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## **\$7.5 Million in Funding Now Available for Abuse Prevention**

SACRAMENTO- The California Department of Social Services' Office of Child Abuse Prevention is announcing the availability of approximately \$7.5 million in grant funds for qualified nonprofit organizations to enact a statewide child abuse prevention and education strategies program.

The funding will be allocated in three annual installments of \$2.5 million, with the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to family support organizations, counties, service providers, and communities across California.

"Proactively engaging community partners, health professionals and parents is a key component to averting the maltreatment of children," says Will Lightbourne Director of the California Department of Social Services. "We are looking for partners who can disseminate preventive and family strengthening information and training into our communities to better serve families and keep children safe."

The Office of Child Abuse Prevention is seeking a collaborative applicant, consisting of two or more organizations, with the ability to offer statewide training and technical assistance regarding best practices and/or promising practices to minimize major risk factors of child abuse and neglect, specifically targeting substance abuse and poverty.

The Request for Application process is now open for state fiscal year 2016 to 2019. The collaborative receiving this grant will be responsible for organizing training logistics, which include training formats, coordinating staff, time schedules, travel, and facilities.

Qualified nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications to be submitted is March 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (PST).

For more information on this and other grant opportunities with the Office of Child Abuse Prevention you can go to <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/ocap/PG4742.htm>.

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