

FY27 Labor–HHS Appropriations Priorities

Protecting Children While Strengthening Public Health and Supply Chains

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Overview

The Child Partnership is a coalition advancing effective, accountable investments that protect children while strengthening American security, public health preparedness, workforce resilience, and supply chain integrity. For FY27, we urge Congress to provide strong funding for targeted programs that address four interconnected risks:

- Violence and exploitation
- Child sexual abuse, including online exploitation
- Preventable infectious disease
- Forced and child labor in global supply chains

These prevention-focused investments deliver measurable returns for U.S. taxpayers while advancing bipartisan priorities in public health security and economic competitiveness.

FY27 Funding Requests

PROGRAM / ACCOUNT	FY27 REQUEST
Department of Labor – Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)	\$118M
CDC Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS)	\$10M
CDC Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Research	≥ \$10M
CDC Global Health Center	\$692,843,000

Key Investments

Department of Labor – Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)

FY27 Request: **\$118M**

ILAB leads U.S. efforts to eliminate child labor and forced labor in global supply chains.

- 160 million children worldwide remain trapped in child labor
- Programs have removed or prevented nearly 2 million children from hazardous work
- Strengthens labor enforcement tied to U.S. trade agreements
- Protects American businesses from unfair competition

Impact

Protects vulnerable children while strengthening supply chain integrity and economic competitiveness.



CDC Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS)

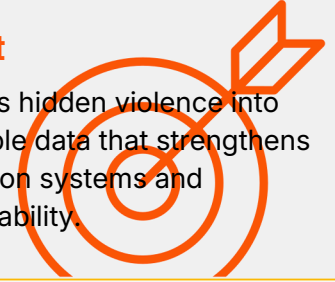
FY27 Request: **\$10M**

VACS are nationally representative surveys measuring violence against children.

- Nearly 1 billion children experience violence each year
- Implemented in more than 20 countries
- Data drives national prevention strategies and protection systems
- Surveys cost roughly \$2–3M per country

Impact

Converts hidden violence into actionable data that strengthens prevention systems and accountability.



CDC Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Research

FY27 Request: **≥\$10M**

Funding supports development of evidence-based strategies to prevent child sexual abuse.

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys experience sexual abuse during childhood
- Lifetime economic burden exceeds \$9 billion annually
- Average lifetime productivity loss per survivor: \$283,000
- Prevention research remains significantly underfunded

Impact

Evidence-based prevention reduces long-term criminal justice, healthcare, and social service costs.



CDC Global Health Center

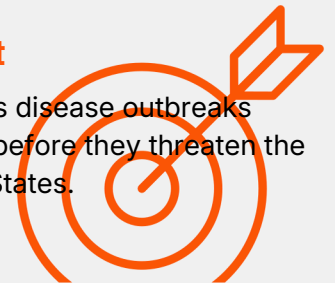
FY27 Request: **\$692M**

The CDC Global Health Center strengthens global disease detection, immunization systems, and outbreak response.

- Global polio cases have declined more than 99 percent since 1988
- Immunization investments return roughly \$54 for every \$1 invested
- CDC programs help detect outbreaks before they spread globally
- Field Epidemiology Training Program has trained more than 25,000 professionals worldwide

Impact

Prevents disease outbreaks abroad before they threaten the United States.



Advancing U.S. Health and Economic Security

Together these investments:

- Protect global supply chains and fair labor markets
- Prevent infectious disease outbreaks before they reach the United States
- Reduce long-term criminal justice and healthcare costs
- Strengthen workforce protections and global economic stability



These programs represent modest investments that produce measurable returns for American security, economic competitiveness, and public health preparedness.

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