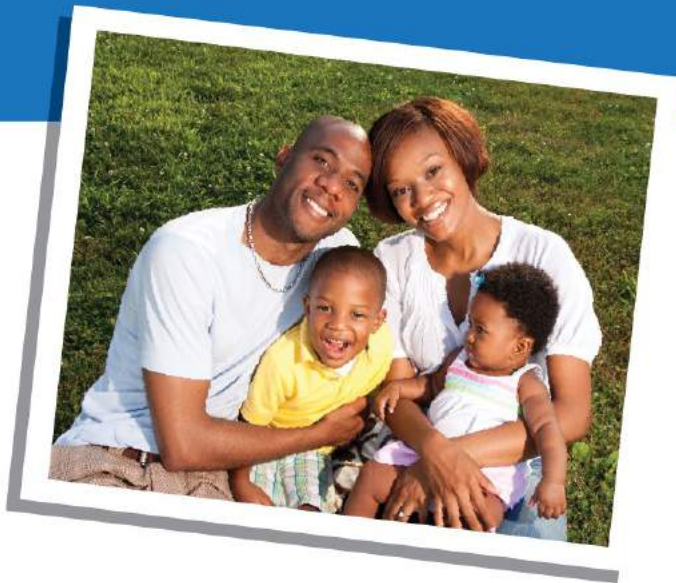




## Exploring Federal Funding & Family Resource Centers



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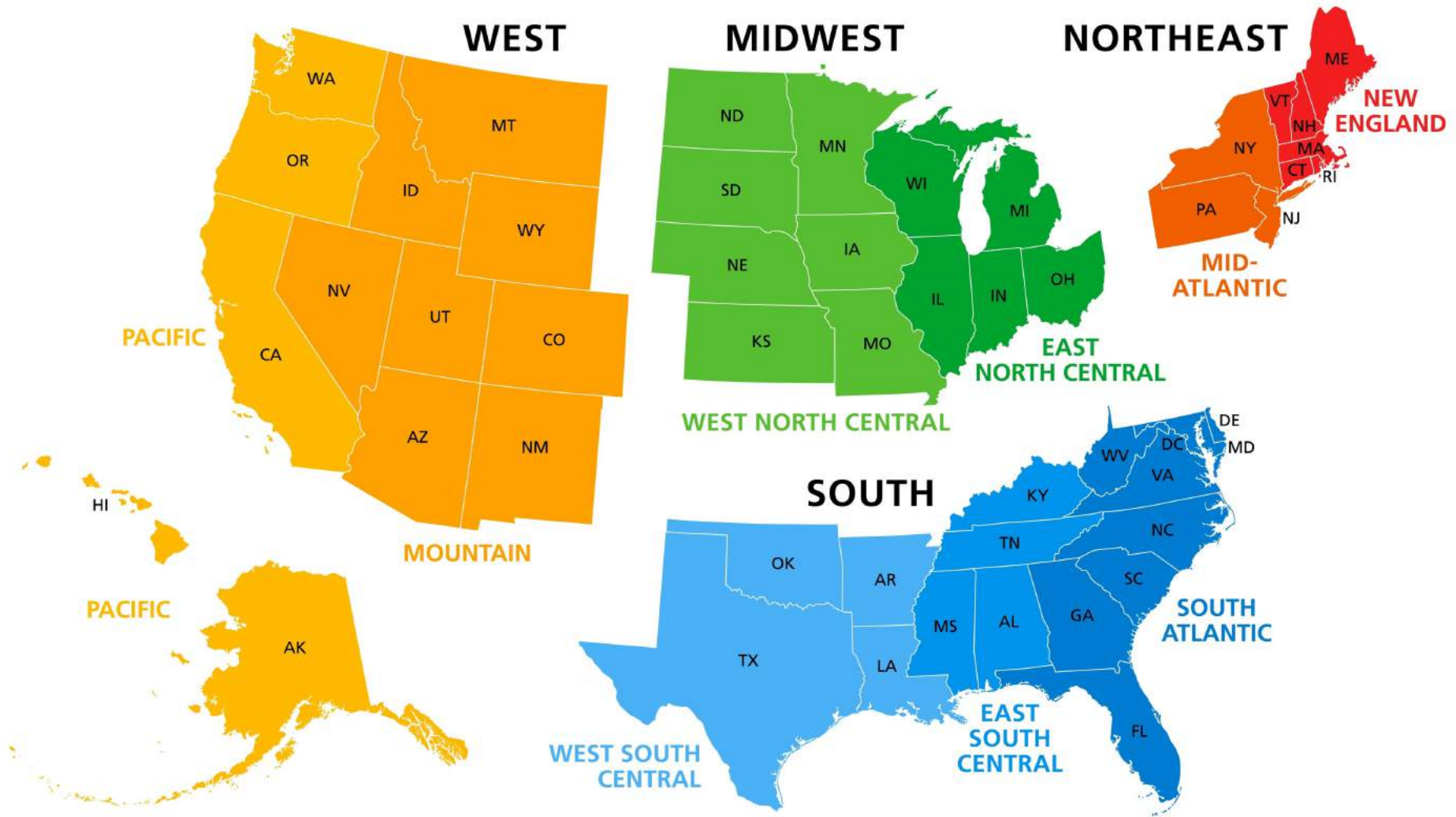


