

Sen. Whitley, Dist 15  
Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1  
Sen. Carson, Dist 14  
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2022-1297s  
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Floor Amendment to SB 444-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 8 with the following:

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3 9 Appropriation; Family Resource Centers. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending  
4 June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services to support  
5 family resource center (FRC) infrastructure and shall be allocated to the FRC Facilitating  
6 Organization to distribute to FRCs. The use of the funds shall include, but not be limited to, better  
7 serving families, preparing for FRC-Q designation, enhancing coordination with other early  
8 childhood systems, and supporting evidence-based programs such as home visiting programs,  
9 ACERT, and community collaborations. Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any  
10 remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law  
11 117-2 or any other federal funds can be used for this purpose and any remainder shall be general  
12 funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund share of said sum out of  
13 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

14 10 Establishment of Resource Center for Children's Behavioral Health. Amend RSA 170-G:4-c  
15 to read as follows:

16 170-G:4-c Establishment of Resource Center for Children's Behavioral Health.

17 The department shall establish and maintain a resource center for children's behavioral health,  
18 which shall:

19 I. Provide technical assistance to the department and to service providers to support the  
20 implementation and operation of ***trauma-informed*** evidence-based practices, along with the  
21 provision of services according to the system of care characteristics described in RSA 135-F:3,  
22 ***including children, birth to age 6, with exposure to adverse childhood experiences.***

23 II. Provide ***ongoing training and consultation*** on a statewide basis to ***the department of***  
24 ***health and human services and to*** persons employed in the children's behavioral health system,  
25 ***the child welfare system, and early childhood care providers,*** relating to:

26 (a) The use of evidence-based ***and culturally-relevant psychotherapies and***  
27 practices ***that are appropriate to specific populations of need.***

28 (b) The analysis of quality assurance protocols to determine whether service providers  
29 are utilizing evidence-based practices with fidelity, ***including the use of outcome measures.***

1           (c) *The administration, interpretation, and reporting of client treatment*  
2 *outcomes measures associated with evidence-based interventions.*

3           (d) *The early identification of mental health risk and symptoms for children*  
4 *exposed to adverse childhood experiences.*

5           ***II-a. Support a statewide network of mental health providers trained in evidence-***  
6 ***based practices for children exposed to adverse childhood experiences.***

7           III. Act as a clearinghouse for information and statewide resources on evidence-based  
8 practices for children receiving services pursuant to RSA 169-B, 169-C, 169-D, and 170-G.

9           IV. Facilitate collaboration among state and local agencies and service providers to increase  
10 access to such providers.

11           V. Provide support for the assessment of the implementation of evidence-based practices by  
12 such state and local agencies.

13           11 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to establish a pilot program for children who have experienced adverse childhood events. The bill also makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for child parent psychotherapy (CPP) services for children who have experienced emotional trauma and for family resource centers.