



# PEACE AT HOME

PARENTING SOLUTIONS

## CARES Act and AFP Esser Funding Guidance

In March 2020, Congress set aside approximately \$13.2 billion of the \$30.75 billion allotted to the Education Stabilization Fund through the CARES Act for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). In December 2021, an additional \$54.3 billion was allocated through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2021 (CRRSA) creating the ESSER II Fund. Additional funds were allocated through the American Rescue Plan (ARP Esser III) with a requirement that 90% of the \$122 billion be allocated directly to LEA's. The Department will award these grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the Nation.



Peace at Home Parenting Solutions has created this synopsis to provide guidance on how LEA's can use these funds to secure the social emotional and mental health well-being for teachers, students and parents.

## ESSER Funds

State Education Agencies will receive funding from the federal government as outlined below.

Education Total	CARES Act ESSER I March 2020	COVID Relief Package ESSER II December 2020	American Rescue Plan ESSER III March 2021
K-12	\$30.7 billion	\$83 billion	\$168 billion
Higher Ed	\$13.2	\$54	\$126
Governors	\$3	\$4	\$126
Deadlines	9/30/2022	9/30/2023	9/30/2023

In alignment with allocation under Title I Part A funding:

- Professional development that supports the provision of school-based mental health supports and services.
- Development of mental health supports and services within the school district and/or partnerships with community agencies to ensure that additional programming and supports can be provided to students, educators, and families

Should there be excess funding (remainder funding) LEA's that do not receive Title 1 Part A funding may be eligible for requesting ESSER funds through their SEA's.

## Why Peace at Home Parenting Solutions

Peace at Home Parenting Solutions offers a series of live presentations created to support parents and teachers in the social emotional learning challenges of children. Our experts, holding Phd and Masters degrees in social work and child development with experience delivering evidence-informed counseling and practical solutions to families with children (birth to early adulthood). Our focus is on the social-emotional development of children to build strong, confident and caring adults by supporting their community's (school and home) efforts to strengthen self-and social-awareness, goal directed behavior and decision making, optimistic thinking, personal responsibility, self-management (emotional regulation) and relationship skills.

## Alignment with Peace at Home Parenting Solutions

Our curriculum was developed to address SEL growth in the classroom and the home by including teachers and parents in the training and consulting process. Students are engaged throughout to build a community wide approach. The full curriculum includes the following topics:

**Professional Development** for Teachers/Paraprofessionals: training, one on one and team consulting and coaching, etc. WITH actual name, offerings once known

**Teacher Toolkit** Social-Emotional Learning, Digital Citizenship, RTI & MTSS: Using What We Know to Support Kids; Supporting Counselors in Supporting Teachers & Students; Equity & Inclusivity; Reflective Practice in Action; Strengthening the Home-School Connection

**School success for Elementary/Middle School and High School children and teens:** inspire and motivate, addressing academic loss, approaching college admissions, etc.

**Building Extraordinary Relationships with your students/kids:** promoting independence while fostering community, build a nurturing character, talking with children, tweens and teens

**Raising Digital Citizens:** safety and red flags, online socializing and engagement, building digital intelligence

**Supporting Kids in Challenging Times:** current events, family transitions, children as sexual beings/ developing sexual awareness

Please please [visit our website](#) for more details on each of these areas in our curriculum.

## What can the funding be used for?

Tier 1 Support and Prevention Services:

1. Training and professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals, students and parents. Teachers and parents will begin to use the same techniques and language when addressing the needs of the student/child, reinforcing positive behaviors and consistent approaches in both settings, school and home.

2. Consultation and coaching with teachers in the classroom, students and parents as identified. These small group/one on one sessions providing opportunities for role play, question and answers sessions, and opportunities to work one on one with students as appropriate
3. Teacher and parent self-care techniques – ensuring you are your best self as you teach/parent your student/child.

#### Tier II Secondary Support Services

1. Teachers, paras and parents receive training in mental health literacy and learn to identify early warning signals that may signal a need for more extensive mental health services
2. Group and individual sessions for students, focusing on problem solving skills, emotional regulation and social awareness.

### **When are the funds available?**

Each SEA's Certification and Agreement will be processed as it is received. Funds will be obligated on a rolling, expedited basis with the expectation that SEAs and LEAs will also use every effort to expend the funds quickly to address exigent student needs. Peace at Home Parenting Solutions has created over 70 professional development and training presentations and can be scheduled as soon as funding becomes available. please [visit our website for more information](#) to find links to your state level department of education to understand what funding has been allocated to your school.

### **When is the deadline?**

ESSER II and ESSER III funding is available through September 30, 2023 while ESSER I funds remain available through September 30, 2022. An SEA must award funds received under this program to eligible entities within one year of receipt of the funds. Any funds that the SEA fails to award by the one-year deadline must be returned to the Department of Education for reallocation to other SEAs. Use your one-time funds to make a long-term impact. By investing in the Peace at Home Parenting Solutions curriculum, Teachers/Paraprofessionals, students and parents gain the social emotional skills necessary to build a cooperative, confident and caring community. For more information about Peace at Home Parenting Solutions, please [visit our website or call today](#).



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