

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: New York

Part I: Contact Information

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Part II: Statistical Profile

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| • Total No. of Minor Children under 18 years of age living with one biological parent (1990 U.S. Census data) | 1,363,500 |
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Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$ 697,054	\$ 77,450		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 697,054	\$ 77,450		10%
• FFY 1999	\$ 618,038	\$ 68,671		10%
• FFY 2000	\$ 618,038	\$ 68,671		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)		
• New only (RFP)	X	
• Continuation only	X	
• Other <u>renewal of contract</u>		

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:

• Mediation			
voluntary	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
mandatory	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Counseling	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Education	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Parenting Plans	Yes <u>X</u>	No	_____
• Visitation Enforcement			
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 _____	No <u> X </u>
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes _____	No _____

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, through its Child Support Enforcement Division, will provide project management as it has since 1997. The targeted audience for the RFP will be the community-based nonprofits. Solicited programs that will be funded are those that support and facilitate noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children. It is anticipated that at the close of the present contract period, the aggregate number of children throughout New York, who will have benefited from access and visitation service since this project began will be in excess of 4,500. Mediation, parent education, development of parenting plans, and visitation enforcement will be necessary components of the program. New York State will monitor, evaluate, and report the required elements in accord with federal regulations. A staff member within the New York Division of Child Support Enforcement will serve as the contact person.

Project Objectives:

- a. Support and facilitate noncustodial parents' access to and visitation of their children;
- b. Reduce family discord through improved co-parenting skills;
- c. Establish parents' understanding that children require consistent emotional and economic support as well as an understanding of how to access child support services.

Approach: Respondents to the RFP will submit a plan that addresses community-related factors such as the nature of the service area, the method of needs assessment used to develop the proposal, and the number of children to be served. The sponsoring organization will state its previous program experience, identify its linkages with other community organizations, enumerate resources it could contribute, and outline plans for subsequent funding. The Department will provide continuing program oversight including site visits.

Part V: Projects Funded by States with FFY 98 OCSE Dollars
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Grantee Name, Address & Phone Number	Amount of Award & Services Provided	Number of Parents Served:		
		Total #	% fathers	% mothers
1. Catholic Charities of Buffalo 525 Washington Street Buffalo, NY 14203	Counseling, education, parenting plans, and therapeutic, supervised visitation.	129	52.7%	47.3%
2. Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country 426 US Oval, PO Box 2640 Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Mediation, education, parenting plans, monitored and supervised visitation, neutral drop-off and pick-up	20	50%	50%
3. Children's Rights Council 231 Main Street Vestal, New York 13850	Mediation, counseling, & parenting education	259	46.3%	53.7%
4. Family Nurturing Center of Cruelty to Children 285 Genesee Street, 2 nd floor Utica, NY 13501	Education, parenting plans, monitored visitation, supervised visitation, neutral drop-off and pick-up	86	50%	50%
5. NY Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children 161 William St. – floor 12 NYC, NY 10038	Counseling, monitored visitation, supervised visitation, therapeutic supervised visitation, neutral drop-off and pick-up	188	51%	49%

6. St. Catherine's Center for Children 40 North Main Street Albany, NY 12203-1425	Mediation, counseling, parent education, parenting plan, monitored visitation, supervised visitation, therapeutic supervised visitation	51	51%	49%
7. Society for the Protection and Care of Children 148 South Fitzhugh Street Rochester, NY	Mediation, counseling, education, monitored visitation, parenting plans, supervised visitation, neutral drop-off and pick-up	82	50%	50%
8. Safe Horizon (formerly Victim Services)	Counseling, education, therapeutic supervised visitation, and parenting plans	114	50%	50%
9. YWCA of Dutchess County 18 Bancroft Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	Mediation, counseling, education, supervised visitation, and parenting plans	92	49%	51%

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. Catholic Charities of Buffalo, New York		25%	50%	25%
2. Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country		0	10%	90%
3. Children’s Rights Council		26%	66%	8%
4. Family Nurturing Center of Central NY, Inc.		55%	5%	40%
5. NY Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children		40%	18%	42%
6. St. Catherine’s Center for Children		10%	20%	70%
7. Society for the Protection and Care of Children		55%	5%	40%
8. Safe Horizon		5%	10%	85%
9. YWCA of Dutchess Co.		4.3%	37.7%	48%

Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1. Catholic Charities of Buffalo	84%	8%	5%	3%	0	0
2. Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country	90%	10%	0	0	0	0
3. Children's Rights Council	96%	2%	2%	0	0	0
4. Family Nurturing Center of Central NY	98%	2%	1%	0	0	0
5. NY Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	60%	35%	0	3%	1%	1%
6. St. Catherine's Center for Children	84%	10%	5%	1%	0	0
7. Society for the Protection and Care of Children	83%	15%	5%	0	0	0
8. Safe Horizon	3%	40%	55%	2%	0	0
9. YMCA of Dutchess County	80.5%	9.1%	9.1%	0	0	0

Don't Know _____ Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private Agency
1.Catholic Charities of Buffalo	X		X		X	X	X
2. Child Care Coordinating Council	X		X	X	X	X	X
3.Childrens Rights Council	X				X	X	
4. Family Nurturing Center						X	
5.NY Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children	X					X	X
6. St Catherine's						X	
7. Society for the Protection & Care of Children							

8. Safe Horizon					X	
9. YWCA of Duchess County		X			X	