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(a) (1) There is a Family Support Services Program.

(2) The Administration shall contract with private nonprofit community-based organizations for the provision of family support services in each county of the State.

(3) The Administration shall base the amount of a grant to a county upon the needs of the eligible families in each locality in accordance with the data available through the Family Support Services Consortium Project for localities of comparable size.

(b) The Administration shall implement a sliding payment scale for reimbursement from families financially able to pay for all or part of the services under the Program.

(c) (1) Before using Program funds, the Program shall coordinate and assist any eligible child and family in receiving services available under existing programs including:

(i) Respite care under Title 7, Subtitle 2 of the Human Services Article;

(ii) Day care services;

(iii) Homemaker services;

(iv) Personal care;

(v) Services to families with children under § 4–402 of the Family Law Article;

(vi) Children's medical services under § 15–125 of this article;

(vii) Attendant care services under Title 7, Subtitle 4 of the Human Services Article; and

(viii) Other applicable federal and local programs.

(2) The Program shall assist in providing family support services that are not otherwise available.

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