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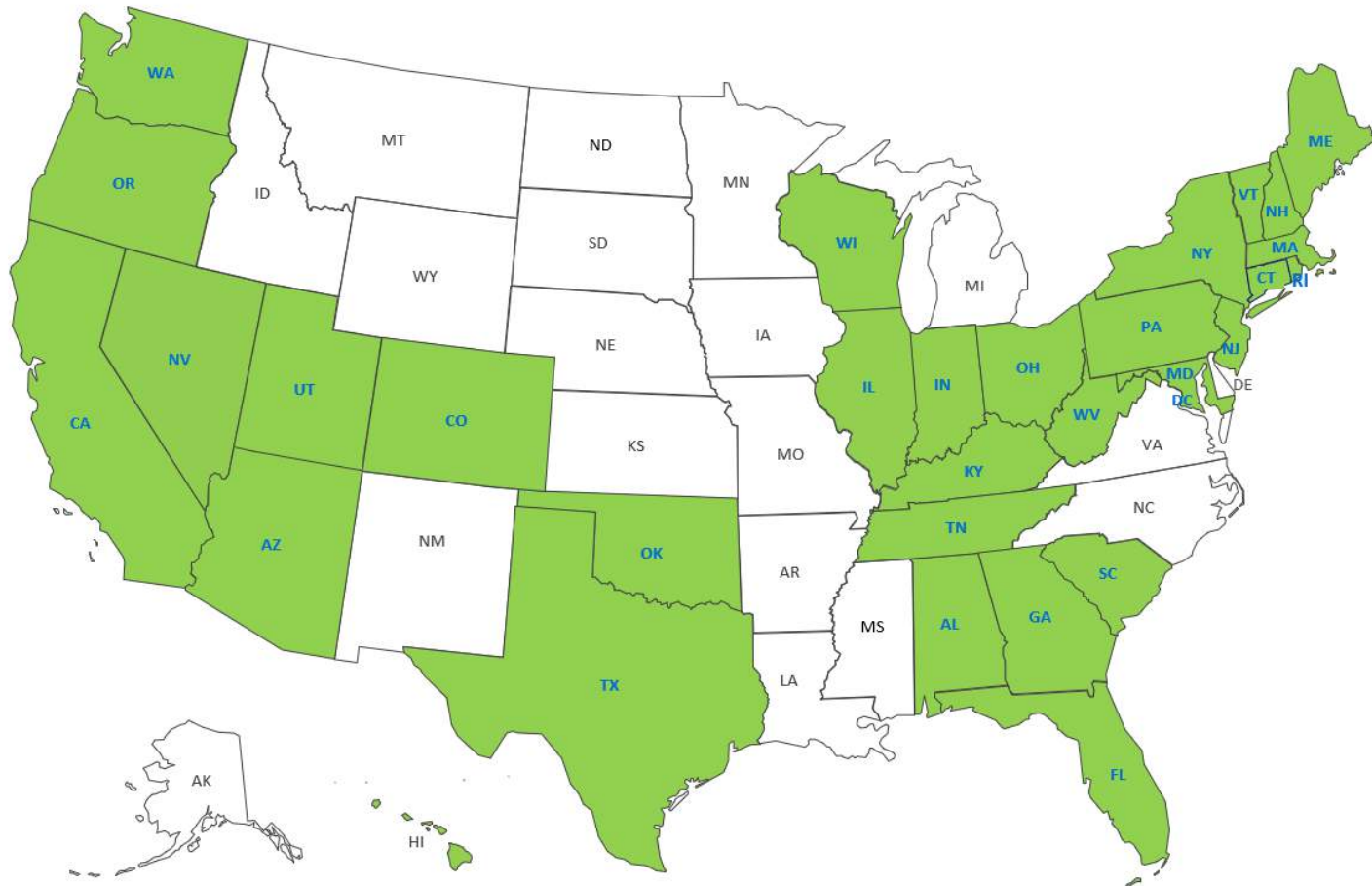


