

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES (MDOD)

84.224A STATE GRANTS FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE

Program Description: Funded through the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 as amended in 2004 by the Rehabilitation Services Administration. This grant funds information and referral, training, equipment demonstration, equipment loan, equipment financing and equipment re-use activities to increase availability and accessibility of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities.

Formula Description: No match is required. Funds for this grant were originally allocated by the size of the disability population in each state. By statute in the 9th year of this grant each program would receive 75% of their original appropriation and in the 10th year and beyond each program would receive 50% of its original appropriation. Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MD TAP) received its first grant in 1988 and began operating in 1989. Maryland was operating under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1988 and is now operating under the newly reauthorized Assistive Technology Act of 1998 as amended in 2004. Under the new act, each state is to receive an amount that is not less than the amount received in fiscal year 2004 under the Act as their base year amount. If a higher appropriation is granted to the Act, the increase is allotted with 50% divided equally among the states and 50% divided based on population. If a lower appropriation is granted that is insufficient to award each state their base award, the allotments will be ratably reduced. If additional funds become available later, the allotments will be ratably increased.

Program Supported/Population Served: Maryland Technology Assistance Program / Individuals with disabilities statewide

84.418 US Department of Education: Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE)

Program Description: PROMISE is a joint initiative of the:

- Department of Education ([ED](#)),
- Department of Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)),
- Department of Labor ([DOL](#)), and
- Social Security Administration ([SSA](#)).

Through a competitive process, Maryland was one of 6 grantees to be awarded a PROMISE grant in October 2013. The 5 year award for \$31, 190,076.00 is intended to foster improved education, and post-secondary outcomes for children ages 14-16 who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), as well as their families.

Objective: Recruit 2,000 Maryland youth on SSI and their families. 1,000 will be randomly assigned to an Enhanced Services group, and will receive Assertive community based case management with an emphasis on educational and employment attainment for the youth and their family as well additional individualized supports above and beyond what they typically

would receive including benefits counseling, motivational interviewing and financial literacy. The other 1000 will receive the services typically available. SSA through Mathematica will track both groups to measure long term impact and outcomes.

Program Supported/Population Served: Youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 16 receiving SSI and their families.

93.630 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BASIC SUPPORT GRANTS

Program Description: Enables individuals with developmental disabilities to become independent, productive, and included into their communities. Funding under these programs is to assist states in the development of a plan for a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and other activities to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to their maximum potential, and to support a system which protects the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Formula Description: Allocation criteria and/or mathematical calculations: two-thirds of the amount appropriated is allotted to each State according to the ratio the population each State bears to the population of the United States, weighted by the relative per capita income for each State. One-third of the amount appropriated is allotted to each State according to the ratio of beneficiaries in the State receiving benefits under Childhood Disabilities Beneficiary Program, related to the age 18 to 65 population of the State as bearing on the national total of such population, weighted by the total population of the State. The Federal share of projects supported under the State Plan may not exceed 75%, except for projects whose activities or products target individuals with developmental disabilities who live in urban or rural poverty areas, which may not exceed 90 percent of the aggregate necessary costs of such project or activities, and in the case of projects or activities undertaken by the Council or Council staff to implement State plan priority, activities may be up to 100% of the aggregate necessary cost of such activities

Program Supported/Population served: Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

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