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(a) A family support center shall be known as a "Patty Center".

(b) A family support center shall provide parents and their children with a hospitable and constructive environment and services that:

(1) Improve parenting skills;

(2) Develop the family as a functioning unit; and

(3) Promote the growth and development of their children.

(c) (1) (i) For fiscal year 2021, the State shall provide funding for six additional centers.

(ii) For each of fiscal years 2022 through 2029, the State shall provide funding for three additional centers per fiscal year.

(2) The Governor shall appropriate in each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030 $330,000 for each additional center required under this subsection.

(d) The Department shall select the location for the centers funded under subsection (c) of this section.

(e) (1) A family support center may receive multiyear funding.

(2) If a family support center receives multiyear funding, funding may be used for planning and development in the first year of funding for the family support center.

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