, as appropriate.

21 “(c) APPLICATION. —To be eligible for a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement
22 under this section, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such
23 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

24 “(d) SUBCONTRACTING. —A public or private nonprofit entity may carry out the
25 following activities required under this section through contracts or cooperative agreements with
26 other public and private nonprofit entities with demonstrated expertise in FASD:

27 “(1) Prevention activities.





1 “(2) Screening and identification.

2 “(3) Resource, development, dissemination, training, and technical assistance

3 administration and support of FASD partner networks.

4 “(4) Intervention services.

5 **“SEC. 399J. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part such sums as may be necessary for

7 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the

9 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education,

10 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of

11 Representatives a report on the efforts of the Department of Health and Human Services to

12 advance public awareness on, and facilitate the identification of best practices related to, fetal

13 alcohol spectrum disorders identification, prevention, treatment, and support.

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