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Structure of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Network

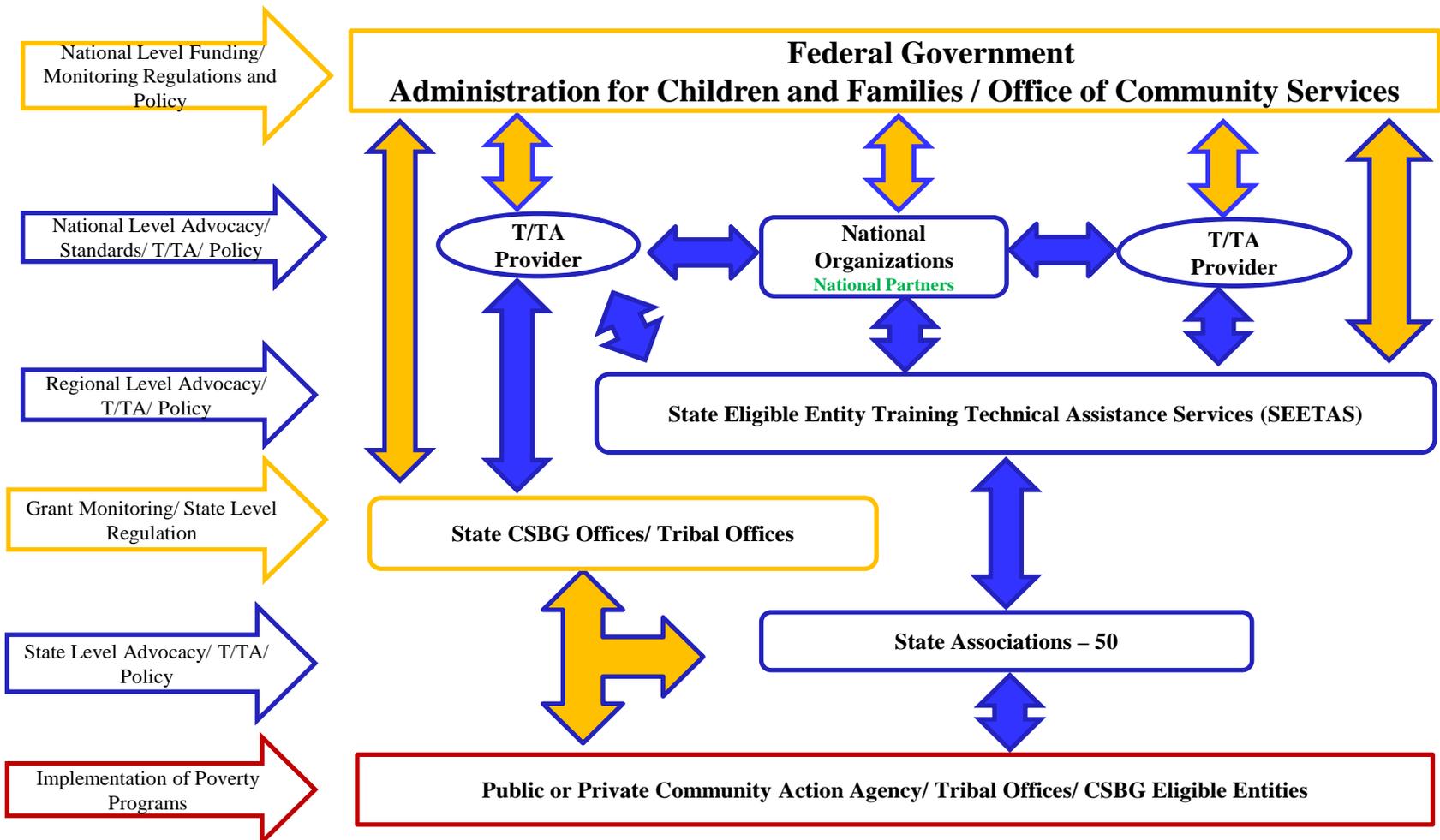


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CSBG Network Flow Chart





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The Community Action Network – A Précis of the Players

The Office of Community Services (HHS/ACF/OCS)

The federal Office of Community Services (OCS) partners with states, communities and agencies to eliminate causes of poverty, increase self-sufficiency of individuals and families and revitalize communities. In addition to the Community Services Block Grant Program, other OCS programs include the Social Services Block Grant Program, the Community Economic Development Program, the Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals Program, the Rural Community Development Program, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and the Assets for Independence Program.

Agencies (Eligible Entities)

Over 1,000 agencies provide anti-poverty services and advocacy in 99% of American counties. Approximately 80% of these agencies are 501(c)3 non-profits, and 20% are public entities, part of a city or county government. These organizations are strongly community-based, with local board control, addressing poverty in a place-based system. Agencies typically run multiple programs in their mission to address the causes and the effects of poverty.



The Community Action Network – A Précis of the Players (Continued)

State CSBG Offices

Housed within state governments, these are the offices with the responsibility to fund, support and monitor local agencies, passing 90% of the CSBG dollars directly to local entities. State Offices typically work closely with both the local agencies and the State Association, and are responsible for the State CSBG Plan, incorporating the agency plans for activities in their communities, as well as the annual reporting of outcomes.

Regional Performance and Innovation Consortia (RPIC) and State Associations

A key part of the Training and Technical Assistance network, State Associations provide member services, coordination, training and often host conferences. One Association in each region is designated as the lead agency (the RPIC) to coordinate communication and training in their ACF region, including sub-granting funds to the other State Associations.

National Associations

There are currently four national associations, three of whom provide training and technical assistance (T/TA) to the CSBG Network under OCS cooperative agreements.