

PROMOTING HEALTHY YOUTH RELATIONSHIPS

Federal Youth Healthy Relationships (and Adult Healthy Marriage, Responsible Fatherhood, and Tribal TANF-Child Welfare Coordination) Grant Programs

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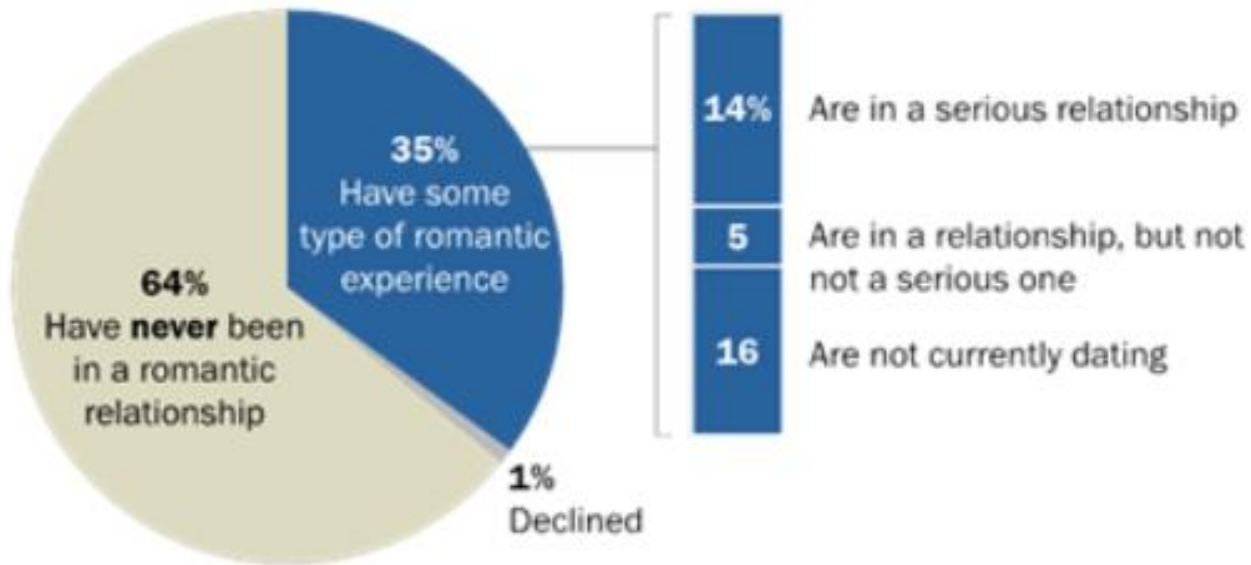
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Teen Dating Relationships

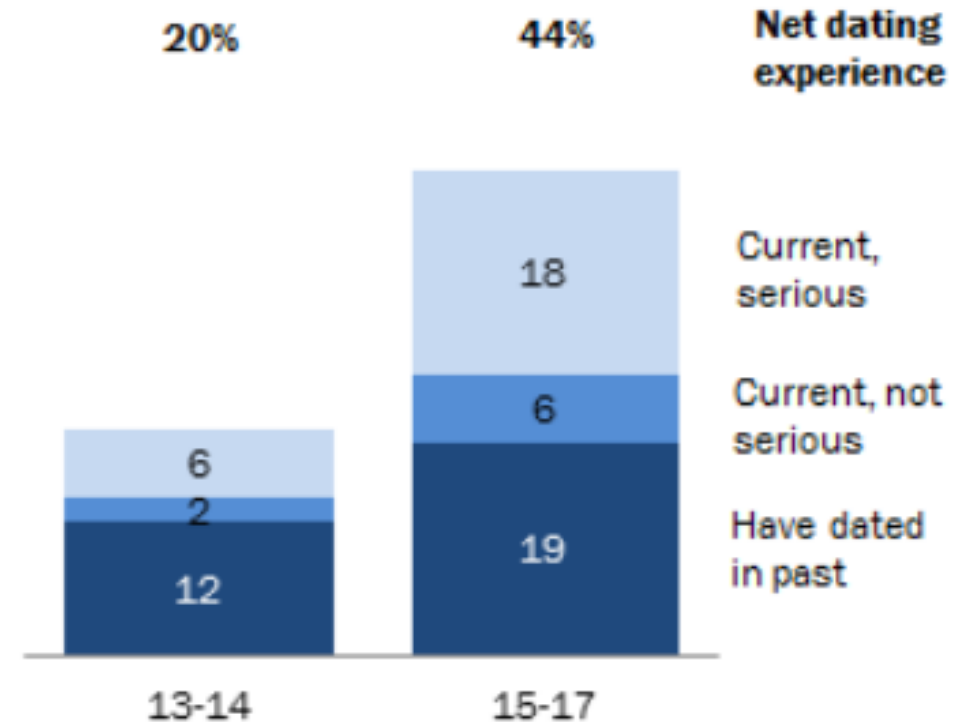
35% of Teens Are or Have Been in a Romantic Relationship of Some Kind