# Where are you joining us from?



# National Family Support Network

- Founded in 2011 as a membership-based organization
- 32 Member Networks of more than 3,000 Family Resource Centers



# NFSN Mission

- To promote positive outcomes for all children, families, and communities by leveraging the collective impact of state networks and championing quality family support and strengthening practices and policies.

# NFSN Vision

- A nation in which every family is thriving and every state has a strong and effective Family Support and Strengthening Network.



# Agenda



- Family Resource Centers (FRCs)
- Federal Funding & FRCs
  - Overview
  - Family First Prevention and Services Act
  - Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
- Discussion
- NFSN Resources and Opportunities

# Family Resource Centers



# Family Resource Centers

- Multi-generational, strengths-based, family-centered approach
- Designed for all families
- No or low cost for participants
- Support families to build protective factors



# Strengthening Families Protective Factors

Parental Resilience

Social Connections

Concrete Support  
in Times of Need

Knowledge of Parenting and  
Child Development

Social and Emotional  
Competence of Children



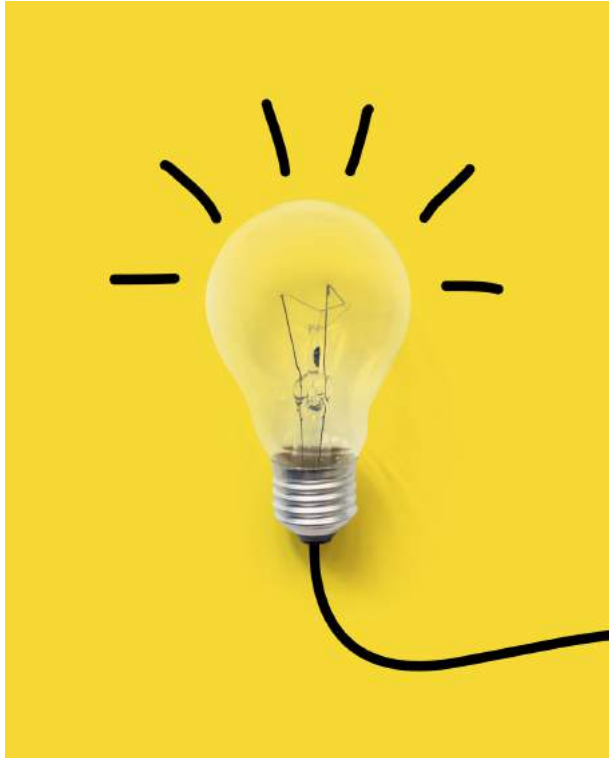
*For more information, please see*  
[www.cssp.org/reform/strengthening-families](http://www.cssp.org/reform/strengthening-families)

# Family Resource Centers

- No dedicated federal funding
- More than 3,000 nationwide
- Serve more than 2 million people annually



# Family Resource Centers



- Cost-effective
- Highly adaptable
- Successful outcomes

# Family Resource Centers



# Family Resource Centers

- Most Common Service Areas:

- Parenting Support



- Access to Resources



- Child Development Activities

- Parent Leadership Development

# Family Resource Centers



- Peer Support
- Social Connections



# Family Resource Center & Child Welfare Collaboration Continuum



Across the country, Child Welfare jurisdictions partner with, leverage, and fund Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to provide support for families along all points of the prevention continuum.

