

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Kentucky

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) 362,530

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$185,334	\$20,593		10%
• FFY 1998	\$185,334	\$20,593		10%
• FFY 1999	\$164,325	\$16,432		10%
• FFY 2000	\$164,325	\$18,258		10%

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

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Process for Awarding Funds:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Proposals (new & continuation) • 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 _____ Contracts _____ Cooperative Agreements _____

Targeted Priority Areas:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation <li style="padding-left: 20px;">voluntary <li style="padding-left: 20px;">mandatory • Counseling • Education • Parenting Plans • Visitation Enforcement <li style="padding-left: 20px;">monitoring <li style="padding-left: 20px;">supervision <li style="padding-left: 20px;">neutral drop-off/pick-up 	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Yes <u> X </u></td> <td style="width: 50%;">No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes <u> X </u></td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____	Yes _____	No _____	Yes <u> X </u>	No _____													
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- **Development of Guidelines**

Visitation	Yes _____	No _____
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes _____	No _____

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

Seven pilot projects (six direct services and one judicial education) throughout Kentucky began as a result of the FFY 1997 Access and Visitation Grant, encompassing the goals set forth under Section 391 of PRWORA, Section 469B, which includes mediation, counseling, parent education, and development of parenting plans and visitation enforcement.

The citizens of Kentucky believe that children need and deserve the love and support of both parents. In 1999, Kentucky had more than 280,000 child support cases. The objectives of Kentucky's Access and Visitation Program are:

- To identify/develop appropriate curricula, training programs, and teaching techniques that promote non-custodial parents' access to and visitation with their children;
- To identify and expand upon existing programs within the state through the use of local support and involvement;
- To develop resource materials and an information bank of agencies and non-profit organizations that can provide resources;
- To identify professional staff that can be used to conduct training and provide technical assistance to communities; and
- To assist Judges and court personnel by developing community resources that will help parents resolve issues of visitation and access through a cooperative process that serves the best interests of the child.

Kentucky proposes to pursue with this year's grant allotment a continuation of the allowable activities already in place at the six project sites. The most commonly provided activities or services are mediation, parental education, development of parenting plans, development of guidelines for visitation, supervised visitation and exchanges.

Results expected are:

- **To establish and/or maintain non-custodial parents' regular involvement with their children;**
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- **To increase the level of inter-parental cooperation;**
- **To assist a child's understanding and adjustment to the separation of his/her parents;**
- **To reduce the frequency of times families return to court to deal with custody and visitation issues; and**
- **To increase the level of child support payments.**

All monitoring, evaluation and reporting has been and will be consistent with the Final Rule published March 3, 1999. Quarterly meetings will be held with all site coordinators, when an update of each project's activities will be provided.

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 Relations, Inc. 23 rd Judicial District (606) 464-2466	Education, neutral drop-off/pickup	41	20	21
2. Child Access Center, Fayette Circuit Court Lexington, KY (859) 246-2222	Mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plans, monitored and supervised visitation, neutral drop-off and pickup, court assessment	287		86
3. Hardin County Family Support Network, Hardin County (270) 351-1102	Mediation, education	997	475	513
4. Families in Transition, Friend of the Court, Frankfort, Kentucky (502) 875-2324	Education	277	137	140
5. VISITS—Northern Virginia Florence, Kentucky 41042 (859) 525-3200	Education, monitored and supervised visitation	8	7	1

<p>6. Visitation Center at the Family Place, Jefferson County, Louisville, Kentucky (502) 595-4478.</p>	<p>Mediation, education, monitored and supervised visitation, neutral drop-off/pickup, development of parenting plans</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>7. Judicial Education Project Administrative Office of the Courts Frankfort, Kentucky (502) 573-2350</p>	<p>Develop and distribute parent education packets, including information about visitation. Develop and maintain web-site for Judges on parent education. Provide technical assistance to local courts wishing to implement parent education.</p>	<p>NA</p>		

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. Family Relations, Inc	No information	No information . . .		
2. Child Access Program	Less \$10,000 17 % \$10-19,000 37 % \$20-29,000 26 % \$30- 39,000 14 % \$40 K & above 6 %	66 %	25 %	9 %
3. Hardin County Family Support	No information	88 %	8 %	4 %
4. Families in Transition Friend of Court	Less \$10,000 10 % \$10-19,000 20 % \$20-29,000 50 % \$30- 39,000 10 % \$40 K & above 10 %		100 %	
5. VISITS-Northern Virginia	Less \$10,000 22 % \$10-19,000 31 % \$20-29,000 13 % \$30- 39,000 18 %	71 %	9.5 %	19 %
6. Visitation Center at the Family Place	No information	51 %		49 %
7. Judicial Education	No information	No information . . .		

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Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1. Family Relations	99 %	.05 %				
2. Child Access Program	77 %	22 %		1 %		
3. Hardin County	79 %	10 %	10 %	1 %		
4. Families in Transition	94 %	6 %				
5. VISITS	80 %	2.5 %	7.5 %			
6. Visitation Center at Family Place	70 %	28.5				
7. Judicial Education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Don't Know .05 (Family Relations); 7.5 (VISITS); 1.5 (Visitation Center, Family)_____ Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. Family Relations						X	
2. Child Access						X	
3. Hardin County						X	
4. Families in Transition						X	
5. VISITS	X		X		X	X	X
Visitation Center Family Place	X			X	X		X
7. Judicial Education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

