

**PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES (PSSF)**  
**Title IV-B, Part 2**

**Purpose** The Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program is part 2 of Title IV-B of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the funding is to:

- prevent child maltreatment among families at risk through the provision of supportive family services
- assure children's safety within the home and preserve intact families in which children have been maltreated, when the family's problems can be addressed effectively
- address the problems of families whose children have been placed in foster care so that reunification may occur in a safe and stable manner in accordance with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997
- support adoptive families by providing support services as necessary so that they can make a lifetime commitment to their children

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**Scope of Services** Under PSSF, a state must spend a minimum of 20% of PSSF funds on each of the following types of services, unless the state receives a waiver of this requirement

- Community-based family support services
- Family preservation services
- Time-limited family reunification services
- Adoption promotion and support services

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**Federal Funding** Iowa's FY 02 budget assumed \$1.768 M in federal PSSF funding.

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**State Match**

- The state must provide a 25% match to receive PSSF funds.
- State must be able to demonstrate maintenance of effort.

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**Iowa's PSSF Program – FY 2001 and 2002** Iowa's plan for the PSSF program is included in our Title IV-B State Plan.

- Iowa has approval to waive the requirement to spend 20% of PSSF funds on family preservation services, because Iowa has family centered and family preservation services available statewide.
- Funds for adoption promotion and support services have been used for statewide activities.
- Funds for community-based family support services, and time-limited family reunification services have been awarded to local communities/providers
  - In FY 2001, funds were awarded through a competitive grant process
  - In FY 2002, funds were allocated to decat projects based on child population, with a minimum award for each decat

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**FY 2003  
Proposal for  
PSSF**

The Governor's FY 2003 budget proposes to:

- Use a portion of the community-based family support dollars to fund the Child Abuse Prevention Grant program
  - Use the PSSF adoption promotion and support dollars to fund adoption recruitment and other statewide adoption support activities
  - Allocate the time-limited family reunification dollars and a portion of the community-based family support dollars to local clusters
  - Again waive the requirement to spend a portion of family preservation services
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**Impact of PL  
107-133 on  
the PSSF  
Program**

- Under PL 107-133, Congress reauthorized the PSSF program, and authorized increases of \$200 M a year for 5 years, but leaves annual decisions about funding up to the Appropriations Committee
- Congress approved a \$70 M increase for federal FY 2002 – at this point, we have not received official notice of our share of the increase or instructions on any new requirements