	Primary Prevention	Differential Response	Open Child Welfare Case	Post-Reunification
Family Resource Center Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support families to build the Strengthening Families 5 Protective Factors</li> <li>Provide parenting support, including parent education series utilizing evidence-based curricula</li> <li>Provide access to resources</li> <li>Provide child development activities</li> <li>Support healthy marital and couples relationships</li> <li>Promote family economic success</li> <li>Provide parent leadership development opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide all of the services and supports in the Primary Prevention column for families who have been screened out of the child welfare system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide all of the services and supports in the Primary Prevention column for families who have been mandated to participate in them by the child welfare system</li> <li>Coordinate support of individual families with their child welfare worker</li> <li>Participate in child welfare team decision making</li> <li>Host supervised visitations</li> <li>Support kinship care providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide all of the services and supports in the Primary Prevention column for families who have been reunified</li> </ul>
Child Welfare Agency Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide funding for Family Resource Centers</li> <li>Provide funding for training for FRC staff</li> <li>Provide funding for or coordinate Network of FRCs</li> </ul>	<p>In addition to the investments in the Primary Prevention column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and utilize a differential/ alternative response system to identify families who do not rise to the level of needing an open child welfare case, but might benefit from support and resources</li> <li>Refer those families for voluntary services at the FRC in their community</li> </ul>	<p>In addition to the investments in the Primary Prevention column:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer families for mandated services at the FRC in their community</li> <li>Coordinate support of individual families with FRC staff</li> <li>Welcome FRC staff to participate in team decision making</li> <li>Provide relevant training for FRC staff as needed</li> <li>Leverage FRCs for kinship navigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide all the investments in the Primary Prevention column.</li> </ul>
Federal Child Welfare Funding That Can Be Utilized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)</li> <li>Title IV-B, Promoting Safe and Stable Families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)</li> <li>Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family First Prevention Services Act</li> <li>Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families</li> </ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighborhoods with Family Support Centers had a <b>26% lower rate of child abuse and neglect investigations</b> than similar neighborhoods without them.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Since Teller County, Colorado moved to a differential response model in 2016 that utilizes a Family Resource Center, its <b>child abuse rate has had a 57.7% reduction.</b><sup>2</sup></li> </ul>			

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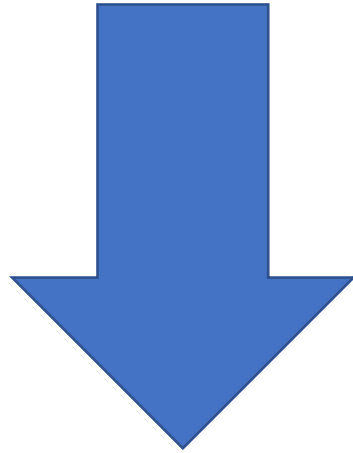
# Family Resource Centers

- For every **\$1** invested in Family Resource Centers, the State of Alabama received **\$4.93** in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits.

*Community Services Analysis. (2016). Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers Social Return On Investment Summary*



# Family Resource Centers

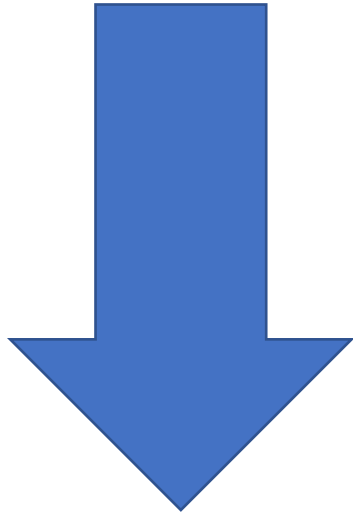


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# Family Resource Centers

- What does it cost to run a FRC?
  - Varies in relation to local costs of living, specific programming, and physical space
  - A typical community-based New Jersey Success Center has an annual budget of \$240-300K with 3-4 full-time staff
  - A school-based FRC in Kentucky has an annual budget of \$33-82K with 1-2 full-time staff and space and other resources provided in-kind