% of all teens



Older Teens Are More Likely to Have Experience With Dating and Relationships

% of teens in each age group with past/current dating experience



Source: Pew Research Center
Teens Relationships Survey,
2014-2015.
Note: Teens ages 13-17.

Why Promote Healthy Youth Relationships?

Expectations for Marriage

Proportion High School Seniors Who Expect to Marry



Source: NCFMR analyses of Monitoring the Future, 1976-2017.

From: Allred, C. (2019). High school seniors' expectations to marry, 2017 Family Profiles, FP-19-11. Bowling Green, OH: National Center for Family & Marriage Research. <https://doi.org/10.25035/ncfmr/fp-19-11>

% of adults saying society is ...

Just as well off if couples who want to stay together long-term decide not to marry

46%

Better off if couples who want to stay together long-term eventually get married

53%

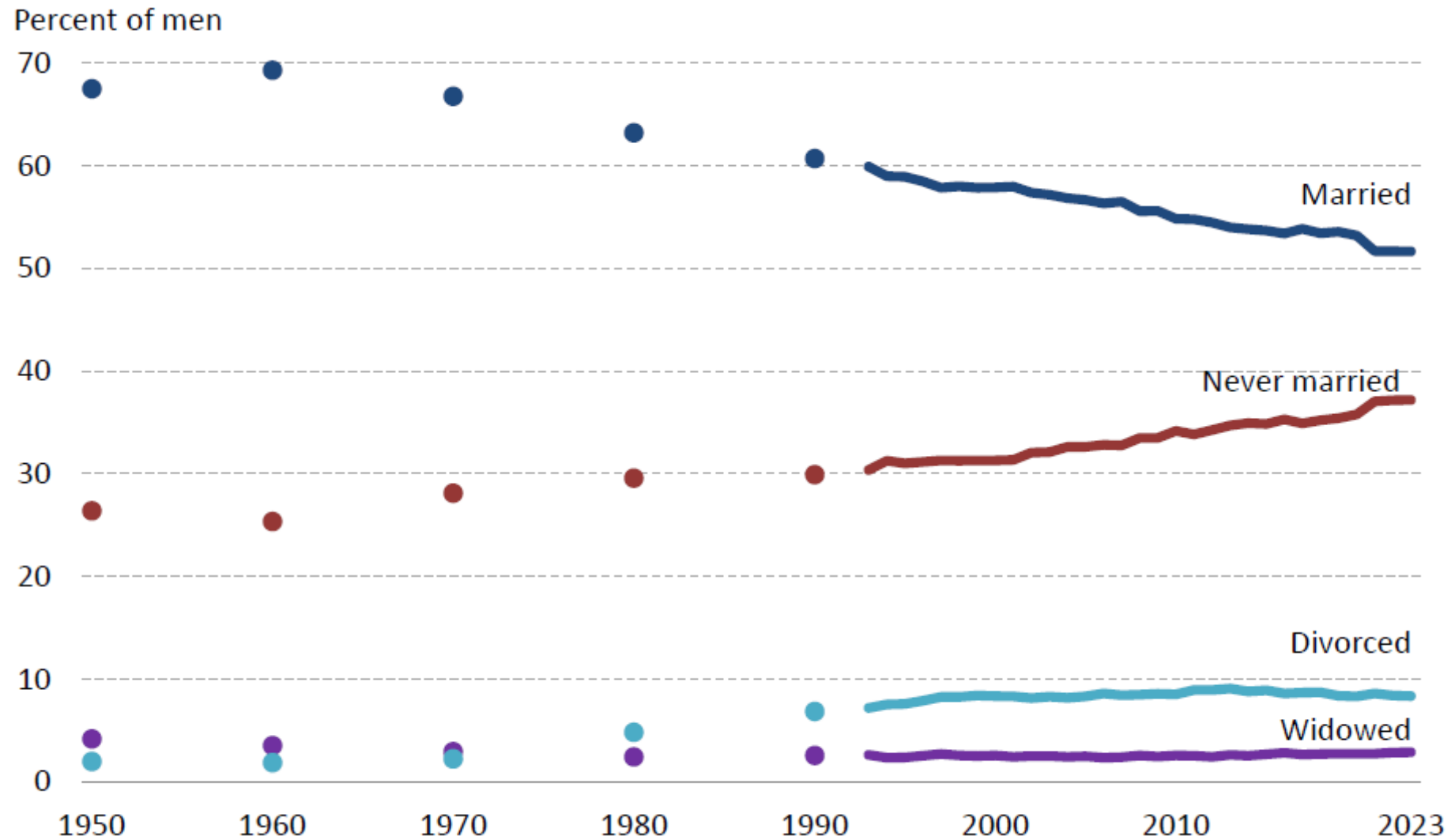
Source: Pew Research Center analysis of the 2002 and 2013-2017 NSFG.

