142A.47 QUALITY PARENTING INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of children, youth, and families must establish a quality parenting initiative grant program to implement quality parenting initiative principles and practices to support children and families experiencing foster care placements.

Subd. 2. **Eligible applicants.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, an applicant must be a nonprofit organization or a nongovernmental organization and must have experience providing training and technical assistance on how to implement quality parenting initiative principles and practices.

Subd. 3. **Application.** An organization seeking a grant under this section must apply to the commissioner in the time and manner specified by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Grant activities.** Grant money must be used to provide training and technical assistance to county and Tribal agencies, community-based agencies, and other stakeholders on:

(1) conducting initial foster care telephone calls under section 260C.219, subdivision 6;

(2) supporting practices that create birth family to foster family partnerships; and

(3) informing child welfare practices by supporting youth leadership and the participation of individuals with experience in the foster care system.

History: *2023 c 70 art 14 s 1; 1Sp2025 c 3 art 13 s 13,18*