



Colonial Services Board

Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services
SERVING JAMES CITY AND YORK COUNTIES, POQUOSON, AND WILLIAMSBURG

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LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY IS RECIPIENT OF GRANT AWARD FOR INFANT AND TODDLERS SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT

(Williamsburg, VA) - The Colonial Services Board (CSB) was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$232,242 from the Virginia Department of Social Services' Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Development. The CSB is one of six grantees who received an award statewide, for a total distribution of \$1.7 million for various projects through the "Pilot Communities for Infant and Toddler Social, Emotional and Behavioral Development" grant. Funding was made available via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The CSB will act as fiscal agent and administer the grant, while actual services will be delivered through a contractual agreement with CSB community partners, Child Development Resources and Child and Family Connection. The intent of the grant activities are to provide services to enhance the social, emotional and behavioral well-being of infants and toddlers, age birth to 36 months, in child care centers, while the approach and activities used are meant to be replicated in other local communities. Goals of the initiative will be achieved through improving the access of child care providers to community resources to support the healthy social, emotional, and behavioral development of infants and toddlers, especially those at risk; and by increasing the capacity and competence of child care providers to recognize and address the social, emotional, and behavioral development of infants and toddlers in their care. Grant activities began March 1. Interested child care providers can call 566-TOTS to request services through the project.

About the Colonial Services Board –The Colonial Services Board is the behavioral health agency serving the citizens of James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg and York County.

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The CSB serves children, adults, seniors, their family members and other citizens in the areas of mental health, intellectual disabilities and substance use disorders.

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