

services and maximize resources in developing programs; and

(7) Formulate bylaws and operating procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this article.

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(a) There is a Children's Trust Fund.

(b) In addition to any federal funds or any funds provided in the State budget, any grant or gift to the State to or for the use of the Children's Trust Fund shall be credited to the Children's Trust Fund to be used for the purposes stated in this section.

(c) The Office for Children [and], Youth, AND FAMILIES may expend a gift to the State to or for the use of the Children's Trust Fund only in the manner and for the purposes stated in this section.

(d) The [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY of the Office for Children [and], Youth, AND FAMILIES shall expend the funds collected under § 4-217(a)(2) of the Health - General Article for the use of the Children's Trust Fund as appropriated in the annual State budget and only in the manner and for the purposes stated in this section.

(e) (1) The [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY of the Office for Children [and], Youth, AND FAMILIES shall use the funds within the Children's Trust Fund:

(i) To provide grants for developing, assisting, implementing, or evaluating innovative child abuse and neglect prevention, treatment, or education programs; and

(ii) To provide grants for operating innovative support programs for parents, families, and abused or neglected children.

(2) Grants made under this section may be made to public and private community based organizations and agencies in local political subdivisions.

(3) The [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY of the Office for Children [and], Youth, AND FAMILIES shall refer grant applications under this section to the Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board.

(4) The Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board shall review grant applications under this section and shall make recommendations for final selections to the Director of the Office for Children [and], Youth, AND FAMILIES.

(5) The [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY of the Office for Children [and], Youth, AND FAMILIES shall award or deny grant applications upon reviewing the recommendations of the Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board.

(f) (1) The funds of the Children's Trust Fund shall supplement and may not be a substitute for any funds in the State budget for enforcement of the child abuse and neglect laws, services for child protective services, or child abuse and neglect prevention, treatment, or education programs.