

**OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program
Carolina**

Name of State: North

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) 457,280

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$233,772	\$25,975		10%
• FFY 1998	\$233,772	\$25,975		10%
• FFY 1999	\$207,273	\$23,908		10.4%
• FFY 2000	\$207,273	\$23,908		10.4%

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 _____ 	X	

Time of Year RFP’s are Issued and/or Funding Decisions Are Made:
 Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring X Summer _____

Award of Funds: Grants _____ Contracts X Cooperative Agreements X

Targeted Priority Areas:

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

• **Development of Guidelines**

Visitation	Yes <u> X </u>	No <u> </u>
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes <u> </u>	No <u> </u>

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

North Carolina's State Division of Social Services will continue implementing programs to (a) teach parenting skills to non-custodial parents, (b) to develop pro se visitation, (c) continue statewide fatherhood educational efforts, (d) continue building collaborative efforts with existing agencies so they can serve this clientele. North Carolina will maintain the programs started with prior grants as described in the following:

1. **Family Court Pilot: Continue to use the three visitation mediators in the N.C. Family Court Pilot Project operated by the Administrative Office of the Courts. To facilitate pro se visitation opportunities for non-custodial parents, the N.C. Child Support Enforcement program is providing three visitation mediation counselors for each pilot district. The counties serviced by these three projects represent approximately 11 percent of the State's population; their per capita increase is 14 percent higher than the State average; the child support collections are only 2 percent above State average for child support agents, and child support caseloads are 13 percent above State average. It is believed that these projects can be one of several factors that can potentially impact the State's overall child support collections.**
2. **Continuation of the North Carolina Fatherhood Council: Then-Governor Hunt began holding Fatherhood Summits during his tenure. To date, three summits have been held serving in excess of 800 people. North Carolina's Fatherhood Commission membership has been selected and appointed and the Council has held its introductory meeting. The purpose of the summits is to build understanding and collaboration between state and local agencies and custodial and noncustodial parents regarding parenting responsibilities and visitation issues and solutions.**

North Carolina's plan for federal fiscal year 2000 is: (1) 26 planning sessions in preparation for the 13 summits; (2) Conduct 7 county-specific summit meetings, serving approximately 1000; (3) Conduct 6 regional summits, serving

approximately 2000; (4) Develop a training program with North Carolina Probation and Parole to reach their clientele and teach them how to deal with

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the stresses of society once they are released; (5) Develop a curriculum with the Mother Read Program to teach long-term incarcerated individuals how to reconnect with their children and maintain that connection through the development of reading and communication skills; (6) Particular emphasis will be placed on building collaborative efforts between the N.C. Work First project and the non-custodial parents.

Evaluation: A uniform reporting format will be developed with emphasis on cost benefit ration and analysis of data for purposes of comparison.

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. FY 98 Money reverted, so there is no data to report in this and following sections.				
2.				
3.				
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.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

Don't Know _____

Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							