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TO: SAMH Regional Directors/SAMH Contract Managers/SAMH Managing Entities
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Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH)
SUBJECT: Primary Prevention Block Grant Funding and Parenting Classes

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy guidance is to clarify that primary prevention funding from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant can be used to fund parenting and family management programs for parents in treatment in order to prevent substance use among their children.

DISCUSSION:

Primary prevention funding under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant must be used to fund programs "directed at individuals not identified to be in need of treatment."¹ States are required to use a variety of primary prevention strategies, including "parenting and family management classes."²

It is acceptable to use primary prevention Block Grant funds for parenting and family management programs for parents in treatment in order to prevent substance use among their children. The treatment status of the parents is irrelevant as long the parenting and family management classes are directed at preventing substance use among their children.

cc: John Bryant, Assistant Secretary for SAMH
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¹ 45 C.F.R. §96.125(a)

² 45 C.F.R. §96.125(b)(2)(ii)