

235A.1 Child abuse prevention program.

1. *a.* A program for the prevention of child abuse is established within the department of health and human services. Any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for child abuse prevention shall be used by the department solely for the purposes of child abuse prevention and shall not be expended for treatment or other service delivery programs regularly maintained by the department. Moneys appropriated for child abuse prevention shall be used by the department through contract with an agency or organization which shall administer the funds with maximum use of voluntary administrative services for the following:

(1) Matching federal funds to purchase services relating to community-based programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

(2) Funding the establishment or expansion of community-based prevention projects or educational programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

(3) Studying and evaluating community-based prevention projects and educational programs for the problems of families and children.

b. Funds for the programs or projects shall be applied for and received by a community-based entity.

2. The director of health and human services may accept grants, gifts, and bequests from any source for the purposes designated in [subsection 1](#). The director shall remit funds received to the treasurer of state who shall deposit the funds in the general fund of the state for the use of the child abuse prevention program.

[82 Acts, ch 1259, §1]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 87 Acts, ch 153, §8; 2009 Acts, ch 41, §263; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §392; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §695; 2025 Acts, ch 135, §39

Referred to in §144.13A, 235A.2, 235A.3

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