

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Florida

Part I: Contact Information

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Part II: Statistical Profile

- Total no. of minor children under 18 years of age who live with one biological parent (1990 U.S. Census data) 1,043,100

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$ 533,258	\$ 59,250		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 533,258	\$1,914,003		359%
• FFY 1999	\$ 472,809	\$ 52,534		10%
• FFY 2000	\$ 472,809	\$ 52,534		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 _____ Summer _____

Award of Funds: Grants X Contracts _____ Cooperative Agreements _____

Targeted Priority Areas:

• Mediation			
voluntary	Yes _____	No	<u> X </u>
mandatory	Yes _____	No	<u> X </u>
• Counseling	Yes _____	No	<u> X </u>
• Education	Yes _____	No	<u> X </u>
• Parenting Plans	Yes _____	No	<u> X </u>
• 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

Florida’s Department of Children and Families proposes to use FFY 2000 Child Access and Visitation Grant funds to continue operations at 19 of the state’s 41 Supervised Visitation Centers. Services offered by the centers range from monitored exchange to therapeutic supervision and parenting classes. According to the state, supervised visitation centers provide a safe setting for non-custodial or non-residential parents and their children to see each other in cases of acrimonious divorces, custody battles, domestic violence, and child abuse or neglect. One use of the centers is for monitored exchange in cases where visitation has been wrongfully denied by the residential parent. With monitored exchange, visitation centers document the arrival and availability of the children for parenting time with the non-residential parent and record the compliance or non-compliance of the residential parents with the visitation scheduled stipulated by the court. Listed below are the centers that will be fully or partially funded via the FFY 2000 Child Access and Grant Program:

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| 1. Family Visitation Center | Pensacola |
| 2. Judge Ben Gordon Family Visitation Center | Shalimar |
| 3. Family Visitation Center | Tallahassee |
| 4. The Family Visitation of Alachua County | Gainseville |
| 5. The Family Visitation Center, Inc. | Jacksonville |
| 6. The Visitation Center | St. Petersburg |
| 7. Family Ties | Orlando |
| 8. Family Resources | Bradenton |
| 9. Coastal Recovery Centers | Acardia |

10. Family Preservation Services Foundation

Bonita Springs

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| 11. The Bill Riley Centers | Punta Gorda |
| 12. The Children's Place | |
| 13. Our House | Ft. Lauderdale |
| 14. CHS Family Visitation Center | Miami |
| 15. The Family Treehouse Visitation Center | Daytona Beach |
| 16. The Family Visitation Center of Ocala | Ocala |
| 17. Lake Sumter Child Advocacy Center | Tavares |
| 18. Family Visitation Program | Ft. Pierce |

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. Family Visitation Center of Tallahassee		61	24	27
2. Family Visitation Center of Alachua County		51		
3. Family Visitation Center of Jacksonville		158	79	79
4. Family Visitation Center of St. Petersburg		94	47	47
5. Family Resources of Bradenton		262	131	131
6. Family Visitation Center of SW		70	32	38

Florida (Ft. Meyers)				
7. The Family Connection of West Palm Beach			5,512	2,756
				2,756
8. Children's Home Society Family Visitation Center (Miami)			230	83
9. Family Ties of Orlando			230	115

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. Family Visitation Center of Tallahassee		75%	4%	20%
2. Family Visitation Center of Alachua County		NA	NA	NA
3. Family Visitation Center of Jacksonville		NA	NA	2%
4. Family Visitation Center of St. Petersburg		NA	NA	NA
5. Family Resporces of Bradenton		NA	NA	NA
6. Family Visitation Center of SW Florida (Ft. Meyers)		70%	15%	15%
7. The Family Connection of West Palm Beach		50%	20%	30%

8. Children's Home Society Family Visitation Center (Miami)		20%	30%	50%
9. Family Ties of Orlando		39%	31%	30%

Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1. Family Visitation Center of Tallahassee	64%	36%				
2. Family Visitation Center of Alachua County	70%	22%			2%	5%
3. Family Visitation Center of Jacksonville	56%	38%	1%	1%		
4. Family Visitation Center of St. Petersburg	89%	5%	3%			
5. Family Resources of Bradenton	73%	18%	3%			7%
6. Family Visitation Center of SW Florida	90%	2%	4%			2%

(Ft. Meyers)							
7. The Family Connection of West Palm Beach		60%	15%	20%			5%
8 Children's Home Society Family visitation Center (Miami)		10%	15%	70%			5%
9. Family Ties of Orlando		65%	10%	20%	1%		4%

Don't Know _____

Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. Family Visitation Center of Tallahassee			X			X	
2. Family Visitation Center of Alachua County	X		X			X	X
3. Family Visitation Center of Jacksonville					X	X	X
4. Family Visitation Center of St. Petersburg						X	

5. Family Resources of Bradenton			X			X	X
6. Family Visitation Center of SW Florida (Ft. Meyers)			X				X
7. The Family Connection of West Palm Beach			X		X	X	
8. Children's Home Society Family Visitation Center (Miami)						X	
9. Family Ties of Orlando			X	X		X	