

## OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Iowa

### Part I: Contact Information

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### Part II: Statistical Profile

- Total no. of minor children under 18 years  
Of age living with one biological parent  
(1990 U.S. Census data) 174,860

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

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$ 89,000	\$ 9,889		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 89,393	\$ 9,933		10%
• FFY 1999	\$ 100,000	\$ 11,111		10%
• FFY 2000	\$ 100,000	\$ 11,111		10%

<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	X	
• 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Contracts X Cooperative Agreements \_\_\_\_\_

**Targeted Priority Areas:**

• <b>Mediation</b>			
voluntary	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
mandatory	Yes _____	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	_____
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**

Iowa has used the FFY 2000 Child Access and Visitation Grant to fund four new projects. Four community-based collaboratives received funds for locally determined service packages. The focus of these services is on integrating delivery of access and visitation services with other responsible parenting programs. These include mediation, parent/child activities, fatherhood support groups, and services to families at risk using TANF funds. By combining the funds, a more effective delivery of services is accomplished. This new approach is enhancing the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children and assisting non-custodial parents to provide better financial, social, and emotional support to their children.

<b>Part V: Projects Funded by States with FFY 98 OCSE Dollars</b>				
<b>Grantee Name, Address &amp; Phone Number</b>	<b>Amount of Award &amp; Services Provided</b>	<b>Number of Parents Served:</b>		
		<b>Total #</b>	<b># fathers</b>	<b># mothers</b>
1. Children & Families of Iowa 1111 University Ave Des Moines, IA 50314 (515) 288-1981	\$20,000. Neutral exchange, mediation and related services.	16	8	8
2. Fathers for Equal Rights, 3623 Douglas Ave. Des Moines, IA 50310 (515) 277-8789	\$20,000. Neutral exchange, mediation and related services.	59	35	24
3. Lutheran Social Service of Iowa 1323 Northwestern Ames, IA 50010 (515) 232-7262	\$20,000. Neutral exchange, mediation and related services.	0	0	0
4. Boost 4 Dads c/o Mills County DHS PO Box 469 Glenwood, IA 51534 (712) 527-1578	\$36,000. Services provided include: information seminars for fathers; parent/child activities/parent education programs; public awareness activities; post-divorce relationship classes.	62 (as of quarterly report 12/31/00)	23	39
5. Muscatine County Decat. Project c/o Muscatine Center for Strategic Action, 312 Iowa Ave. Muscatine, IA 52761 (319) 264-3278	\$36,000. Services include: advocacy and referral; parent/child activities; informational seminars; fatherhood support groups; public	44 as of 12/31/00	44	not reported

	awareness activities.			
6. Project Dad c/o Generations, Inc. 944 18 <sup>th</sup> St. Des Moines, Ia 50309 (515) 288-3334	\$7,000. Services provided include: neutral exchange, subsidized supervised visitation, mediation services.	8	8	not reported
7. Pottawattamie County Decat Pro. Fatherhood Project, c/o AEA 13 P. O. Box 1109 Council Bluffs, IA 51502-1109 (712) 322-7354	\$21,064			
8. HAWC Decategorization Pro. P. O. Box 286 Decorah, IA 52101 (319) 382-2928	\$50,000. Services provided include: post-divorce counseling; parenting assessment and referral; neutral exchange; public awareness.			
9. Project Dad+ c/o Generations, Inc. 944 18 <sup>th</sup> St. Des Moines, IA 50309 (515) 288-3334	\$50,000. Services provided include: subsidized supervised visitation; family mediation; neutral exchange site; father education programs; parent/child activities; public awareness.			
10. Siouxland Human Investment Partnership 1520 Morningside Ave. Sioux City, IA 51106 (712) 274-6115	\$50,000. Services provided include: job training/placement/mentoring; mediation; neutral exchange sites; family counseling; parent/child activities; parental mentoring; public awareness.			

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income		Parent Participation Rates:		
			divorced	separated	unwed
1. Children & Families of Iowa Des Moines, Iowa 50314 (515) 288-1981 X 369	Less than \$10K	5%	100%		
	\$10-19K	20%			
	\$20-29K	50%			
	\$30-39K	25%			
	\$40K +				
2. Fathers for Equal Rights Des Moines, IA 50314 (515) 277-8789	Less than \$10K	25%	40%	30%	30%
	\$10-19K	25%			
	\$20-29K	25%			
	\$30-39K	20%			
	\$40K +	5%			
3. Lutheran Social Service of Iowa Ames, IA 50010 (515) 232-7262	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A
4.					
5.					
6.					



**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. Children & Families of Iowa Des Moines, Iowa 50314	X			X	X	X	
2. Fathers for Equal Rights Des Moines, IA 50314	X	X		X	X	X	
3. Lutheran Social Service of Iowa Ames, Iowa 50010	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4.							
5.							
6.							

