

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Arizona

Part I: Contact Information

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Part II: Statistical Profile

- No. of children under 18 years of age living with one biological parent (1990 U.S. Census Data) 271,870

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$138,986	\$15,443		10%
• FFY 1998	\$138,986	\$15,443		10%
• FFY 1999	\$123,231	\$13,692		10%
• FFY 2000	\$123,231	\$13,692		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)		
• New only		
• Continuation only	X	
• 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 _____	No <u>X</u> _____
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes _____	No <u>X</u> _____

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

Arizona intends to distribute grant funds to local access and visitation programs operating in 12 of its 15 counties statewide. In FFY 2000, 3 counties declined participation in this program activity. The funds are awarded to the counties via a formula based on the number and percentage of children living in single-parent households. Each county is guaranteed a minimum grant award of \$5,000. County applicants will be required to use FFY 2000 funds to supplement, not supplant, community-based child access and visitation programs and services as summarized in the following:

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| Apache County (\$6,322) | Mediation to resolve parenting disputes re: child custody, access, and visitation. Funds are also used to provide counseling and parent education services in those instances where domestic violence is an issue. |
| Coconino County (\$6,922) | Funds are used to support the hiring of a skilled mediator and to expand counseling services to include the needs of children as well as parents. |
| Cochise County (\$6,949) | To improve the quality and quantity of parenting plans completed through the county's mediation program. |
| Gila County (\$6,108) | Will provide either 2 additional Parent Information Program classes or 2 additional Communications & Conflict Skills Classes per month. Grant funds will also be used to support the Salvation Army's neutral drop-off/pick-up for visitation and/or supervised visitation. A breathalyzer will also be purchased for use in cases where alcohol is suspected as a problem of visitation. |

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Graham County (\$5,936)	Divorcing parents with children must participate in court-ordered mediation and parent education classes; likewise, the children of the divorcing parents are to receive counseling as well.
Greenlee County (\$5,657)	Grantee will provide mediation services and contract with counselors to work with parents and children of divorce; grant funds will be used to help defray the \$40 fee for low-income parents participating in the parenting education classes as mandated by the courts.
Maricopa County (\$37,249)	Visitation enforcement—court will refer parents who violate visitation orders to participate in a court-connected parent education class; grants will also be used to pay for a handbook that will provide parents with information on conflict resolution, supervised visitation, and parenting agreements.
Navajo County (\$6,595)	Grant funds will be used to help defray the costs for low-income parents who are enrolled in an Alternative Dispute Resolution program; provide special assistance to never-married parents in the development of parenting plans.
Pima County (\$14,757)	Funds will be used to support a new custody mediator position who will help unwed parents resolve disputes and to assist them in developing parenting plans.
Pinal County (\$7,308)	Through court-order referrals, Pinal County will provide assistance to parents in the development of parenting plans.
Yavapai County (\$7,211)	Grantee will provide supervised visitation services and establish a neutral drop-off & pick-up site for high conflict families.
Yuma County (\$7,061)	Grantee will enter into a contract with a local mental health provider who will assist families ordered by the court to supervised visitation.

V: Projects Funded by States with FFY 98 OCSE Dollars

Grantee Name, Address & Phone Number mothers	Amount of Award & Services Provided	Number of Parents Served:		
		Total #	% fathers	%
1. Apache County	\$6,322 Mediation, Counseling, Education			
2. Coconino County	\$6,922 Mediation, Counseling, Education			
3. Cochise County	\$6,949 Mediation, Education			
4. Gila County	\$6,108 Education, Visitation Enforcement			
5. Yavapai County	\$7,211 Visitation, Enforcement			
6. Graham County	\$5,936 Mediation			
7. Maricopy County	\$37,249 Education, Visitation Enforcement			

8. Yuma County \$7,061	Visitation, Enforcement	
9. Pinal County	\$7,308 Parenting Plan	
10. Navajo County	\$6,595 Mediation, Education	
11. Pima County	\$14,757 Mediation, Parenting Plan	
12. Greenlee County	\$5,657 Mediation, Counseling, Education, Parenting Plan, Visitation Enforcement	

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. Apache County				
2. Coconino County				
3. Cochise County				
4. Gila County				
5. Maricopa County				
6. Graham County				
7. Navajo County				
8. Pima County				
9. Pinal County				
10. Yavapai County				
11. Yuma County				
12. .Greenlee County				

Participant Data: Part B
 (by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1. Apache County						
2. Coconino County						
3. Cochise County						
4. Gila County						
5. Graham County						
6. Greenlee County						
7. Maricopa County						
8. Navajo County						
9. Pima County						
10. Pinal County						
11. Yavapai County						
12. Yuma County						

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Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. Apache County							
2. Coconino County							
3. Cochise County							
4. Gila County							
5. Graham County							
6. Greenlee County							
7. Maricopa County							
8. Navajo							

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9. Pima County							
10. Pinal County							
11. Yavapai County							
12. Yuma County							