From: Pew Research Center (2019). Marriage and Cohabitation in the U.S. <https://www.pewresearch.org/social-trends/2019/11/06/marriage-and-cohabitation-in-the-u-s/>

Why Promote Healthy Youth Relationships?

Men's Marital Status

1950 to 2023



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses, 1950 to 1990, and Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements, 1993 to 2023.

Note: Married includes separated and married spouse absent. Starting in 2019, estimates for married individuals now include same-sex married couples.

Why Promote Healthy Youth Relationships?

Father Involvement Affects Kids' Outcomes

- Children who have contact with fathers regulate emotions better
- More contact with nonresident fathers associated with fewer adjustment problems for children
- Sensitive and supportive fathers have children who:
 - Are socially competent
 - Have positive friendships in school settings
 - Engage in more complex play
 - Have more optimal language outcomes



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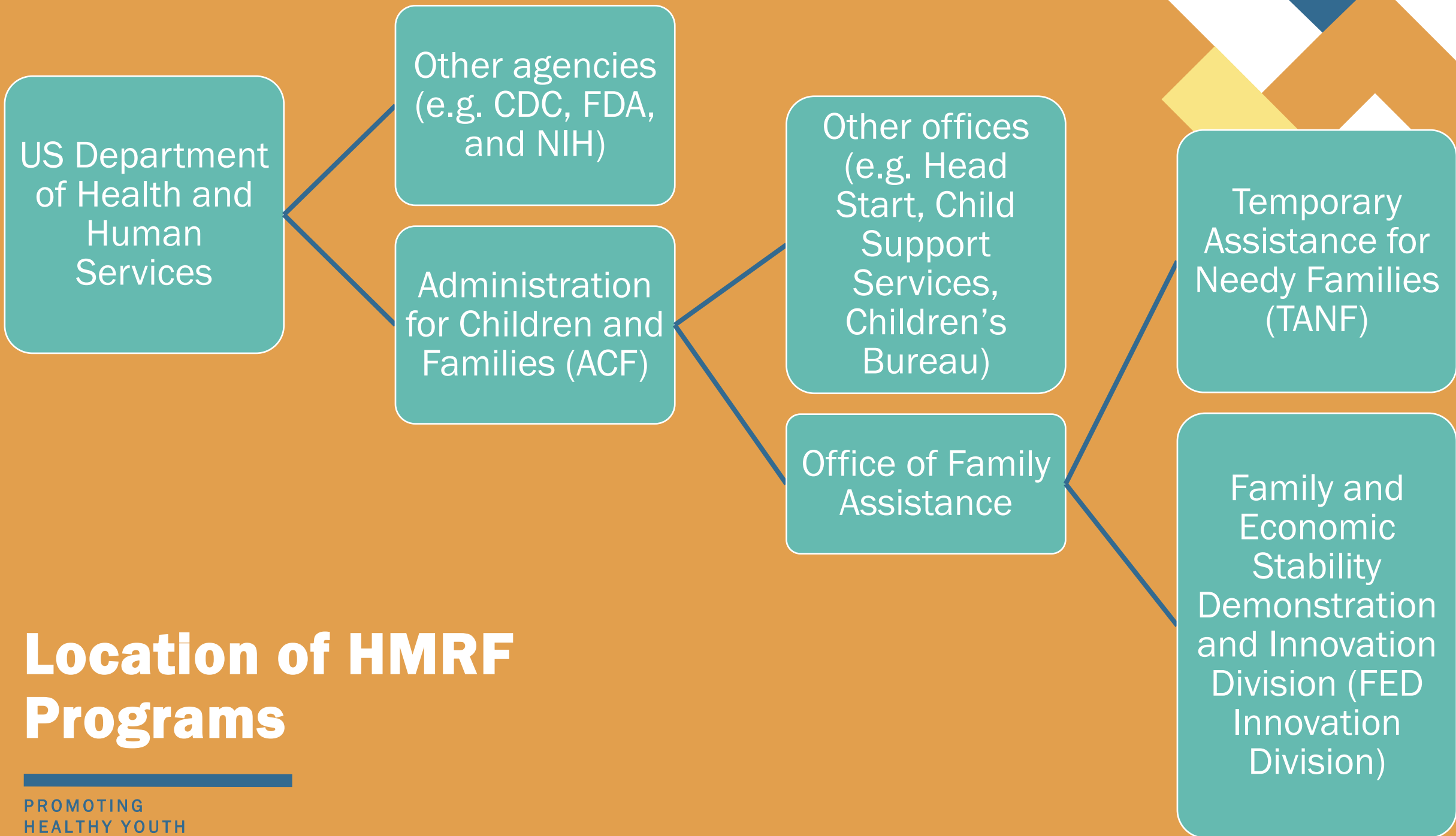
Parental Interaction Affects Kids' Outcomes

