

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Texas

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) 1,377,600

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$704,262	\$78,251		10%
• FFY 1998	\$704,262	\$78,251		10%
• FFY 1999	\$624,429	\$69,281		10%
• FFY 2000	\$624,429	\$69,810		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 _____

Award of Funds: Grants X Contracts _____ 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	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u> </u>

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

Upon award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2001 (FFY02) Access and Visitation Grant, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will distribute grant funds to courts, local public entities and private non-profit organizations. The OAG will identify potential grantees meeting the criteria outlined in subsection (a) of PRWORA. As required, all grant funds will be used to “establish and administer programs to support and facilitate non-custodial parents’ access to and visitation with their children.” Grants will be made to entities in the areas of mediation, counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement and/or the development of guidelines for visitation. The OAG may retain a small portion of the funds to offset expenses associated with program monitoring, grantee audits and other direct program administration costs.

Matching funds required to support this grant will not be contributed by the State of Texas but will be required from the individual sub-grantees. In its request for applications, the OAG will require each sub-grantee to indicate the nature and amount of its match to ensure it complies with grant conditions.

The OAG will utilize the Access and Visitation program funding to promote community-based local programs. The programs selected for first and second year grant funding were located in all demographic areas of the state and serve a true cross-section of Texas’ population.

Monitoring and evaluation is done by the OAG’s Child Support Division Monitoring Section. Comprehensive, on-site visits to each grantee have been held and this process will continue. Information resulting from the reviews is provided to CSD management as well as Access & Visitation Grant administration staff.

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. Safe Exchange 901 Ave. B Brown Wood, TX 76801 (915) 646-5939	Counseling, Mediation, Education, Development of Parenting Plans, Development of Guidelines for visitation and Custody, Visitation Enforcement, and Neutral drop-off and pickup.	20	9	11
2. Child Crisis Center Family Visitation Center (915) 562-7975	Visitation Enforcement, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup	176	88	88
3. Kidshare (Family Services Association of San Antonio) San Antonio, TX (210) 946-8524	Counseling, Education, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup	189	94	95
4. Safe Supervised Program Of the Visitation of the Victim Houston, TX (713) 755-5625	Counseling, Development of Guidelines for visitation and custody, Monitored visitation, Supervised visitation	2300	1,350	950
5. Spouse Parenting Access Network 1525 Elm St. Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 953-2233	Visitation Enforcement, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Therapeutic Visitation	29	26	3

6. Brazoria Co, Supervised Visitation Program, Angleton, TX (409) 849-9553	Supervised Visitation	25	20	5
7. Kids First, Midland, TX (915) 570-1084	Education, Development of Guidelines for Visitation and Custody, Supervised Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	10	5	5
8. Cooperative Parenting Program Austin, TX (512) 473-9618	Mediation, Counseling, Education, Development of Parenting Plans, Visitation Enforcement, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	294	147	147
9. Cherish the Children The Place 801 Bennett WF, Texas 76301	Counseling, Education, Development of Parenting Plans, Development of Guidelines for Visitation and Custody, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Neutral drop-off and pickup.	581	416	165
10. .Access and Visitation Domestic Relations Office Civic Court Bldg. 2 nd Floor Fort Worth, TX 76196-0290 (817) 884-1616	Mediation, Counseling, Education, Development of Parenting Plans, Development of guidelines for visitation and Custody, Visitation Enforcement, Monitored Visitation, Supervised Visitation, Therapeutic Visitation, and Neutral drop-off and pickup.	25	14	11

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1.Safe Exchange				
2.Child Crisis Center		80 %	10%	10%
3.Kidshare		80%	10%	10%
4.Safe Supervised Program		15 %	65%	20%
5.Spouse Parenting Access Network		60 %	10 %	30 %
6. Brazoria Co.		95 %	5 %	
7. Kids First		67 %		33 %
8. Cooperative Parenting		43 %	25 %	32 %
9. Cherish the Children		30 %	60 %	10 %
10. Access and Visitation		70 %	20 %	10 %

Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1.Safe Exchange						
2. Child Crisis Center	10 %	2 %	88 %			
3. Kidshare	48 %	11%	41 %			
4. Safe Supervised	65 %	18 %	15 %	2 %		
5.Spouse Parenting	50 %	37 %	12 %	1 %		
6. Brazoria Co.	90 %	10 %				
7. Kids First	81 %	9 %	10 %			
8. Cooperative Parenting	33 %	25 %	440 %	2 %		
9. Cherish the Children	82 %	10 %	8 %			
10 .Access & Visitation	68 %	25 %	15 %			

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1.Safe Exchange	X					X	
2.Child Crisis Center	X					X	
3.Kidshare	X		X			X	
4.Safe Supervised	X		X	X	X	X	
5.Spouse Parenting	X		X	X		X	X
6. Brazoria						X	X
7. Kids First	X					X	
8 Cooperative Parenting	X			X		X	
9.Cherish the Children	X					X	X

10. Access and Visitation						X	
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