

# OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program Carolina

Name of State: South

## 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) 254,370

## Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$ 130,040	\$ 14,449		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 130,040	\$ 14,460		10%
• FFY 1999	\$ 115,299	\$ 12,811		10%
• FFY 2000	\$ 115,299	\$ 12,811		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		X
• 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 <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 <u>  X  </u>	No <u>      </u>
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes <u>      </u>	No <u>      </u>

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

The South Carolina Department of Social Services proposes to continue funding its statewide program entitled the “Visitation Involvement and Parenting” (VIP) program. This initiative includes two local pilot projects and a statewide initiative. One pilot project is operated by the Child Support Enforcement Division in Richland (an urban county) and Kershaw (a rural county). The other program is operated by the Department of Social Services in the rural county of Colleton. Services delivered through this program include the dissemination of parenting information, parenting education training, and to assist parents in developing the skills, relationships, and parenting plans necessary to raising their children in a cooperative environment.

These specific sites were selected because of the needs present. Poverty is a serious factor in the Colleton County with 150 to 250 cases per month in court for non-payment of child support. Kershaw and Richland Counties were selected because they combine rural and urban settings and are in the same judicial circuit that will provide continuity within the family court.

The VIP program has five basic objectives: paternity establishment, parenting skills, parenting plans, employment services, and assistance in visitation enforcement. VIP services will be offered to approximately 400 families during a twelve-month period. Parents will receive eight hours of the “Caring for Our Child” curriculum. All parents, regardless of income, will have access to these services.

**Approach:** the program is managed by a Task Force on Access and Visitation composed of representatives from program areas in the Department of Social Services.

**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. Colleton County DSS VIP program Walterboro, SC (843) 549-1894 ext. 185	Mediation, counseling, parenting education, parenting plans, visitation enforcement, monitored visitation, supervised visitation, and neutral drop-off & pick-up. Awarded: \$70,676	72	33.3%	66.7%
2. Columbia Region II CSE Richland County VIP program (803) 898-9350	Parenting plans, mediation, education, and guidelines for visitation and custody arrangements Awarded: \$53, 093 for both Richland and Kershaw Counties	82	50%	50%
3. Columbia Region II CSE Kershaw County VIP program (803) 898-9350	Mediation, education, and guidelines for visitation and custody arrangements, parenting plans Awarded: (see #2)	12	50%	50%
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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. Colleton County	\$24,000	20%	0	80%
2. Richland County	\$24,500	0	7%	93%
3. Kershaw County	\$24,500	0	17%	83%
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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. Colleton County	20%	80%	1%	0	0	0
2. Richland County	7%	90%	3%	0	0	0
3. Kershaw County	33%	67%	0	0	0	0
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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>Colleton County</b>	X	X		X	X	X	X
2. <b>Richland County</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. <b>Kershaw County</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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