- Marital satisfaction linked to children's prosocial behavior
- Parents' perceptions of marital support linked to better coparenting and lower stress
- Parents' supportiveness linked to children's well-being
- Supportive coparenting associated with better child outcomes
- Holds true for married and cohabiting parents



What Is FED Innovation?

**Family and
Economic Stability
Demonstration**



Location of HMRF Programs

Family and Economic Stability Demonstration and Innovation Division (FED Innovation Division)

National Initiatives Branch

HMRF Grants Support and Innovation Branch – South and East

HMRF Grants Support and Innovation Branch – North and West

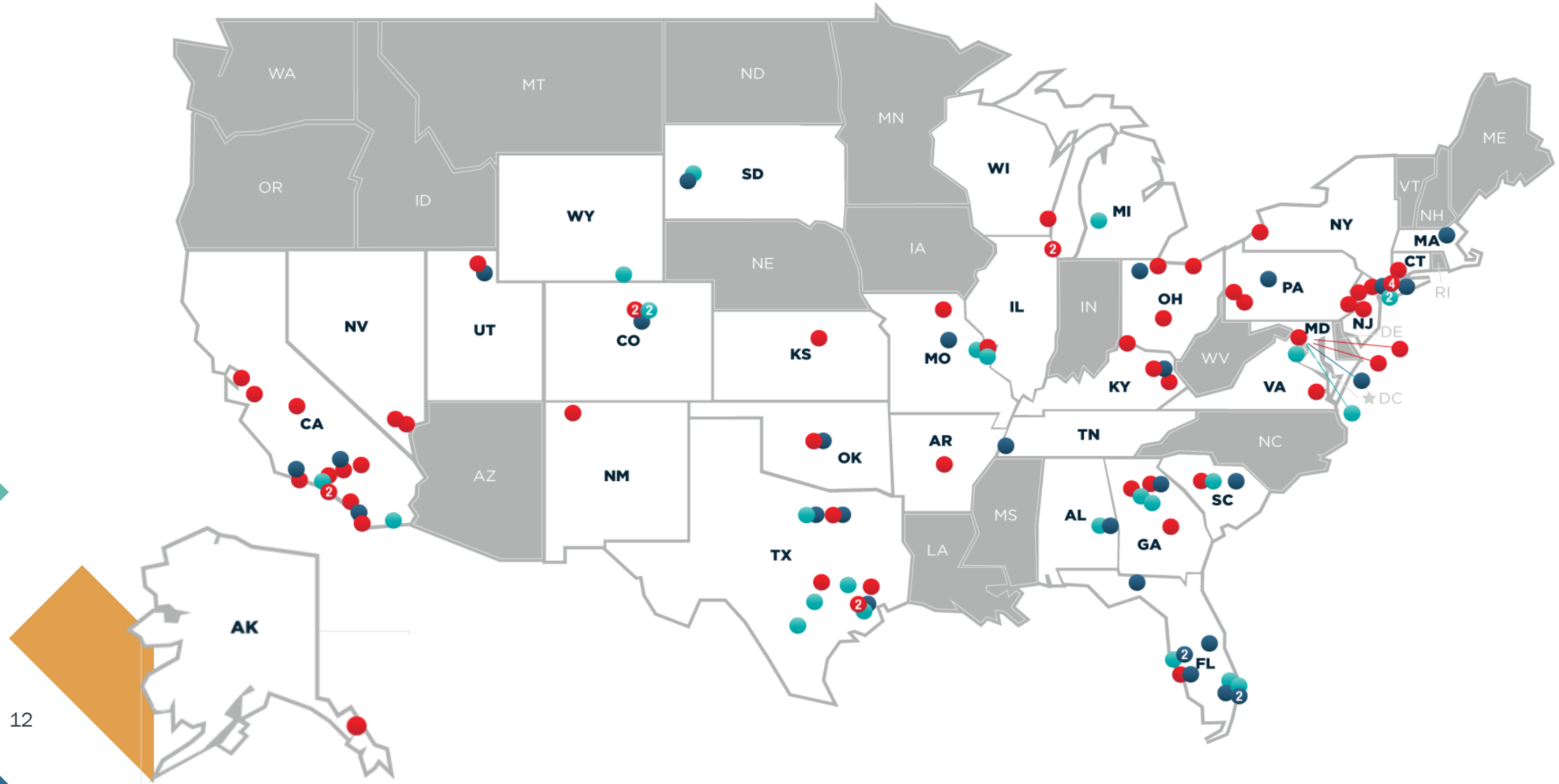
Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Coordination Grants Branch

