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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TRONE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Family Support Serv-
5 ices for Addiction Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS**
2 **STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**
3 **ORDER.**

4 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 **“SEC. 553. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS**
8 **STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**
9 **ORDER.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘family community organization’
12 means an independent nonprofit organization that—

13 “(A) mobilizes resources within and out-
14 side of the community of families with individ-
15 uals living with addiction, to provide a support
16 network, education, and evidence-informed tools
17 for families and loved ones of individuals strug-
18 gling with substance use disorders; and

19 “(B) is governed by experts in the field of
20 addiction, which may include—

21 “(i) experts in evidence-informed
22 interventions for family members;

23 “(ii) experts in the impact of addic-
24 tion on family systems;

1 “(iii) families who have experience
2 with substance use disorders and addiction;
3 and

4 “(iv) other experts in the field of ad-
5 diction; and

6 “(2) the term ‘family support services’ means
7 resources or programs that support families that in-
8 clude an individual with substance use disorder.

9 “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall
10 award grants to family community organizations to enable
11 such organizations to develop, expand, and enhance evi-
12 dence-informed family support services.

13 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
14 costs of a program funded by a grant under this section
15 may not exceed 85 percent.

16 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-
17 section (b)—

18 “(1) shall be used to develop, expand, and en-
19 hance community and statewide evidence-informed
20 family support services; and

21 “(2) may be used to—

22 “(A) build connections between family sup-
23 port networks, including providing technical as-
24 sistance between family community organiza-
25 tions and peer support networks, and with

1 other family support services, focused on en-
2 hancing knowledge of evidence-informed inter-
3 ventions for family members and loved ones of
4 individuals living with substance use disorders
5 and reducing harm by educating service pro-
6 viders on current evidence regarding addiction
7 and the family, including—

8 “(i) behavioral health providers, in-
9 cluding such providers focused specifically
10 on family and couples therapy in the con-
11 text of addiction;

12 “(ii) primary care providers;

13 “(iii) providers of foster care services
14 or support services for grandparents,
15 guardians, and other extended family im-
16 pacted by addiction; and

17 “(iv) other family support services
18 that connect to community resources for
19 individuals with substance use disorders,
20 including non-clinical community services;

21 “(B) reduce stigma associated with the
22 family of individuals with substance use dis-
23 orders by improving knowledge about addiction
24 and its treatment, providing compassionate sup-

1 port, and dispelling myths that perpetuate such
2 stigma;

3 “(C) conduct outreach on issues relating to
4 substance use disorders and family support,
5 which may include education, training, and re-
6 sources with respect to—

7 “(i) building a resilience- and
8 strengths-based approach to prevention of,
9 and living with, addiction in the family;

10 “(ii) identifying the signs of substance
11 use disorder;

12 “(iii) adopting an approach that mini-
13 mizes harm to all family members; and

14 “(iv) families of individuals with a
15 substance use disorder, including with re-
16 spect to—

17 “(I) navigating the treatment
18 and recovery systems;

19 “(II) paying for addiction treat-
20 ment;

21 “(III) education about substance
22 use disorder; and

23 “(IV) avoiding predatory treat-
24 ment programs; and

1 “(D) connect families to evidence-informed
2 peer support programs.

3 “(e) DATA REPORTING AND PROGRAM OVER-
4 SIGHT.—With respect to a grant awarded under sub-
5 section (a), not later than 90 days after the end of the
6 first year of the grant period, and annually thereafter for
7 the duration of the grant period, the entity shall submit
8 data, as appropriate and to the extent practicable, to the
9 Secretary regarding—

10 “(1) the programs and activities funded by the
11 grant;

12 “(2) health outcomes of the population of indi-
13 viduals with a substance use disorder who received
14 services through programs supported by the grant,
15 as evaluated by an independent program evaluator
16 through the use of outcomes measures, as deter-
17 mined by the Secretary; and

18 “(3) any other information that the secretary
19 may require for the purpose of ensuring that the
20 grant recipient is complying with all the require-
21 ments of the grant.

22 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.