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Ohio children's trust fund and children's advocacy centers.

(A) As used in this rule, "children's advocacy center" has the same meaning as described in section 2151.425 of the Revised Code.

(B) By submitting the JFS 01474 "Application for Child Advocacy Center Start-up Funding" (rev. 3/2007), each local prevention advisory board may request one time funding from the Ohio children's trust fund (OCTF) to be used toward start-up costs for establishment and operation of a children's advocacy center as follows:

(1) If a local prevention advisory board serves a single county, the advisory board may request one time funding, not to exceed five thousand dollars, to be used toward start-up costs for establishment and operation of a children's advocacy center which will provide services for that county.

(2) If a local prevention advisory board serves a multi-county district, the advisory board may request one time funding, not to exceed five thousand dollars for each county within the district, to be used toward start-up costs for establishment and operation of a children's advocacy center.

(C) In order to receive one time funding to be used toward start-up costs, a children's advocacy center shall agree to conduct primary prevention strategies as defined in section 3109.13 of the Revised Code.

(D) A local prevention advisory board shall disburse start-up funds only to the children's advocacy center approved by OCTF as specified in paragraph (E) of this rule.

(E) In order to receive approval from OCTF for start-up funding, a children's advocacy center shall meet all of the following requirements.

(1) The center must have executed a memorandum of understanding to establish a children's advocacy center in accordance with section 2151.426 of the Revised Code;

(2) The center must have established an interagency agreement to assemble a multi-disciplinary team to conduct joint investigations in accordance with section 2151.428 of the Revised Code;

(3) The center must have established a written agreement with a fiscal agent that will manage funding.

(4) The center agrees to provide primary prevention services as defined in division (B) of section 3109.13 of the Revised Code.

(F) A children's advocacy center shall use the start-up funds only for establishment and operation of the center in accordance with provisions outlined in sections 2151.425 to 2151.428 of the Revised Code. Such funds shall be encumbered by the center for expenditure in the same state fiscal year in which they are received. Any funds not

so encumbered shall be returned to the treasurer of state for re-deposit in the children's trust fund.

(G) Each children's advocacy center that receives start up funding from the children's trust fund shall submit a semi-annual and annual report using the JFS 01475 "Child Advocacy Center Start-up Funding Report" (rev. 3/2007) to the local prevention advisory board by the date specified by the local prevention advisory board.

(H) Each local prevention advisory board shall include a copy of the JFS 01475 with its JFS 01982 "County Agent Annual Report" (rev. 3/2007) to OCTF. These reports must be postmarked by the fifteenth day of August following the end of the state fiscal year for which the report is written.

(I) A children's advocacy center may annually submit a JFS 01976 "Application for Funding" (rev. 3/2007) and the JFS 01977 "Ohio Children's Trust Fund Annual Budget Application" (rev. 3/2007) to OCTF for money to conduct primary prevention activities in the county or multi-county district served by the center. OCTF will approve or disapprove the request and send the applicant written notification of the status of the request.

(J) Each children's advocacy center that receives money directly from OCTF for primary prevention activities shall file a JFS 01980 "Service Provider Progress Report" (rev. 3/2007) and a JFS 01981 "Service Provider Fiscal Report" (rev. 3/2007) with OCTF. These reports must be postmarked by the fifteenth of August following the end of the state fiscal year for which the report is written.

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