



BILL LEE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF TENNESSEE

May 21, 2020

Elizabeth Darling, Commissioner
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration on Children, Youth, and Families
330 C Street SW, 3rd Floor, Room 3044
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Commissioner Darling:

In consideration of the application requirements for funds made available for states to carry out programs designed to improve the handling of suspected child sexual abuse and neglect cases under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (42 U.S. 5106c et seq.), Section 107 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), as amended by Public Law (P.L.) 111-320 enacted December 20, 2010, and the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended (42 U.S.C.10603 et seq.) which stipulates that Tennessee's Chief Executive Officer make certain certifications and assurances prior to receiving grant funds, as Governor of the State of Tennessee, I certify the following:

1. Tennessee received the FY 2019 Child Abuse and Neglect Basic State Grant and is in compliance with the requirements stipulated in Section 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA);
2. Tennessee has maintained a State multidisciplinary task force on children's justice;
3. Tennessee continues to make progress in adopting the recommendations of the Joint Task Force on Children's Justice and Child Sexual Abuse;
4. Tennessee agrees to make such reports to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as reasonably required, including an annual report on how assistance received under this program was expended throughout the State;
5. Tennessee maintains and provides access to records relating to activities under the Children's Justice Act (CJA); and,
6. Tennessee agrees to participate in at least one federally initiated CJA meeting each year that the grant is in effect and will use grant funds to cover travel and per diem expenses for two CJA representatives (CJA Coordinator and Task Force Chairperson) to attend the meeting.

The Department of Children's Services has responsibility for youth at risk in Tennessee including abuse, neglected, unruly, and delinquent children. I am designating Jennifer Nichols, Commissioner of the Department of Children's Services, to serve as administrator of these funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bill Lee
Governor