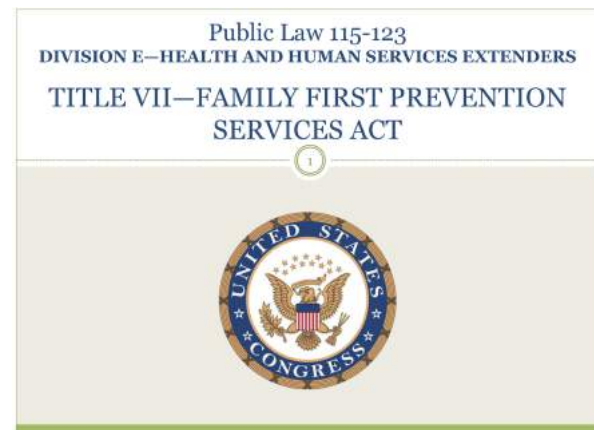
# Family Resource Centers

- How are FRCs Funded?
  - Mostly by state, county, and municipal governments
  - Some leveraged federal funding such as Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
  - Foundations, corporations, individual donors, and in-kind support



# FRCs and Family First

- Leverage FRCs to provide up to 12 months of in-home parent skill-based programs for parents or relatives caring for children who are “candidates for foster care.”
  - Note that “in-home” means that the child has not been removed from their family, not that the services need to be provided in the home.
  - FRCs provide prevention programs such as Healthy Families America, Parents as Teachers, and Triple P, included on the Title IV-E Prevention Services (Family First) Clearinghouse: <https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/>



# FRCs and Family First



- FRCs can be leveraged to implement Kinship Navigator programs.
- Networks of FRCs can support successful planning and implementation of FFPSA.

# Family Resource Centers

- Federal Funding Streams Leveraged to Fund New FRCs:
  - Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
  - Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families
  - Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)
  - Title IV-B (including Promoting Safe and Stable Families)



# Family Resource Centers

## ■ Federal Funding Streams Leveraged to Support Existing FRCs:

- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
- Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Early Head Start
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)
- Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)
- Social Services Block Grant
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Title IV-B (including Promoting Safe and Stable Families)
- Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Program
- Title V - Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA)



# FRCs and CBCAP



- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) includes a CAPTA Title II 625% increase of \$250M to be spent by September 2023
- Funding will be distributed based on each state's child population
- No state match required
- Could be used for two years of funding for FRCs while you plan for their sustainability through federal, state, and/or philanthropic funding

# Buzz Session

- What resonates most with you from the information shared?
- What would you be interested to explore more?



# NFSN Resources

- Information, research reports, and videos about Family Resource Centers
- Member Network Snapshots
- Network development tools
  - Family Support & Strengthening Network Development Continuum
  - Investing in an FRC System of Support Funder Continuum
- Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support



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1999 Year Founded — 16 Members — 116,884 Individuals Served

### Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Educational Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Development Activities

### At a Glance

- Types Of Members: Community-Based
- Network Annual Budget: \$144,000
- Funding Sources: Americorps (Federal), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Federal), Private Foundations, Earned Income
- Network Structure: Independent Nonprofit Organization

### Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Systems Change/Policy or Advocacy
- Pass-Through Funding to Members
- Marketing/Public Awareness Activities
- Shared Data Management System

# NFSN Services

- Facilitating connections to NFSN Member Networks
- Presenting for key stakeholders - education leaders, Child Welfare leaders, Children's Trust Funds, and other public and private funders - about working with and investing in Family Resource Centers
- Supporting exploration of Network development
- Providing Trainings:
  - Standards Certification Training
  - Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees Training

# NFSN Webinar Wednesdays



April 24, 2:30-3:45pmET

Uncovering America's Best Kept Secret:  
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