



THE NCTSN AND THE FY 2019 SUPPLEMENT FUNDING ON UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN

Authorized by Congress in 2000, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is a federally funded child mental health service initiative designed to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families across the US. The broad mission of the NCTSN includes assessment, treatment and intervention development, training, data analysis, program evaluation, policy analysis and education, systems change, and the integration of trauma-informed and evidence-based practices in all child-serving systems. The UCLA-Duke University National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS) coordinates the work of the NCTSN, a national network of 100 funded and over 150 affiliate members, and hundreds of national and local partners.

In FY 2019, the US Congress provided the NCTSN funds designated for specific activities related to: 1) mental health services for Unaccompanied Alien Children and children separated from their parents; 2) mental health services for children and families affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico; and 3) expansion of access to tribal populations.

In December 2018, supplemental funding awards were made to selected currently funded NCTSN Category III Community Treatment and Services centers. A total of 19 awards were made to 18 NCTSN Category III centers:

- 13 awards for services related to Unaccompanied Alien Children/Children separated from their parents
- 3 awards for services related to Puerto Rico
- 3 awards for services related to Tribal Populations

The following roster highlights the work of the 13 NCTSN supplement awardees providing mental health services to Unaccompanied Alien Children and children separated from their parents.

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NCTSN SUPPLEMENT AWARDEES: UNNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
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La Clínica de la Raza in Oakland, CA has four School Based Health Center (SBHC) sites that can provide unaccompanied immigrant youth (UIY) with the following services: medical (including vaccines), integrated behavioral health, group counseling services, optical, and dental care. UIY may also be eligible for free legal services provided by La Clínica's medical legal partnership with the East Bay Community Law Center. Locations for the SBHC sites are below:

- Hawthorne SBHC
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- Youth Heart Health Center
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- Fuente Wellness Center
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- Oakland Technical high School-Based Health Center (TechniClinic) also serving Oakland International High School
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Kristi House is a Child Advocacy Center responsible for Miami-Dade County, working in partnership with legal, medical, and child protective entities in the community on cases of child abuse and related trauma. Kristi House coordinates the partners and directly provides mental health assessments, mental health therapy, and family advocacy/case coordination to children who have experienced trauma and/or abuse. Mental health therapeutic interventions are short-term and evidence-based, following best practice. Services are provided in Spanish, English and Haitian Creole, free of charge.

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The Kovler Child Trauma Center is dedicated to providing culturally and linguistically responsive trauma informed mental health and social support services to immigrant and refugee youth and families who have experienced trauma because of war, terrorism, forced migration, family separation, state-sponsored torture, and resettlement. The supplemental award has allowed this Center to increase capacity to serve unaccompanied minors in shelters around the Chicagoland area, provide services to unaccompanied minors who were released from shelters and have no other access to mental health service (including ages 18-21 who no longer are able to access youth services), and work with undocumented youth who are in the process of legal hearings and do not have access to other services. Clinical services include individual and group therapy and other complimentary therapies such as occupational therapy and music expression. Individual services are only offered in Chicago in locations that are accessible via public transportation. Group services are provided in the shelters or at the Kovler Center.

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The SGA Unaccompanied Migrant Youth Project aims to assist unaccompanied migrant children, DACA recipients, refugee, and/or any migrant youth who may have experienced family separation at the boarder or deportation of a family member by providing them therapeutic services to help address any trauma they may have experienced. The project also provides community-wide trauma training.

* SGA Youth and Family Services also received a supplement award to provide mental health services for children and families affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

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The Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention (AIP) provides training in trauma screening and Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS), an evidence-based group treatment for students exposed to trauma. Group treatment is provided by bilingual/bicultural mental health clinicians working for our partner schools and agencies. AIP will be making culturally appropriate adaptations to CBITS and a Central American adaptation to Trauma Systems Therapy for Refugees (TST-R). AIP will recruit and train "cultural brokers" to assist with the implementation of trauma treatments.

NEW JERSEY

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Family and Children's Services in Elizabeth, NJ is currently accepting referrals for counseling services for migrant children ages 5 - 18 who have experienced trauma resulting from separation from adult caregivers (birth parents or others). The HEART (Hope, Empathy and Recovery for Trauma) program provides no-cost, confidential trauma counseling from our team of master's level, bilingual, licensed mental health professionals.

The HEART program uses outcome-driven, evidence-based treatment interventions, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. These interventions typically involve weekly individual sessions for 12–15 weeks. Sessions are held at our child-friendly Elizabeth, NJ offices (transportation provided).

