

Title IV of the GOALS 2000: Educate America Act (CFDA No. 84.310A)

I. Legislation

Title IV of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (Parental Information and Resource Centers) (20 U.S.C. 5911 et seq.). The program is authorized through FY 1998.

II. Funding History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
1995	\$10,000,000
1996	10,000,000

III. Analysis of Program Performance

A. Goals and Objectives

The purposes of Title IV of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act are (1) to increase parents' knowledge of and confidence in childrearing activities, such as teaching and nurturing their young children; (2) to strengthen partnerships between parents and professionals in meeting the educational needs of children from birth through age five and the working relationship between home and school; and (3) to enhance the developmental progress of children assisted under the program.

B. Strategies to Achieve the Goals

Services Supported

Grants are awarded each fiscal year to nonprofit organizations, and nonprofit organizations in consortia with local education agencies, to establish parental information and resource centers that provide training, information, and support to parents of children from birth through age five, parents of children enrolled in elementary and secondary schools, and individuals who work with these parents.

Each center serves the entire state or the region within the state where it is located. While information and assistance may be provided to any parent, the centers are required to focus on serving low-income, minority, and limited-English-proficient parents. All of the centers provide information and training to parents of preschool-age children through their Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) or the Parents As Teachers (PAT) program. Both HIPPY and PAT are widely replicated, home-based models effective in helping parents prepare their children for school success.

C. Program Performance—Indicators of Impact and Effectiveness

Performance indicators are under development.

IV. Planned Studies

The Department of Education is planning to conduct an analysis of the Parental Information and Resource Centers on the basis of the project's performance reports.

V. Sources of Information

Program files.

VI. Contacts for Further Information

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