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Proposed Project

Preventive Cardiac Health Care Knowledge, Beliefs, and Behaviors in Female Carriers of Duchenne/Becker Muscular Dystrophy—New—National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Duchenne/Becker Muscular Dystrophy (DBMD) is the most common form of fatal muscular dystrophy in children. It affects about 1 in 3,500 boys. Although almost all cases of DBMD are diagnosed in young males, the genetic condition that causes DBMD is carried by females. Today, there are about 40,000 female DBMD carriers in the United States. Females who carry this genetic condition generally do not have symptoms, but some may experience muscle weakness and fatigue. Sometimes, they may also develop heart problems that are characterized by shortness of breath or an inability to do moderate exercise. The chance that a female carrier will develop heart problems is unknown, but these heart problems are serious and can be life threatening. To learn more about the heart health behaviors of adult female DBMD carriers, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), CDC proposes to conduct a national survey.

This one-time survey will be mailed to about 7,000 women who are on mailing lists maintained by DBMD advocacy groups (Group 1) or are known by someone on one of the lists (Group 2). The data will be treated in a confidential manner. Women will be eligible to complete the survey if they are at least 19 years old and have given birth to a son with DBMD or been told that they definitely or probably carry a genetic change for DBMD. To comply with requests from the advocacy community, the questionnaire will be provided to friends, relatives, and

acquaintances of women on the above mailing lists who meet all study eligibility criteria and personally initiate contact with the study office about possible participation (Group 2). All study materials, including the questionnaire, will be available in English and Spanish. Respondents will also be able to complete an electronic version of the survey accessed via the World Wide Web. It will take each participant about 5 minutes to read the survey cover letter and about 30 minutes to complete the survey. Group 2 women will also need to complete a 5-minute telephone interview to provide their mailing address to the study office. Prior to receiving the survey, Group 1 women will receive an initial approach letter that will take about 5 minutes to read. We expect that 80% of the women who receive a questionnaire will complete the survey, for a total of 5,600 respondents.

Survey participants will be asked about social and psychological aspects of their genetic carrier status, their sources of social support, their awareness and knowledge of the link between carrier status and heart health, issues about access to specialized cardiac health care, and sources of health information that they find trustworthy, accessible, and understandable. Postage and a return envelope will be provided for participants who choose to complete and return their survey by mail. There are no costs to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 3,968.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Type of data collection	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per respondent (in hours)
Initial approach letter (Primary sample only)	6,000	1	5/60
Telephone screen (Secondary sample only)	1,000	1	5/60
Survey cover letter with survey (Primary & Secondary samples)	7,000	1	5/60
Survey sections 1 through 5	5,600	1	30/60

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Administration for Children and Families

Administration on Developmental Disabilities; Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) To Assist Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) To Establish or Improve Voting Access for Individuals With Disabilities

Announcement Type: Initial—Grant.
Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2006-ACF-ADD-DH-0034.

CFDA Number: 93.618.

Due Date for Letter of Intent: March 27, 2006.

Due Date for Applications: April 24, 2006.

Executive Summary: The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 funds for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) for Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As).

The purpose of funds awarded under this announcement is to provide T/TA to P&As in their promotion of full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places; developing proficiency in the use of voting systems and technologies as they affect individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for such individuals. At least one recipient of these funds must provide T/TA for non-visual access.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Legislative Authority

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, Public Law (Pub. L.) 107-252, Title II, Subtitle D, part 5, section 291.

Description

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),

announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 funds authorized under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, Public Law 107-252, Title II, Subtitle D, part 5, section 291 (42 U.S.C. 15461). Provisions under this section provide for the award of grants for Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) to assist Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) in:

- * Promoting full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places;
- * Developing proficiency in the use of voting systems and technologies as they affect individuals with disabilities;
- * Demonstrating and evaluating the use of such systems and technologies by individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for such individuals; and
- * Providing T/TA for non-visual access. (At least one recipient must provide T/TA assistance in this area.)

Background

HAVA, signed into law by President George W. Bush on October 29, 2002, contains three grant programs that will enable a grantee to establish, expand, and improve access to and participation in the election process by individuals with the full range of disabilities (*e.g.*, visual impairments including blindness, hearing impairments including deafness, the full range of mobility impairments including gross motor and fine motor impairments, emotional impairments, and intellectual impairments). These programs are: (1) Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE), which provides funding to the States and territories for activities to establish and/or improve access to voting for individuals with the full range of disabilities; (2) Protection and Advocacy Systems: Help America to Vote, which provides funding to P&As throughout the United States in support of their efforts to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities; and (3) T/TA for P&As so they can assist individuals with the full range of disabilities in the voting process from registration to actual voting.

Background on ADD and ADD Programs

ADD is located within ACF, HHS. ADD shares goals with other ACF programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

ADD is the lead agency responsible for planning and administering programs to promote the self-sufficiency

and protect the rights of persons with developmental disabilities. ADD administers the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act). The DD Act provides for funding to States to provide advocacy, promote consumer oriented systems change and capacity building activities, and facilitate network collaboration. The four programs funded under the DD Act are:

- (1) State Councils on Developmental Disabilities that engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities;
- (2) Protection and Advocacy Systems (P&As) that protect the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities;
- (3) The National Network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, (UCEDD) that engages in training, community outreach, research, and dissemination activities; and

(4) Projects of National Significance (PNS), that award grants and contracts that promote and increase the independence, productivity, inclusion and integration into the community of persons with developmental disabilities. These projects focus on the most pressing issues for people with developmental disabilities across the country. These projects may involve research, technical assistance, projects which improve supportive living and quality of life opportunities, projects to educate policymakers, and efforts to create interagency Federal collaboration.

In addition to responsibilities under the DD Act, ADD has been given the responsibility by the Secretary of HHS for three grant programs authorized under HAVA, Public Law 107-252. This announcement is for HAVA T/TA for P&As so they can assist individuals with disabilities in the voting process from registration to actual voting.

Objectives

The purpose of funds awarded under this announcement is to provide T/TA for P&As to establish or improve voting access for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing polling places. The T/TA grantee(s) may use their award to support training in the use of voting systems and technologies, and to demonstrate and evaluate the use of such systems and technologies, by individuals with disabilities (including blindness) in order to assess the availability and use of such systems and technologies for such individuals. At least one grantee shall use the award to provide T/TA for nonvisual access.