

variables selected and, when appropriate, evidence of the validity and reliability of measures selected. (10 points)

c. The scientific methods to evaluate the hypothesized causal mechanisms that mediate the relaxation approach, relaxation response, and health outcomes relationship(s). (20 points)

d. The approach to (1) gather information on the determinants related to initiating, maintaining, and benefitting from a relaxation approach, including a brief review of currently available evidence, and/or plans to collect and analyze data that leads to an understanding of correlates which may predict who is attracted to initiating a relaxation approach, adherence rates to a relaxation approach, and the benefits gained (based on factors such as sociodemographic characteristics, health status, and one or more assessments related to belief systems, positive or negative affect, or other pertinent constructs); and (2) assess the perceptions, outcome expectancies, enjoyment, and/or actual response(s) or outcomes of persons based on their status as novice or experienced practitioners of a relaxation approach. (10 points)

4. Management Plan and Project Goals and Objectives—15 Points

a. The management work plan for conducting the project, including the process (approach and methods) by which the applicant will meet established goals and objectives.

b. The presentation of those specific goals, objectives and time lines.

c. The description of the major tasks and responsibilities for key positions including the applicant organization (include an organization chart and denote the relationship of this project within the applicant organization).

d. The description of how the applicant will evaluate his/her work plan, all collaborations, and activities related to the scope of the project.

e. The degree to which the applicant has met the CDC Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes:

(1) The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

(2) The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent.

(3) A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted.

(4) A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process

of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

5. Budget Justification—Not Scored

This criteria includes the adequacy of the budget justification and its relationship to program operations and services. Each line item of the budget must be well justified in a detailed narrative with special attention given to contractual requests including the responsibilities of consultants, percentage time equivalents, hourly or daily rates, etc.

The relevance of this section to the other evaluation criteria will be measured on the extent to which the budget narrative is reasonable, clearly documented, accurate, and consistent with the purpose of this announcement.

6. Human Subjects—Not Scored

Does the application adequately address the requirements of Title 45 CFR Part 46 for the protection of human subjects?

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. Annual progress reports;
2. Financial status report, due no more than 90 days after the end of each budget period; and
3. Final financial status and performance reports, due no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in the "Where to Obtain Additional Information" section of this announcement.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment I in the application kit.

- AR-1 Human Subjects Requirements
- AR-2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
- AR-8 Public Health System Reporting Requirements
- AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements
- AR-11 Healthy People 2010
- AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions
- AR-14 Accounting Systems Requirements
- AR-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under the sections 301(a) and 317(k)(2) the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241(a) and 247b(k)(2)), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.283.

J. Where to Obtain Additional Information

This announcement and other CDC program announcements can be found on the CDC home page Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov>. Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

To obtain additional information, contact: Cynthia Collins, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 000118, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000 Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, telephone (770)-488-2757, E-mail: coc9@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Deborah Jones, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, telephone (770) 488-5593, E-mail address: DAJones@cdc.gov.

Dated: May 11, 2000.

John L. Williams,

Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Notice of Appeal

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families (ACF), DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of appeal.

SUMMARY: By designation of the Administration for Children and Families, a member of the Departmental Appeals Board will be the presiding officer for appeals concerning ACF's imposition of Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System penalties for the States of California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, New York North Carolina,

Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE: Requests to participate as a party or as amicus curiae must be submitted to the Board in the form specified at 45 CFR 213.15 by June 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Anderson, Staff Attorney, Departmental Appeals Board, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 637-D, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, Telephone Number (202) 690-6044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of appeal is hereby given as set forth in the following letter, which has been sent to the following addressees:

Phyllis D. Thompson, Attorney for the States of California, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin, Covington & Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004-2401

and

Belinda A. Smith, Assistant Attorney General, State of North Carolina, P.O. Box 629, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0629

and

Vern Armstrong, Iowa Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 5th Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319

and

Madeline Nesse, Llewellyn Woolford, Department of the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 411-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201

Counsel

This letter constitutes notice of a proceeding pursuant to 45 CFR part 213 to review the imposition of penalties by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for noncompliance with the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System requirements.

Section 479 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 6779) required the Department of Health and Human Services to provide for the implementation of an Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) for the collection of data relating to adoption and foster care in the United States. The regulation implementing section 479, found at 45 CFR 1355.40, set forth standards for the collection and reporting of this data and penalties for failure to comply with those standards.

Beginning 1999, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) imposed a series of penalties for State's failure to meet the requirements of 45 CFR 1355.40 for the report periods October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998, April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; and October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999.

The States of California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin (the Appellants) appealed the imposition of such penalties. Initially, the Appellants appealed the penalties pursuant to section 1123A(c) of the Act and 45 CFR part 16. Subsequently, the Appellants and ACF agreed that the penalties would be reviewed pursuant to 45 CFR part 213.

The issue to be addressed in this Part 213 hearing is whether Appellants are subject to penalties under the AFCARS regulations on the ground that their AFCARS submissions were noncompliant and thereby constituted substantial failures of title IV-E State plan compliance.

