

## OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Minnesota

### 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. 357,550  
(1990 U. S. Census data)

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

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$182,788	\$ 20,310		10%
• FFY 1998	\$182,788	\$100,000		49 %
• FFY 1999	\$162,068	\$100,000		56 %
• FFY 2000	\$162,068	\$100,000		56 %

<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 \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_

**Award of Funds:** Grants X Contracts \_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative Agreements \_\_\_\_\_

**Targeted Priority Areas:**

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

- **Development of Guidelines**

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

**Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Division, in conjunction with the Minnesota Supreme Court, has requested funds to operate the Cooperation of the Children Pilot Program. The purpose of this program is to assist families who are experiencing disputes regarding visitation and paternity matters in a non-adversarial manner. By expediting a mediated solution, the program aims to minimize the negative consequences such disputes have on parents and their children. The program is currently operating in two Minnesota counties, one urban (St. Paul, Ramsey County) and one rural (St. Cloud, Stearns County).

All family law cases where visitation is presented as an issue are referred to the Cooperation for the Children program. The goal is to try to resolve all visitation issues prior to any scheduled court appearances. The program offers assistance regarding the following types of requests: (1) Enforcement of existing orders, including temporary orders and post-decree matters; (2) Modification of existing visitation orders, including temporary orders, post-decree matters, cases where paternity has been adjudicated, cases where the child is moving or has moved out-of-state; and (3) Establishment of visitation rights in Recognition of Parentage cases.

**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.Cooperation for the Children- Government Center West, 50 West Kellogg Blvd., Suite 760, St. Paul, MN 55102-1657	\$ Mediation, Visitation Expediting.	244	122	122
2.Cooperation for the Children-Stearns County, 705 Courthouse Square, PO Box 2376, St. Cloud, MN 56302-1107	\$ Mediation, Development of Parenting Plans, Visitation Expeditor.	70	35	35
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4.				
5.				

6.		

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1.Cooperation for the Children-Ramsey County	Less \$10,000 36 % \$10-19,000 31 % \$20-29,000 25 % \$30-39,000 4 % \$40 K & above 3 %	51 %	1 %	48 %
2.Cooperation for the Children-Stearns County	Less \$10,000 21 % \$10- 19,000 29% \$20-29,000 29% \$30-39,000 14 % \$40K & above 7 %	50 %		50 %
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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.Cooperation for the Children—Ramsey Co.	75 %	5 %	2%	1 %	1 %	
2.Cooperation for the Children-Stearns County	98 %	1 %			1 %	
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**Don't Know** \_\_16\_\_

**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. Ramsey County	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Stearns County	X	X		X	X	X	X
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