
42 U.S. Code § 628c

Grants to States to enhance collaboration between State child welfare and juvenile justice systems

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this section is to authorize the Secretary, in collaboration with the Attorney General and the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the Department of Justice—

- (1) to make grants to State child welfare and juvenile justice agencies and child- and youth-serving agencies to collaborate in the collection of data relating to dual status youth; and
- (2) to develop practices, policies, and protocols—
 - (A) to confront the challenges presented and experienced by dual status youth; and
 - (B) for the development of interoperable data systems.

(b) Authority to award grants

(1) In general

Subject to the availability of appropriations, from amounts reserved under section 623(a)(2) of this title for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall award competitive grants jointly to a State child welfare agency and a State juvenile justice agency to facilitate or enhance collaboration between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems of the State in order to carry out programs to address the needs of dual status youth and their families.

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