Technical Assistance and Tech Transfer

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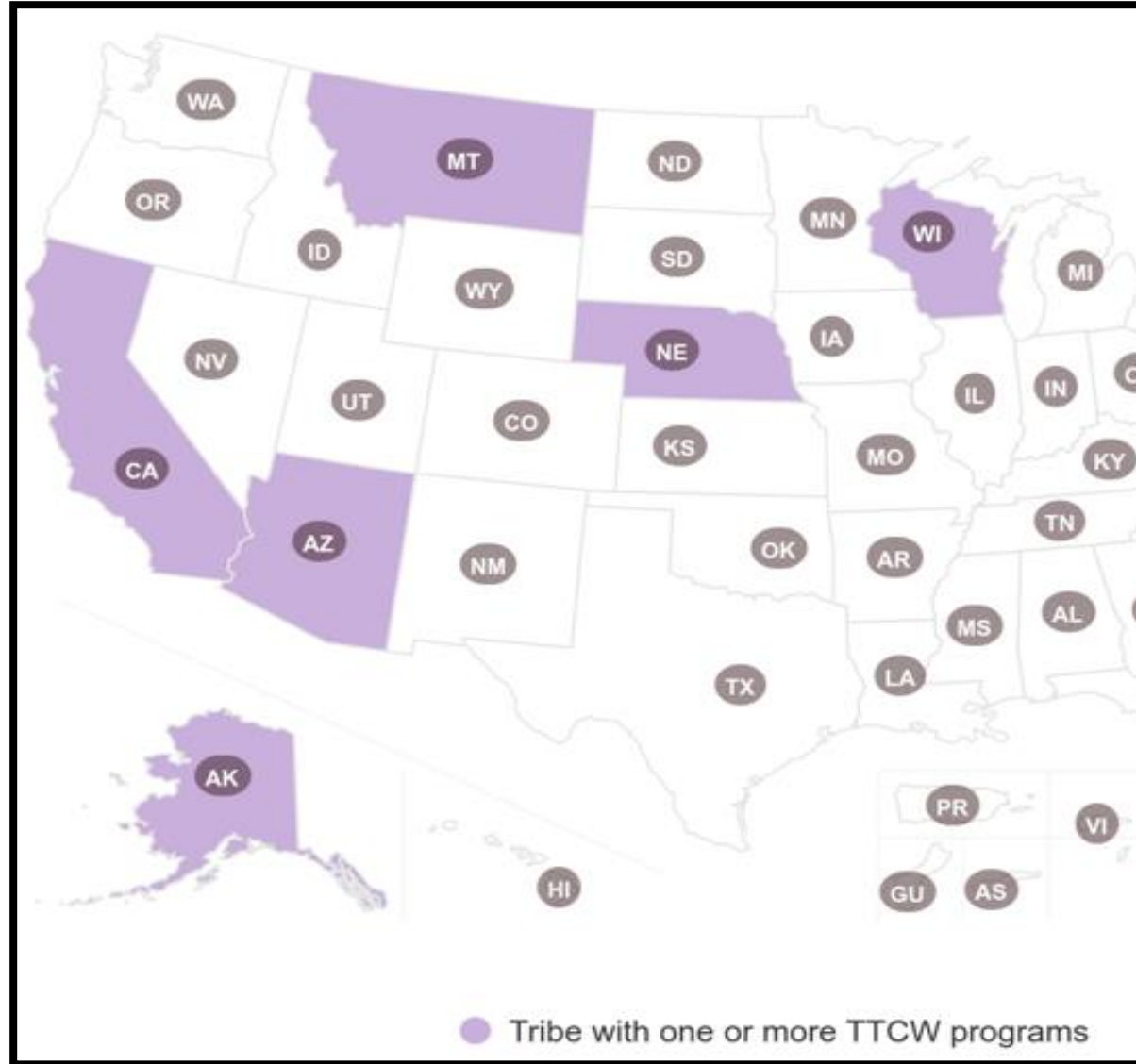
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Demonstration Multiplier



