

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Oklahoma

Part I: Contact Information

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Part II: Statistical Profile

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| • No. of minor children under 18 years of age living with one biological parent. (1990 U. S. Census data) | 200,790 |
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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	\$102,649	\$11,405		10%
• FFY 1998	\$102,649	\$11,405		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 X

Award of Funds: Grants X Contracts _____ Cooperative Agreements _____

Targeted Priority Areas:

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

Over the past two years, the Oklahoma State Child Support Enforcement Division has been working with two different vendors representing the cities of Tulsa and Norman as a way of implementing the Child Access and Visitation Grant. Each vendor has worked closely with the local child support offices to develop referrals for mediation, supervised visitation and other services under their contract. In addition, the grantees have developed parenting programs for teens. The state's original approach was to limit services to child support clients only but the grantees found that it was difficult to attract enough clients to make it cost-effective. As a result, the state has decided to take actions that would enable the program to reach parents outside of the child support service system. Oklahoma also proposes to develop a different process for funding local child access and visitation programs with FFY 2000 funds. To this end, Oklahoma will advertise in 25 local newspapers and advise to contact the Child Support Enforcement Division for an application. The application will require applicants to describe their proposed program, proposed costs, fees, how they will provide their share of the funding and advise them of documentation and report requirements. A panel will review the applications and select those programs that would qualify and provide the types of services the state would support.

Effective 9-1-00 for two year grants:

Grants to previous vendors: Center for Children and Families, Inc. (Norman)—Adult and child counseling sessions; children's support group, community education, conflict resolution, parent education, paternity education at teen parenting and parent assistance groups, supervised exchanges and supervised visitation. Services are avail to residents in Cleveland, Oklahoma, McClain, Garvin Counties. Family and Children's Services (Tulsa) Outreach/case management,

parent education, parent/child relationship establishment, mediation/parenting planning. Services are for Tulsa CSE office.

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New Grants: The Supreme Court of Oklahoma—voluntary mediation for the purpose of developing parenting plans, visitation, and alternative custody arrangements. Services would be provided through 10 early settlement centers located across the state, extending services to all 77 counties of state, available to all CSE offices. Multi-County Youth Services (Clinton) Monitored visitation, supervised visitation, therapeutic visitation, neutral drop off/pick up. Services would be provided in Custer and Beckham Counties. They plan to serve 25 – 35 families. Each family is expected to have multiple sessions/units.

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. Divorce Visitation Arbitration 1151 E. Main St. Norman, Oklahoma 73071 (405) 364-1420	Mediation, Education, Parenting Plans, Guidelines for Visitation and Custody Arrangements, Supervised Visitation, and other Visitation Enforcement.	31	13	18
2. Parent Connections Tulsa, Oklahoma (918) 587-9471	Mediation, Education, Parenting Plans, Guidelines for Visitation and Custody Arrangements.	25	16	9
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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. Divorce Visitation Arbitration		24 %	9 %	4 %
2. Parent Connections		23 %	2 %	75 %
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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.Divorce Visitation Arbitration	85 %	5 %	4 %	1 %	5 %	0
2. Parent Connections	55 %	40 %	0	0	5 %	0
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Don't Know _____

Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. Divorce Visitation Arbitration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. Parent Connctions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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