

## OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Arkansas

### Part I: Contact Information

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### Part II: Statistical Profile

- No. of minor children under 18 years of age living with one biological parent (1990 U.S. Census data) 187,640

### Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

|            | <u>Federal \$ Grant</u> | <u>State \$ Match</u> | and | <u>Percentage</u> |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| • FFY 1997 | \$ 95,926               | \$10,658              |     | 10%               |
| • FFY 1998 | \$ 95,926               | \$10,658              |     | 10%               |
| • FFY 1999 | \$ 100,000              | \$11,111              |     | 10%               |
| • FFY 2000 | \$ 100,000              | \$11,111              |     | 10%               |

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| <b>Part IV: Summary of State’s Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Grant Funds</b> |
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|  | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|
| <b>Process for Awarding Funds:</b>           |            |           |
| • 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Contracts X Cooperative Agreements \_\_\_\_\_

**Targeted Priority Areas:**

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

- **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**

Arkansas proposes to use the FFY 2000 funds to continue mediation and divorce education programs. The state will also continue providing information and outreach to judges, attorneys and other state agencies or professionals that would be making referrals to the Child Access & Visitation Program. There are no other statewide programs of this type within the State of Arkansas. This program will be voluntary and mandatory. Recent Arkansas legislation - Act 704 of 1999 - now allows judges/chancellors to order divorcing parties with children to either a divorce education program or to a mediation forum. In specific, Arkansas proposes to target approximately \$14,074 to fund "education services" such as divorce education; on-going mediator assessment to endure quality mediation services; training for new mediators; and judicial education. Arkansas will use the remaining funds of \$85,926 to pay for the actual services of mediators, trainers for the various educational seminars, facilitators of the divorce education programs and the salary of a part-time program director. Although most of Arkansas's available mediators are located in the high population of areas of Little Rock, Ft. Smith, and Fayetteville, grant funds will be expended to cover the costs of travel incurred by the mediators in an effort to serve parents and their children in the more rural parts of the state.

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

| Grantee Name, Address<br>& Phone Number<br>mothers                                       | Amount of Award &<br>Services Provided                         | Number of Parents Served: |           |     |
|--|--|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
|  |  | Total #                   | % fathers | %   |
| 1.<br>Statewide A&V Pilot<br>Mediation Program<br>Little Rock, Arkansas<br>(501)682-9400 | \$<br>Mediation, Counseling,<br>Development of Parenting Plans | 222                       | 111       | 111 |
| 2.   |  |                           |           |     |
| 3.   |  |                           |           |     |
| 4.   |  |                           |           |     |
| 5.   |  |                           |           |     |
| 6.   |  |                           |           |     |

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

| Grantee Name &<br>Program Title   | Average Annual<br>Income | Parent Participation Rates: |           |       |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|
|   |                          | divorced                    | separated | unwed |
| 1.<br>Statewide A&V Pilot<br>Mediation Program<br>Little Rock, Arkansas | No Information           | 95%                         |           | 5%    |
| 2.  |                          |                             |           |       |
| 3.  |                          |                             |           |       |
| 4.  |                          |                             |           |       |
| 5.  |                          |                             |           |       |
| 6.  |                          |                             |           |       |

**Participant Data: Part B**  
(by race/ethnicity)

| Grantee Name                               | <u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u> |       |          |       |                 |                  |
|--|----------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-----------------|------------------|
|  | White                            | Black | Hispanic | Asian | Native American | Pacific Islander |
| 1. Statewide A & V Pilot Mediation Program | 86%                              | 7%    | 5%       |       | 2%              |                  |
| 2.   |                                  |       |          |       |                 |                  |
| 3.   |                                  |       |          |       |                 |                  |
| 4.   |                                  |       |          |       |                 |                  |
| 5.   |                                  |       |          |       |                 |                  |
| 6.   |                                  |       |          |       |                 |                  |

Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_

Other, \_\_\_\_\_

**Sources of Client Referral**

| <b>GRANTEE</b>   |                      |             |                      |                      |                        |               |                |
|--|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Agency</b>  | <b>Self-Referral</b> | <b>TANF</b> | <b>Child Welfare</b> | <b>Child Support</b> | <b>Social Services</b> | <b>Courts</b> | <b>Private</b> |
| 1.<br>Statewide<br>A&V Pilot<br>Mediation<br>Program<br>Little Rock,<br>Arkansas | <b>X</b>             |             |                      |                      |                        | <b>X</b>      | <b>X</b>       |
| 2.   |                      |             |                      |                      |                        |               |                |
| 3.   |                      |             |                      |                      |                        |               |                |
| 4.   |                      |             |                      |                      |                        |               |                |
| 5.   |                      |             |                      |                      |                        |               |                |
| 6.   |                      |             |                      |                      |                        |               |                |