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What Kinds of Programming Does This Funding Support?

Healthy Marriage (Adults)



Funds projects that provide education and skills training intended to help families achieve strong and positive outcomes, while also helping individuals improve their relationship skills and their paths toward economic stability and mobility.

Healthy Marriage (Youth)



Funds projects that provide education and skills training designed to support healthy relationships and marriage, including the value of marriage in future family formation and skills-based healthy relationship and marriage education to youth in high school (grades 9-12), high-school-aged youth (ages 14-17), and/or youth in late adolescence to early adulthood (ages 18-24).

Responsible Fatherhood



Funds projects that provide education and skills training that integrate robust economic stability services, healthy marriage instruction, and activities designed to foster responsible parenting. Grantees serve fathers in communities, and also fathers who are within nine months of release from incarceration and who intend to return to their communities and families.

Tribal TANF - Child Welfare (TTCW)



Funds opportunities for Tribes or consortia to design programming or systems that enhance the relationship between their Tribal TANF and Child Welfare programming. Strengthens the Tribal community and its families by creating a unique design specific to the applicant and Tribal need.

OUR PROGRAMS

- \$150M/year
- Grants to organizations, including tribes
- Each grant is approx. \$200,000-\$1,200,000/yr, for five years
- No cost match requirement
- Next 5-yr cohort will be re-competed in 2025

Legislative Authority

*“... the Secretary may use the funds made available under subparagraph (D) for the purpose of conducting and supporting **research and demonstration projects** by public or private entities ...”*



Specific Activities

Healthy Marriage Promotion Activities

- (I) Public advertising campaigns ...
- (II) Education in healthy relationship skills
- (III) Marriage education that may include pre-marital education
- (IV) Pre-marital education
- (V) Marriage ... skills
- (VI) Divorce reduction programs ...
- (VII) Marriage mentoring programs ...
- (VIII) Programs to reduce the disincentives

Activities Promoting Responsible Fatherhood

- (I) Activities to promote marriage or sustain marriage
- (II) Activities to promote marriage
- (III) Activities to foster economic stability

Funds for Tribal TANF-Child Welfare

Coordination

- (I) Improve case management
- (II) Support and assistance to tribal children in out-of-home placements
- (III) Prevention services



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legislation

Specific Activities We Can't Fund

- Anything not in the specified activities in the legislation
e.g.: direct payment of child support arrears
- Anything not in-line with regs, policy, or caselaw
e.g.: HMRF Tribal set-aside, or set-aside for race/ethnic group
- Anything not approved by leadership

Within Parameters, We (Also) Use Principle

- We seek balance
 - Replication AND innovation
 - Returning organizations AND new organizations
 - Range of size of projects
- We seek projects responsive to community context
 - Adaptation to local context
 - Culturally and linguistically relevant
- We seek projects that continue to learn
 - Continuous quality improvement
 - Grantee-led evaluations (called “local evaluations”)

What Kinds of Programming Does This Funding Support?

