

OCSE Child Access & Visitation Program

Name of State: Wisconsin

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) 374,170

Part III: Previous and Current Year Funding Levels

	<u>Federal \$ Grant</u>	<u>State \$ Match</u>	and	<u>Percentage</u>
• FFY 1997	\$191,285	\$21,253		10%
• FFY 1998	\$191,285	\$21,300		10%
• FFY 1999	\$169,601	\$16,960		10%
• FFY 2000	\$169,601	\$15,264		

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 _____	No _____	
mandatory	Yes _____	No _____	
• Counseling	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	
• Education	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	
• Parenting Plans	Yes _____	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 _____	No _____
Alternative custody arrangements	Yes _____	No _____

Summary Narrative: Proposed Use of FFY 2000 Funds

Wisconsin will use FFY 2000 funds under the Grants to State for Access and Visitation Program to continue funding community-initiated projects under the categories allowed in the federal legislation. In FFY 2000, Wisconsin will also seek new innovative projects through an open competitive request for proposal process. The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services may continue to fund one or two of the initial projects that have strong linkages with their family court system, have proven to be cost-effective, achieved its outcomes, and have viable sustainability prospects through other funding sources after FFY 2000 funding expires.

The following local projects initially funded with FFY 1997 funds and refunded with FFY 1998 and FFY 1999 funds, anticipate to continue operating Access and Visitation programs the next twelve month period starting July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

- **Ozaukee Family Services** – This program includes three components: 1) co-parenting education for all divorcing parents in the county; 2) supervised visitation to facilitate access in a safe, supervised environment; and 3) neutral exchange services to reduce conflict during visitation exchanges. Grant amount: \$19,716.
- **Wisconsin Coulee Region Community Action Program, Inc.**: Coulee CAP, through their Families First Resource Center, will provide a neutral drop off and pick up place for weekend exchanges; a “Dad and Me” activity time to enhance father/child interaction; and group discussion and training focused on parenting issues for non-custodial fathers. Grant amount: \$14,028.
- **Triniteam, Inc. – Eau Claire**: Triniteam provides a program entitled “Parenting Apart—Caring Together” (P.A.C.T.). The program includes a safe exchange site for high-conflict divorces and domestic violence situations; parent/child educational

services to help parents understand how they put children in the middle of their conflict; and increased supervised visitation services. Grant amount; \$13,629.

- **Children’s Service Society (CSS) of Wisconsin – Dane County:** CSS will provide a supervised visitation center for all County residents. The center will provide both monitored exchanges and monitored visits as appropriate to the situation and the safety concerns present in a given family. Grant amount: \$14,428.
- **Price County Department of Human Services:** The Price County program will include a support group for non-custodial parents and their children, information on other resources and support available in the county, and group recreational/educational activities. Services will be provided in a safe, supportive site that is accessible and not associated with social services. Grant amount: \$25,371.
- **Family Support Center – Chippewa County:** The Family Support Center will create the Chippewa County Family Exchange Place to provide a neutral drop off and pick up site; another site for unsupervised visits if a suitable site for visiting is not available to the non-custodial parent, and a site for supervised visits as ordered by the court. Grant amount: \$8,912.
- **Prevention and Protection of Abused Children (PPAC), Inc. - Waukesha County:** PPAC will relocate and expand their current supervised visitation program for non-custodial parents and their children. The new facility provides a more natural family-like environment than did the previous playroom site. The new facilities offer access to a kitchen, bathing facilities in an apartment-like setting which makes parents and children feel comfortable. Families will also have access to the services of the Family Resource Center that is located within the same facility. Grant amount: \$34,399.
- **Dodge County Family Court Counseling:** The Dodge County Family Court will provide “Structured Co-Parent Counseling” for parents involved in high conflict divorce or paternity cases. Services for this structure, time-limited model (four 2-hours sessions) will be purchased from training local counselors. Grant amount: \$12,621.

As an important sidenote, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services provided a small grant in the amount of \$19,844 (FFY 98 funds) to the Wisconsin Fragile Family Resource Center (WFFRC), to assist in the development of a father-friendly self-assessment instrument. The Department funded Phase I of the self-assessment instrument using Child Access and Visitation grant funds; Phases II and III of the project will be funded with Family Preservation and Support program dollars. WFFRC will assist in identifying, selecting, and providing technical assistance to two rural counties that will be used as pilots for testing the use of the father-friendly self-assessment. The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services anticipates

that the findings from the two pilot rural counties selected to administer the self-assessment will yield excellent information to help develop future programs and services targeting non-custodial parents and their families.

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. Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin, Dane County	Education, monitored and supervised visitation	16	8	8
2. Family Court Counseling Services, Dodge County	Counseling, education, parenting plans, and guidelines for custody & visitation	24	12	12
3. Family Support Center Chippewa County	Education, neutral drop-off and pick-up	10	5	5
4. Ozaukee Family Services Ozaukee County	Education, supervised visitation	112	54	54
5. Parent and Children Together, Price County Department of Human Services	Mediation, education, monitored visitation, supervised visitation	35	18	19
6. Prevention and Protection of Abused Children, Inc. Waukesha County	Supervised and therapeutic visitation	56	27	29

7. Triniteam, Inc. Eau Claire County	Education, supervised & therapeutic visitation	16	8	3
8. Wisconsin Coulee Region Community Action Program, Inc. Vernon County	Education, parenting plans, neutral drop-off and pick-up, "Dad's & Me", "Breakfast with Dad", and "Kid Central"	7	0	7
9. Wisconsin Resource Center on Fragile Families, Wisconsin Goodwill Industries	Development of a "father friendly" self-assessment instrument for human service programs			

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

Grantee Name & Program Title	Average Annual Income	Parent Participation Rates:		
		divorced	separated	unwed
1. Dane County		31%	19%	50%
2. Dodge County				
3. Chippewa County				
4. Ozaukee County		20%	70%	10%
5. Price County		5%	92%	3%
6. Waukesha County		45%	2%	53%
7. Eau Claire County		80%	5%	15%
8. Vernon County		100%		

Participant Data: Part B
(by race/ethnicity)

Grantee Name	<u>RACIAL / ETHNIC BREAKOUT:</u>					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander or other*
1. Dane County	69%	10%			1%	20% other
2. Dodge County						
3. Chippewa County						
4. Ozaukee County	90%		2%		1%	
5. Price County	100%					
6. Waukesha County	84%	5%	7%	2%	2%	
7. Eau Claire County	85%		5%		10%	
8. Vernon County	100%					

Don't Know _____

Other, _____

Sources of Client Referral

GRANTEE							
Agency	Self-Referral	TANF	Child Welfare	Child Support	Social Services	Courts	Private
1. Dane County	X		X		X	X	X
2. Dodge County						X	X
3. Chippewa County	X					X	X
4. Ozaukee County	X		X		X	X	X
5. Price County	X		X	X		X	X
6. Waukesha County	X		X		X		X
7. Eau Claire County	X		X	X	X	X	X
8. Vernon County	X	X	X	X		X	