

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: West Virginia

(as of October, 2000)

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. 111,830
(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	\$ 57,170	\$ 6,352		10%
• FFY 1998	\$ 57,170	\$ 6,352		10%
• FFY 1999	\$100,000	\$11,111		10%
• FFY 2000	\$100,000	\$11,111		10%

- **Development of Guidelines**

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

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

The West Virginia Bureau for Child Support Enforcement (BCSE) hopes to improve the quality of life of children from divorced families by removing existing access and visitation barriers through counseling, mediation, parent education, and supervised visitation. The BCSE also hopes to increase the level and amount of child support collected and, ultimately reduce the number of custodial parents receiving TANF benefits.

To date, grant funds have been or will be provided directly to the following entities:

1. Parent Education Committee in Logan, West Virginia;
2. Parent Education and Mediation Program of the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center in Charleston;
3. Family Refuge Center in Lewisburg;
4. Parent Education and Mediation Project in Martinsburg;
5. Marshall University College of Graduate Studies in Kanawha and Putnam Counties;
6. Women’s Resource Center in Beckley; and
7. West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

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. Information not available	Information not available	Information not available		
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

Don't Know _____

Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							