

# OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Mississippi

## 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. (1990 U. S. Census data) 268,880

## Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$137,458	\$15,273		10%
• FFY 1998	\$137,458	\$15,273		10%
• FFY 1999	\$121,876	\$13,542		10%
• FFY 2000	\$121,876	\$13,542		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)	X	
• New only		
• Continuation only		
• Other _____		

**Time of Year RFP's are Issued and/or Funding Decisions Are Made:**  
 Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer X\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Targeted Priority Areas:**

• <b>Mediation</b>			
voluntary	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
mandatory	Yes <u>X</u>	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 <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Mississippi’s Division of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Services, is responsible for administering the Federal Child Access and Visitation Grant program. The first year of the federal grant program, the Governor of Mississippi directed the Division of Child Support Enforcement to develop a plan for coordinating these new services with the existing child welfare program and selected Head Start centers. Mediation, supervised visitation, and parent education are the primary components of this program. “Project Goal,” as this program initiative has been title, will be piloted in three areas of the state (e.g., Leflore County, Hinds County, and Pike County). Project officers will be assigned to the three counties and provide support to parents in selected Head Start and/or child welfare programs via the following services. (1) Mediation staff working with both parents to develop a peaceful resolution to visitation disputes. This process is a face-to-face interview or coordinated telephone conference calls; (2) Supervised visitations will be scheduled for parents with legally established visitation directed by a court or divorce decree. Visitations take place at Head Start centers. Scheduled visitations permit parents to become aware of their children’s emotional, psychological, medical, and financial needs; (3) Education will be offered through parenting classes which will address the basic needs of the child, including money, stress management, child abuse, and concerns of parents for their children’s well-being.

**Part V: Projects Funded by States with FFY 98 OCSE Dollars**

Grantee Name, Address & Phone Number mothers	Amount of Award & Services Provided	Number of Parents Served:		
		Total #	# fathers	#
1. MS Access and Visitation Program, Leflore County (601) 359-4875	Mediation, Counseling, Education, Visitation Enforcement, Parenting Plans, Guidelines for Visitation and Custody, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	91	14	77
2. MS Access and Visitation Program, Pike County (601) 359-4875	Same as Leflore County	88	20	68
3. MS Access and Visitation Program, Hinds County (601) 359-4875	Same as Leflore County	126	38	88
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**Participant Data: Part A**  
(by income and marital status)

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. Leflore County		15 %	5 %	80 %
2. Pike County		15 %	5 %	80 %
3. Hinds County		25 %	5 %	70 %
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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. Leflore County	28 %	72 %				
2. Pike County	30 %	70 %				
3. Hinds County	23 %	73 %				
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Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_

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. <b>Leflore County</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. <b>Pike County</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3. Hinds County	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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