

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Maine

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) 70,932

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,556		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,556		10%
• FFY 1999	\$ 100,000	\$ 11,111		10%
• FFY 2000	\$ 100,000	\$ 11,111		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:

<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;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Yes _____</td> <td style="width: 50%;">No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes <u>X</u> _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes <u>X</u> _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes <u>X</u> _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes <u>X</u> _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes <u>X</u> _____</td> <td>No _____</td> </tr> </table>	Yes _____	No _____	Yes <u>X</u> _____	No _____	Yes <u>X</u> _____	No _____	Yes <u>X</u> _____	No _____	Yes _____	No _____	Yes _____	No _____	Yes <u>X</u> _____	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

Maine’s Office of Support Enforcement & Recovery administers the Federal Child Access and Visitation Grant program.

With first, second and third year grant funds, Maine directed its efforts toward expanding the availability of parent education programs for parents divorcing, separating or living apart. These programs help parents focus on the needs of their children following a divorce or separation, including the children’s need to have access to both parents. Parent education programs also help parents manage conflict so they can work together for the good of their children.

Prior to the Federal Child Access and Visitation Grant, only two local programs existed in Maine: “Kids First” and “The Parent Works”. The Child Access Grant has allowed Maine the opportunity to develop a basic, four hour program in areas not served by one of the existing programs. A parent education program is now available in 14 additional communities.

With FFY 2000 grant funds, Maine will continue to support the development of parent education programs. The state will continue to request applications for parent education programs in areas not adequately served, including proposals for the design of a system of delivery for rural areas. Another area being explored is an enhanced format for the parent education program that would address specific areas of concern, such as high-conflict relationships, new paternity issues, domestic abuse concerns, and step parenting.

Maine also intends to expand family services in the state by requesting bids to establish one or more centers for the neutral drop-off and pick-up of children for the facilitation of parental contact in a location that enables children to begin and end visits free of stress and conflict. Depending on the bids received, it is not possible to specify which areas of the state will receive grant funding for expanded services.

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. York Kids First York, Maine 363-7172	\$7500 Parent Education	23	9	14
2. Kids First Center Portland, ME 761-2709	\$2000 Education	334	161	173
3. Kids First of the Parent Resource Center – Lewiston, ME 783-3990	\$7500 Education	16	6	10
4. Kids First of Community Concepts, Inc. South Paris, ME 746-1520	\$10,000 Education	19	9	10
5. Kids First of Divorce Resource Project Augusta, Waterville, & Skowhegan,	\$15,000 Education	137	61	76

ME. 626-3428				
6. The Parent Works Rockland, ME 596-0014	\$5000	Education	26	10 16
7. Waldo County Kids First Belfast, ME 338-2200	\$7500	Education	59	27 32
8. For Kids Sake Orono, ME 866-4425	\$7500	Education	119	56 63
9. The Moving Forward Program Presque Isle, ME 764-8196	\$7500	Education	41	19 22

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. York Kids First	Unknown	52%	22%	4%
2. Kids First Center	Unknown	12%	22%	8%
3. Kids First of the Parent Resource Center	Unknown	62.5%	25%	12.5%
4. Kids First of Community Concepts, Inc.	Unknown	42%	11%	47%
5. Kids First of Divorce Resource Project	Unknown	35%	31%	13%
6. The Parent Works	Less \$10K 38% \$10-19K 27% \$20-29K 27% \$40K + 8%	46%	23%	31%
7. Waldo County Kids Work	Less \$10K 5% \$10-19K 15% \$20-29K 20% \$30-39 30% \$40K + 30%	3%	43%	27%
8. For Kids Sake	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
9. The Moving Forward Program	\$10-19K 100%	46%	34%	20%

Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>						
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander	Don't Know
1. York Kids First	99.6%						.4%
2. Kids First Center	42%	.4%		.6%	1%		56%
3. Kids First of the Parent Resource Center	100%						
4. Kids First of Community Concepts, Inc.	100%						
5. Kids First of Divorce Resource Project	99.3%				.7%		
6. The Parent Works	100%						
7. Waldo County Kids Work	38%						62%
8. For Kids Sake	60%						40%
9. The Moving Forward Program	95%						5%

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. York Kids First	X				X	X	X
2. Kids First Center	X				X	X	X
3. Kids First of the Parent Resource Center	X				X	X	X
4. Kids First of Community Center, Inc.	X				X	X	X
5. Kids First of Divorce	X				X	X	X
6. The Parent Works	X				X	X	X

7. Waldo County Kids	X				X	X	X
8. For Kids Sake	X				X	X	X
9. The Moving Forward Program	X				X	X	