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This news brief provides a direct link to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA 2009; aka "Economic Stimulus Package") and additional sources of information about the ARRA regarding the provision of mental health services and other supports to children and their families.

Download the Act at: <http://fdsys.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-111hr1ENR/pdf/BILLS-111hr1ENR.pdf>
(see "TITLE XXX-HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND QUALITY Section).

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

1. Learn about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

This Act was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

2. Learn about Recovery Act Opportunities [Grants]

A large number of opportunities are becoming available as federal agencies implement the Recovery Act.

<http://www.connectforkids.org/node/6936>

Obama Signs "Largest Investment in Education in the Nation's History"

See this link for more information about allocations for education.

http://www.fieldstonealliance.org/client/tools_you_can_use/04-08-09_access_stimulus_money.cfm

Want Stimulus Money? Act Fast!

This link includes "The stimulus package in a nutshell," "Funding available to nonprofits," "How the money will be distributed," "Other legislation," and "Helpful web sites."

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/recovery/index.shtml#overview>

NIMH Information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will receive \$10.4 billion from the Recovery Act for use over the next two years (2009 and 2010). A portion of these funds will apply directly to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). NIMH will use these funds to implement its Strategic Plan. Specifically, Recovery Act funds will be used to (a) support select basic and clinical research project applications with outstanding scores, (b) supplement currently funded projects in specific areas of need, (c) award NIH Challenge Grants as part of a new 2-year R01 program, and (d) jumpstart progress with new requests for applications.

<http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/ARRAFactSheet-ChildCareFinal.pdf>

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Early Childhood Provisions

The final American Recovery and Reinvestment Act makes significant new investments in child care, early education, and related programs, including funds for the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head Start IDEA Preschool Grants, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund, the Armed Forces for Military Child Development

Centers, Teacher Quality Partnership grants, Title I grants, and a new State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/acf/adoption-foster.html>

Adoption Assistance and Foster Care Programs

The Department of Health and Human Services announced the release of \$187 million authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support adoption assistance and foster care programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly \$98 million will support adoption assistance programs, while nearly \$89 million will go to foster care programs.

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