Center of Everything: Healthy Families



\$75,000,000
**HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION
ACTIVITIES**



\$75,000,000
PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

\$2,000,000
**TRIBAL TANF-CHILD WELFARE
COORDINATION**



Healthy Marriage Youth Programming



Healthy Marriage Adult Programming



Responsible Fatherhood



What Kinds of Programming Does TTCW Funding Support?



TT CW Activities

- (I) to improve case management
- (II) for support and assistance to children in out-of-home placements
- (III) for prevention services



What Is HMRF Currently Funding (2020-2025)?

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To develop FY2020 Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs), OFA reviewed *data* from 2015-2020 cohort ...

- Better performance linked with:
 - Focus on one program/population
 - Experience
- Cost/client
- Wide range of intensity of programs – a few hours, to 140+ hours

What is HMRF currently funding?

OFA used *data* to inform FY2020 FOAs ...

Finding from 2015-2020 Cohort	FY2020 FOA parameter
Focus on one program/population	Encouragement to focus on one program/population
Experience	Requirements re: organizational capacity
Cost/client	Requirements re: minimum clients/funding level
Wide range of intensity	Requirements re: minimum program length

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Scope	Funding Level (per annum)
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Moderate Scope	\$750,000- 999,999
Smaller Scope	\$500,000- 749,999

What is HMRF currently funding?

Requirement: Organizational Capacity

Scope	Funding Level (per annum)	Required in Applications*	
		Financial Reports (operating budget; each of last two years)	HMRF Clients Served (each of last two years)
Large Scope	\$1M-1.5M	\$900,000	100 individuals**
Moderate Scope	\$750,000- 999,999	\$500,000	50 individuals**
Smaller Scope	\$500,000- 749,999	\$100,000	Relevant experience/capacity

*For applicants proposing impact evaluations, need to demonstrate previous success partnering with independent eval firm

**Could have served couples as well (each member of couple counted as 1 individual)

What is HMRF currently funding?

Requirement: Program Participation Targets

Scope	Funding Level (per annum)	Required Commitment in Application			
		Minimum		Maximum	
		HM	RF	HM	RF
Large Scope	\$1M-1.5M	200	166	2,500	1,250
Moderate Scope	\$750,000-999,999	160	130	2,000	1,000
Smaller Scope	\$500,000-749,999	120	100	1,500	750

What is HMRF currently funding?

The Result: Three Beautiful FOAs

... and a lot of competition ...



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What is HMRF currently funding?

The Result: Balanced Approach to HMRF

Scope	Proportion of FY2020-2025 Grants
Large Scope	35%
Moderate Scope	39%
Smaller Scope	27%

Returning/New	Proportion of FY2020-2025 Grants
Returning Org	56%
New Org	44%

Eval Type	Proportion of FY2020-2025 Grants
Impact	30
Descriptive	50
None	30

What is HMRF currently funding?

The Result: Demonstrated Performance

Last 3 Yrs: Participation

Enrolled	126,359
Completed	82,279

Last 3 Yrs: # Hrs Curriculum

RF	25.8hrs
HM	12.9hrs

How to Prepare for FY2025 Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs)?

How to Prepare for FY2025 NOFOs?

(Re)read the FY2020 FOAs

Although the entire FOA/NOFO matters, pay extra attention to:

- Section I: Program Description
- Section IV: Application and Submission Information
- Section V: Application Review Information

HM Adults



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HM Youth



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RF Adults



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TTCW



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How to Prepare for FY2025 NOFOs?

Review the FY2025 Forecasts

We have already announced that we will be seeking applications

HM Adults



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HM Youth



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RF Adults



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TTCW



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We will follow the same process for FY2025 NOFOs

We will:

- Adhere to legislation, regulations, policy, caselaw, and political guidance
- Use data and logic
- Seek balance and responsiveness to community context

You can:

- (Re)read the legislation
- Pay attention to what ACF and OFA are saying
- Review data – especially research and evaluation reports

How to Prepare for FY2025 NOFOs?

