

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: **Alabama**

Part I: Contact Information

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Part II: Statistical Profile

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| • No. of minor children under 18 years of age living with one biological parent (1990 U.S. Census data) | 345,570 |
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Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$ 176,664	\$19,629		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 176,664	\$19,629		10%
• FFY 1999	\$ 156,638	\$17,404		10%
• FFY 2000	\$ 156,638	\$17,404		10%

Part IV: Summary of State's Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Grant Funds

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Process for Awarding Funds:		
• Request for Proposals (new & continuation)	X	
• New only		
• Continuation only		
• Other _____		

Time of Year RFP's are Issued and/or Funding Decisions Are Made:
 Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring X Summer _____

Award of Funds: Grants X Contracts _____ Cooperative Agreements _____

Targeted Priority Areas:

• Mediation			
voluntary	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
mandatory	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Counseling	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Education	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Parenting Plans	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Visitation Enforcement			
monitoring	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
supervision	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
neutral drop-off/pick-up	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____

- **Development of Guidelines**

Visitation	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

The State of Alabama has chosen to address the issues of child custody and visitation by continuing to support: 1) the Alabama Advisory Committee for Access and Visitation which was authorized and created in 1997 by Chief Justice Hopper; and 2) four community-based "Both Parents" pilot projects - - (located in the counties of Jefferson, Geneva, Madison and Lowndes) - - which are collectively providing mediation, parent education, parenting plan development, neutral drop off/pickup and supervised visitation services. Additionally, the "Both Parents" pilots will encourage the coordination with other community efforts, both public and private, that may provide needed supportive services including counseling, transportation, general and technical education, and employment training. Alabama has a three-year funding commitment to each of the "Both Parents" pilots. Additional local programs will be considered if funding is available. Under the FFY 1999 Child Access and Visitation Grant program, Alabama awarded funds to support the development of information brochures and pro se materials regarding the resolution of parenting disputes. It is estimated that these materials will be made available to 1,000 pro se litigants. Furthermore, regional training programs for judges and attorneys on access and visitation issues, including the use of pro se materials, will be held in the Spring of 2001. Last, Alabama will evaluate the feasibility of utilizing trained judicial volunteers to assist with mediation efforts and/or to serve as supervised visitation monitors.

Part V: Projects Funded by States with FFY 98 OCSE Dollars

Grantee Name, Address & Phone Number	Amount of Award & Services Provided	Number of Parents Served:		
		Total #	# fathers	# mothers
1. Lowndes County "Both Parents" Program Lowndes County Court Hayneville, Alabama (334) 548-2591	\$25,950 Mediation, Education, Development of Parenting plans, Development of guidelines for Visitation & Custody Arrangements.	78	36	42
2. Geneva County Both Parents Mediation Program Geneva County District Court Geneva, Alabama (334) 684-4000	\$14, 000 Mediation, Counseling Development of Parenting Plans	64	32	32
3. Jefferson County Both Parents Education Program Jefferson County Family Court Birmingham, Alabama (205) 325-5458	\$34,500 Education	97	41	56
4. Madison County Both Parents Supervised Visitation Center & Pro Legal Services Huntsville, Alabama	\$20,000 Development of Guidelines for Visitation & Custody	37	20	17

Participant Data: Part A
(by income and marital status)

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. Lowndes County "Both Parents" Program Lowndes County Court Hayneville, Alabama (334) 548-2591	Less \$10,000 15% \$10,000 -\$19,000 18%	5%		95%
2. Geneva County Both Parents Mediation Program Geneva County District Court Geneva, Alabama (334) 684-4000	\$10,000 -\$19,000		100%	
3. Jefferson County Both Parents Education Program Jefferson County Family Court Birmingham, Alabama (205) 325-5458	Not Available	5%	6%	43

<p>4. Madison County Both Parents Supervised Visitation Center & Pro Legal Services Huntsville, Alabama</p>	<p>Less \$10,000 25% \$10,000-\$19,000 12.5% \$20,000-\$29,000 25% \$30,000-\$39,000 12.5% \$40k & above 25%</p>	<p>36%</p>	<p>6%</p>	<p>43%</p>
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Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispa4nic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1. Lowndes County "Both Parents" Program Lowndes County Court Hayneville, Alabama (334) 548-2591		100%				
2. Geneva County Both Parents Mediation Program Geneva County District Court Geneva, Alabama (334) 684-4000	96%	3%		1%		
3. Jefferson County Both Parents Education Program Jefferson County Family Court Birmingham, Alabama (205) 325-5458	13%	86%	1%			

4. Madison County Both Parents Supervised Visitation Center & Pro Legal Services Huntsville, Alabama	61%	28%	9%			
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Don't Know _____

Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. Lowndes County "Both Parents" Program Lowndes County Court Hayneville, Alabama (334) 548- 2591	X		X	X		X	
2. Geneva County Both Parents Mediation Program Geneva County District Court Geneva, Alabama (334) 684- 4000	X					X	

<p>3. Jefferson County Both Parents Education Program Jefferson County Family Court Birmingham, Alabama (205) 325- 5458</p>						<p>X</p>	
<p>4. Madison County Both Parents Supervised Visitation Center & Pro Legal Services Huntsville, Alabama</p>	<p>X</p>				<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	