



# Administration of Children and Family (ACF)

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# History



- In 1986 the ACF was created by combining six existing programs from within the HHS.
- The Administration for Children and Families was created April 15, 1991.
- This was made to merge together the office of :
  - Human Development Services
  - Family Support Administration
  - Maternal and Child Health Block Grant programs.
- Division of the Department of Health and Human Services (HSS)

*Today the ACF is one of the 11 operating divisions in the Human Health Services.*

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# Mission of Organization

- Economic independence and productivity
- Support within the community
  - Positive quality of life
  - Healthy development of children
- Partnerships
  - Front-line service providers
  - Native Communities
  - American Indian tribes
  - States
  - Congress
- Services aimed towards improving the access to needed resources
- Commitment focused on needs, strengths and abilities
  - Developmental disabilities
  - Refugees
  - Migrants



# Who the organization serves

The ACF is a division of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This organization provides assistance to children, youth, and families in need. With a \$49 billion dollar budget to support 60 programs they provide assistance and in services such as:

- Welfare
- Child Abuse
- Child Care
- Child Support
- Foster Care
- Adoption

# Role the organization plays in providing oral health care



Provides Guidance and Assistance with programs to help financially and educate on the importance of dental care

- Head Start Program (through HHS)
    - Funded by the federal government
      - 40 million children and their families
    - Promotes oral health, disease prevention, and treatment
    - Ensure children are be up-to-date on age appropriate preventative dental care within 90 days of enrollment
    - Conduct ongoing screenings and assessments to ensure oral health progress
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# Professional roles of the Dental Professional within the organization

- Easing infant teeth pain
- Promoting dental visits by the age of 1 dental
- Understanding importance of primary teeth
- Identifying oral signs of mistreatment
- Preventing and treating oral injuries
- Identifying dietary contributions to dental decay
- Reducing Fear of dental visits

- Provide patient care
- Oral health exams
- Dental diagnosis and treatment
- Promote oral health
- Preventive treatment
- Implement OHI
- Reduce dental pain that can lead to trouble speaking clearly and eating

# Interesting information about the organization



The ACF has a specific branch for the Tribal & Native American Affairs. The ACF is committed to working with tribal nations and indigenous communities across the U.S.

- Funding: \$1 billion annually
  - Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders
    - Hawaii
    - American Samoa
    - Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
    - Guam
  - ACF established the Native American Affairs Advisory Council (NAAAC) and ACF Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC)
    - supports government-to-government relationship between American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and the federal government
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