

Part IV: Summary of State’s Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Grant Funds

Yes

No

Process for Awarding Funds:

- Request for Proposals (new & continuation)
- 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 _____ Contracts X Cooperative Agreements _____

Targeted Priority Areas:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation <li style="padding-left: 20px;">voluntary <li style="padding-left: 20px;">mandatory • Counseling • Education • Parenting Plans • Visitation Enforcement <li style="padding-left: 20px;">monitoring <li style="padding-left: 20px;">supervision <li style="padding-left: 20px;">neutral drop-off/pick-up | <p>Yes _____</p> | <p>No _____</p> | |
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- **Development of Guidelines**

Visitation	Yes _____	No _____
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes _____	No _____

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

The Thurston Parenting Access Project (the Project) provides three services to parents experiencing difficulties with parenting issues. First, subsidized mediation services are offered through the Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center (DRC). The DRC helps to bring both parents to the mediation table to reach a mutually satisfying parenting solution to benefit their children. Second, for parents who need to enter, modify or enforce their parenting plan, the Project supports a portion of the salary for a court facilitator in Thurston County. The court facilitator administers a program to improve public access to the judicial system through assistance, coordination, development and direction of services relating to family law issues for un-represented litigants. Finally, the Project provides additional funding for supervised visitation for indigent and low-income parents.

During the current grant year the Project was able to offer subsidized mediation services for parenting issues for four additional counties, Spokane, Lewis, Yakima and Kittitas Counties. For the next grant year the Project may support a portion of the salary for a court facilitator in Clallam County.

Some objectives of the Project are:

- Improve access to Superior Court for parents who represent themselves in actions to establish, modify or enforce parenting plans;
- Increase community awareness about the use of mediation to resolve parents' disagreements regarding custody, visitation and parenting time issues;
- Increase the availability of mediation services by decreasing participants' costs;
- Allow more parents with restricted visitation to spend time with their children by subsidizing the costs of supervision.

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Some benefits expected:

- Better access to the legal system for parents;
- Mediation services will benefit parents and children;
- Children of low-income parents with restricted visitation rights will be able to spend time with their parents where otherwise they would not.

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. Community Youth Services Olympia, Washington (360) 709-3207	Supervised Visitation	21	11 (52%)	10 (48%)
2. Thurston/Mason Dispute Resolution Center Olympia, Washington (360) 956-1155	Mediation	459	193 (42%)	266 (58%)
3. Parenting Enrichment Program Spokane, Washington (509) 363-5055	Mediation, education, development of parenting plans	96	48 (50%)	48 (50%)
4. Thurston County Court Facilitator Olympia, Washington (360) 786-5431	Development of parenting plans	485		
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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. Community Youth Services		33.3%	14.3%	52.4%
2. Thurston/Mason Dispute Resolution Center		58.8%	16.5%	26%
3. Parenting Enrichment Program		16.2%	.4%	80.1%
4. Thurston County Court Facilitator				
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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. Community Youth Services	81%	4.8%	4.7%	9.5%	0	0
2. Thurston/Mason Dispute Resolution Center	88.2%	2.4%	9.6%	1.6%	.2%	0
3. Parenting Enrichment Program	90.8%	3.9%	.7%	.7%	3.9%	0
4. Thurston County Court Facilitator	100.0%	0	0	0	0	0
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Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. Community Youth Services						X	
2. Thurston/Mason Dispute Resolution Center	X			X			
3. Parenting Enrichment Program	X	X		X			
4. Thurston County Court Facilitator	X		X				
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