Family and Children’s Services has been serving Union County and the surrounding area for more than 125 years. Our Mission: Family and Children’s Services — building hope and healing trauma to strengthen families and communities.

[NEW MEXICO](#)

Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc.

An Evidence-Based Trauma-Informed Practice Model

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Las Cumbres specializes in supporting families with children ages birth to six, and provides a wide range of home and community-based infant and early childhood services. The Las Cumbres Santuario Project Team now provides distinct bilingual and bicultural services for immigrant children who have been separated from a primary caregiver due to deportation or arriving in the US as an unaccompanied minor. This includes:

- Screening, triage, and mental health support for children and their families at immigration shelters along the NM/MX border.
- Wraparound family navigation/case management and comprehensive clinical treatment to children and their families in Las Cumbres’ northern NM service region (Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, and Taos Counties).

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The Family Center provides mental health and supportive services to children who have been separated from their parents in the course of immigrating to the US and who are now residing in New York City. Our services include evidence-based therapies that address the short- and long-term impact of child trauma as well as groups for parents and caregivers whose children have experienced trauma. These services are provided in English and Spanish at our office in Brooklyn and at community partner sites throughout the city. Transportation support in the form of metrocards, and in some cases car service, is

available. Individual and family services are also provided in the home/residence of the child/family. Referrals should be made to our Intake line, 718-230-1379 ext. 140. If you would like to learn more about opportunities for partnership to serve Unaccompanied Minors please contact The Family Center's Executive Director, Ivy Gamble Cobb, 718-230-1379 ext. 144 or igamble@thefamilycenter.org.

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The University of Rochester's Mt. Hope Family Center Project STRONGER will utilize supplemental funding to provide services for unaccompanied refugee, immigrant, and international children who may experience symptoms of traumatic stress stemming from their experiences. Depending on individual need, several evidence-based mental health treatments for trauma are available. The aim is to enroll 30 children and their caregivers, residing in Monroe County, NY. Mt. Hope is partnering locally with Catholic Family Center, and the Rochester City School District, both of which have experience supporting this population. Project STRONGER is also partnering with the Refugee Trauma and Resilience Center (RTRC) at Boston Children's Hospital, and will be receiving training and ongoing consultation from their staff members.

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The Philadelphia Alliance for Child Trauma Services (PACTS) is a child and adolescent behavioral health system-wide trauma screening, education, prevention and intervention program, with a focus on the most vulnerable and underserved youth. In an effort to help support the mental well-being of children and youth who arrived to the US unaccompanied and/or were separated from caregivers at the border, PACTS is expanding the reach of several evidence-based practices: **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)** and **Child Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI)**. PACTS is actively planning to bring

The **Core Curriculum on Childhood Trauma (CCCT)** to our network to better equip clinicians to conceptualize increasingly complex youth trauma cases.

PACTS has established a partnership with La Puerta Abierta, an organization that provides access to trauma-informed mental health care for immigrant and refugee communities in Philadelphia, in order to:

- Better understand the needs of Unaccompanied Children in Philadelphia
- Educate our provider network on the cultural and linguistic considerations of working with these clients
- Develop collaborative relationships with other local organizations serving immigrant and refugee communities in order to improve access to mental health services for Unaccompanied Youth with the goal that these agencies may also become a resource for serving the needs of these children and families in a culturally and linguistically sensitive and trauma-informed manner. We are also working within the county funding system to reduce barriers to funding these services.

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CYC RI is able to provide the following to unaccompanied children and families:

CBITS trauma groups: Groups are facilitated during the school day by a team of clinicians and performing artists to decrease the symptoms of PTSD in students who have experienced trauma.

Familias Unidas: This is an evidence-based program that engages the caregivers of adolescents with the goal of increasing protective factors within the family, and decreasing drug and alcohol use and sexual risk behaviors.

School and Community Based Clinical Services: CYC RI can coordinate and reimburse for school-based mental health services with one of our clinical partners, and can also refer and reimburse for community-based services.

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As part of the supplemental funding received, SCAN is able to serve up to 75 unaccompanied minors or other youth separated from their caregivers due to immigration-related issues. As part of the base grant, we are able to serve 100 youth ages 3-17 each year who have either experienced or witnessed a traumatic event, including immigration-related trauma.

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The Family Place in Logan, Utah is providing therapeutic child care services to children between the ages of 0-11, home visiting services to families with children from 0-18, and therapeutic services to families and children from 0-18 years of age. In addition, The Family Place is sponsoring monthly community engagement activities to help families learn more about The Family Place services and to build trust. The Family Place is also able to provide some food, clothing, and furniture donations to families in need, and can link families to other services that we don't provide.