

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BILL**

To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Family Support Serv-  
5 ices for Addiction Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
2 **STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**  
3 **ORDER.**

4 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following:

7 **“SEC. 553. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
8 **STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**  
9 **ORDER.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘family community organization’  
12 means an independent nonprofit organization that—

13 “(A) mobilizes resources within and out-  
14 side of the community of families that include  
15 an individual living with a substance use dis-  
16 order, to provide a support network, education,  
17 and evidence-informed tools for families and  
18 loved ones of individuals struggling with sub-  
19 stance use disorders; and

20 “(B) is governed by experts in the field of  
21 substance use disorder, which may include—

22 “(i) experts in evidence-informed  
23 interventions for family members;

24 “(ii) experts in the impact of sub-  
25 stance use disorder on family systems;

1                   “(iii) families who have experience  
2                   with substance use disorder; and

3                   “(iv) other experts in the field of sub-  
4                   stance use disorder; and

5                   “(2) the term ‘family support services’ means  
6                   resources or programs that support families that in-  
7                   clude an individual with substance use disorder.

8                   “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall  
9                   award grants to family community organizations to enable  
10                  such organizations to develop, expand, and enhance evi-  
11                  dence-informed family support services.

12                  “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the  
13                  costs of a program funded by a grant under this section  
14                  may not exceed 85 percent.

15                  “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-  
16                  section (b)—

17                         “(1) shall be used to develop, expand, and en-  
18                         hance community and statewide evidence-informed  
19                         family support services; and

20                         “(2) may be used to—

21                                 “(A) build connections between family sup-  
22                                 port networks, including providing technical as-  
23                                 sistance between family community organiza-  
24                                 tions and peer support networks, and with  
25                                 other family support services, focused on en-

1           hancing knowledge of evidence-informed inter-  
2           ventions for family members and loved ones of  
3           individuals living with substance use disorders  
4           and reducing harm by educating service pro-  
5           viders on current evidence regarding substance  
6           use disorder and the family, including—

7                   “(i) behavioral health providers, in-  
8                   cluding such providers focused specifically  
9                   on family and couples therapy in the con-  
10                  text of substance use disorder;

11                  “(ii) primary care providers;

12                  “(iii) providers of foster care services  
13                  or support services for grandparents,  
14                  guardians, and other extended family im-  
15                  pacted by substance use disorder; and

16                  “(iv) other family support services  
17                  that connect to community resources for  
18                  individuals with substance use disorders,  
19                  including non-clinical community services;

20                  “(B) reduce stigma associated with fami-  
21                  lies that include an individual with a substance  
22                  use disorder by improving knowledge about sub-  
23                  stance use disorder and its treatment, providing  
24                  compassionate support, and dispelling myths  
25                  that perpetuate such stigma;

1           “(C) conduct outreach on issues relating to  
2 substance use disorders and family support,  
3 which may include education, training, and re-  
4 sources with respect to—

5                   “(i) building a resilience- and  
6 strengths-based approach to prevention of,  
7 and living with, substance use disorder in  
8 the family;

9                   “(ii) identifying the signs of substance  
10 use disorder;

11                   “(iii) adopting an approach that mini-  
12 mizes harm to all family members; and

13                   “(iv) families that include an indi-  
14 vidual with a substance use disorder, in-  
15 cluding with respect to—

16                           “(I) navigating the treatment  
17 and recovery systems;

18                           “(II) paying for substance use  
19 disorder treatment;

20                           “(III) education about substance  
21 use disorder; and

22                           “(IV) avoiding predatory treat-  
23 ment programs; and

24                   “(D) connect families to evidence-informed  
25 peer support programs.

1       “(e) DATA REPORTING AND PROGRAM OVER-  
2 SIGHT.—With respect to a grant awarded under sub-  
3 section (a), not later than 90 days after the end of the  
4 first year of the grant period, and annually thereafter for  
5 the duration of the grant period, the entity shall submit  
6 data, as appropriate and to the extent practicable, to the  
7 Secretary regarding—

8               “(1) the programs and activities funded by the  
9 grant;

10              “(2) health outcomes of the population of indi-  
11 viduals with a substance use disorder who received  
12 services through programs supported by the grant,  
13 as evaluated by an independent program evaluator  
14 through the use of outcomes measures, as deter-  
15 mined by the Secretary; and

16              “(3) any other information that the secretary  
17 may require for the purpose of ensuring that the  
18 grant recipient is complying with all the require-  
19 ments of the grant.

20       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.