

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: South Dakota

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. 48,647
(1990 U. S. Census data)

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,556		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,556		10%
• FFY 1999	\$100,000	\$11,110		10%
• FFY 2000	\$100,000	\$11,110		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 _____	No _____
mandatory	Yes _____	No _____
• Counseling	Yes _____	No _____
• Education	Yes <u>X</u>	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> X </u>	No <u> </u>

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

In 1998, South Dakota created by legislative action, the Child Visitation Enforcement Program and subsequent Implementation Task Force. The purpose of this Task Force was to study, plan and provide for a visitation enforcement program in the state. The Task Force consists of three Circuit Judges, two members of the South Dakota Bar Association, and four members of the legislature, two from each body. In the last reporting period the Task Force funded 9 not-for-profit visitation centers in the state. The concept of visitation centers is relatively new to South Dakota and the Task Force expects that with this funding, increased awareness will occur within communities and possible increased demand will be generated for these grant funds.

Given the fact that 52% of South Dakota’s divorce filings involve children, these centers, allowing for supervised visitation, are a must. The rural nature of the state, with low population and large distances between cities creates a situation where many communities simply do not have the financial resources and infrastructure to support visitation centers.

Programs funded vary in the level of service from full direct supervision to neutral drop-off/pickup centers. Additionally, some grants underwrite economically deprived clients so they may use these facilities.

The Visitation Enforcement Task Force will continue to solicit grants which conform to the concept of developing programs that support the principal of keeping children within the context of a family setting as much as possible, while balancing the safety of the children and their parents.

Grantees have complied with the submission of reporting forms, in a timely fashion, and it is expected that they will continue to do so.

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

Grantee Name, Address & Phone Number	Amount of Award & Services Provided	Number of Parents Served:		
		Total #	# fathers	# mothers
1. South Dakota Family Visitation Council, 1809 N. Wisconsin, Mitchell, SD 57301 (605) 996-8880	Education, Guidelines for Visitation, and Custody Arrangements	No Data Available.		
2. Yankton Family Visitation Center, 308 West 4 th St., Franton, SD (605) 665-12-4	Education, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Therapeutic Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	Data Unavailable.		
3. Kids Konnection Visitation and Exchange Center, Resource Center, PO Box 41, Aberdeen, SD 57402 (605) 226-1212	Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	16	8	8
4. Pierre Area Mediators Smile Program Pierre, SD (605) 224-7247	Education	49	20	29

5. Commonground Visitation Center Rapid City, SD (605) 348-7015	Supervised Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	199	98	101
6. Winner Resource Center, Winner, SD (605) 842-2736	Medication, Education, Guidelines for Visitation and Custody Arrangements, Visitation Enforcement, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Therapeutic Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	No data available.		
7. Vermillion Smile Vermillion, SD (605) 624-8060	Education	No data available.		
8. Victims of Violence Intervention Program, Spearfish, SD				
9. Family Visitation Center Sioux Falls, SD 57117 (605) 322-4055	Guidelines for Visitation and Custody Arrangements, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Therapeutic Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	No data available.		

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. SD Family Visitation Council				
2. Yankton Family Visitation Center		57 %	36 %	7 %
3. Kids Konnection Visitation and Exchange Center		44 %	36 %	20 %
4. Winner Resource Center		33.3 %	33.3 %	33.3 %
5. Pierre Area Mediators Smile Program			100 %	
6. Victims of Violence Intervention				
7. Commonground Visitation Center		35 %	25 %	40 %
8. Vermillion Smile				

9. Family Visitation Center of Sioux Falls				
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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. SD Family Visitation						
2. Yankton Family Visitation	87 %		2 %		11 %	
3. Kids Konnection	98 %	1 %			1 %	
4. Pierre Area Smile Program						
5. Winner Resource	43 %				57 %	
6. Commonground	75 %				25 %	
7. Victims of Violence						
8. Vermillion					100%	
9. Family Center of Sioux Falls						

Don't Know _____

Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. SD Family Visitation	X	X	X			X	
2. Yankton Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. Kids Konnection	X	X	X			X	
4. Pierre Smile Program						X	
5. Common Ground	X		X		X	X	X
6. Winner Resource						X	
7. Vermillion Smile						X	
8. Sioux Falls Center							

9. Victims of Violence							