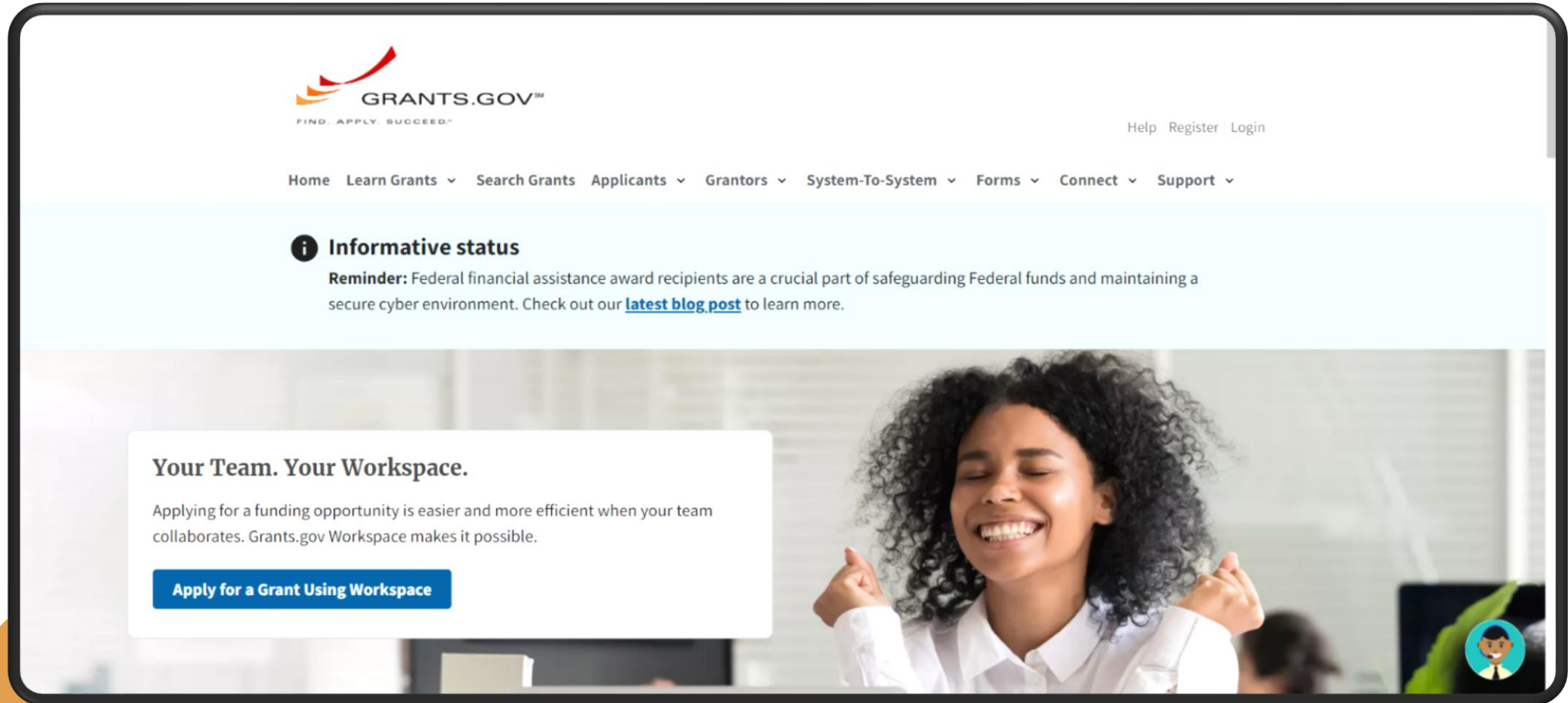
Think about your programming

- Activities that fall within legislation
- Duration/intensity of services
- Numbers served
- Evidence of organizational capacity
- Etc.



How to Prepare for FY2025 NOFOs?

Go to grants.gov and subscribe for heads-up



How to Prepare for FY2025 NOFOs?

Tell Us What You Think

- We want to hear what you think – seriously!



How to Prepare for FY2025 NOFOs?

Prepare to Describe Your Best HMRF/TTCW Programming

- OFA talking with organizations
- OFA expecting



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How to Prepare for FY2025 NOFOs?

When the NOFOs are finally published ...

... for the love of all that is good in this world:

- **adhere to page limits**
- **address everything requested**
- **double-check the evaluation criteria**



Final connections ...



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We're always looking for ways to connect!

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