This hearing will be upon briefs and other written submissions in lieu of live testimony unless the presiding officer determines, either sua sponte or in response to a request by any party, that the presentation of live testimony is necessary to assist the presiding officer in arriving at a recommended decision in any case. If a hearing for testimony is found to be necessary, it will be held on June 29 and 30, 2000, in the Departmental Appeals Board Hearing Room, Room 644-G, Hubert Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20201.

Further, the parties have agreed as follows:

ACF will refund penalty payments made by Appellants and Appellants may retain all AFCARS penalty amounts without interest, pending a determination by the Assistant Secretary for ACF.

ACF will not require payment of additional penalties for noncomplaint AFCARS submissions, and no interest shall run on such unpaid penalties, until after a final determination in these Part 213 proceedings by the Assistant Secretary.

The merits of all AFCARS penalties appealed in these cases, as well as subsequent penalties issued against the Appellants prior to the Assistant Secretary's final determination will be incorporated into the Part 213 proceedings.

Discovery proceedings in the prior Board cases will be made part of the Part 213 proceeding.

The Assistant Secretary's decision will be the final decision of the Department.

I have designated Judith A. Ballard, a Departmental Appeals Board Member, as the presiding officer pursuant to 45 CFR 213.21. ACF and the Appellants are now parties in this matter. 45 CFR 213.15(a).

A copy of this letter will appear as a Notice in the **Federal Register** and any person wishing to request recognition as a party will be entitled to file a petition pursuant to 45 CFR 213.15(b) with the Departmental Appeals Board within 15 days after that notice has been published. A copy of the petition should be served on each party of record at that time. The petition must explain how the issues to be considered have caused them injury and how their interest is within the zone of interests to be protected by the governing Federal statute. 45 CFR 213.15(b)(1). In addition, the petition must concisely state petitioner's interest in the proceeding, who will represent the petitioner, and the issues on which petitioner wishes to participate. 45 CFR 213.15(b)(2). Additionally, if the petitioner believes that there are disputed issues of fact which require an in-person evidentiary hearing, the petitioner should concisely specify the disputed issues of fact in the petition, and also state whether petitioner intends to present witnesses. Any party may, within 5 days of receipt of such petition, file comments thereon; the presiding officer will subsequently issue a ruling on whether and on what basis participation will be permitted.

Any interested person or organization wishing to participate as amicus curiae may also file a petition with the presiding officer, which shall conform to the requirements at 45 CFR 213.15(c)(2). This petition should be filed within 15 days after this notice, in time to permit the presiding officer an adequate opportunity to consider and rule upon it.

Any further inquiries, submissions, or correspondence regarding this matter should be filed in an original and two copies with Ms. Ballard at the Departmental Appeals Board, Room 637-D, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, where the record in this matter will be kept. Each submission must include a statement that a copy of the material has been sent to the other party, identifying when and to whom the copy was sent. Please refer to Board Docket Nos. A-2000-59 (California, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin);

A-2000-60 (Iowa), A-2001-61 (North Carolina).

Dated: May 10, 2000.

Olivia A. Golden,

Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACF/ACYF/HS 2000-07]

Fiscal Year 2000 Discretionary Announcement for Head Start—Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships Grants: Availability of Funds and Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

Statutory Authority: The Head Start Act, as amended 42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.* CFDA: 93.600.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Head Start Bureau announces the availability of \$1,000,000 in funds for one Priority Area: Head Start—Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships (HS-HEHSP). This priority area will support efforts to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start programs serving Hispanic children and their families by developing models of academic training and forming partnerships between the Higher Education Institutions and local Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

DATES: The closing date and time for receipt of application is July 12, 2000 at 5 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone).

Note: Applications should be submitted to the ACYF Operations Center at: HS-HEHSP, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300 Arlington, Virginia 22209. However, in order to satisfactorily compete under this announcement it will be necessary for potential applicants to read the full announcement with application guidelines, which is available through the addresses listed below.

ADDRESSES: Applications, including all necessary forms can be downloaded from the Head Start web site at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb. The web site also contains a listing of all Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Hard copies of the application may be obtained by writing

or calling the Operations Center or sending an e-mail to hsr@lcnnet.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ACYF Operations Center at: 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22209 or (1-800) 351-2293.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Priority Area: Head Start—Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships (HS-HEHSP).

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of Higher Education.

Project Duration: The Announcement for this Priority Area is soliciting applications for project periods of four years and with one-year budget period.

Federal Share of Project Costs. The maximum Federal share for each project is not to exceed \$150,000 per year and is inclusive of indirect costs.

Matching Requirements: Although there are no matching requirements, applicants are encouraged to provide non-Federal contributions to the project.

Anticipated Number of Projects To Be Funded: It is anticipated that seven projects will be funded.

Criteria for Priority Area: Head Start Higher Education Hispanic Service Partnerships (HS-HEHSP).

Reviewers will consider the following factors when assigning points.

Criterion 1. Objectives and Need for Assistance: (20 Points)

The extent to which the application identifies relevant physical, economic, social, financial, institutional or other problems requiring a grant; demonstrates the need for assistance; and states the principal and subordinate objectives of the project.

Criterion 2. Results or Benefits Expected: (10 Points)

The extent to which the application identifies the results and benefits to be derived; describes the anticipated contribution to policy, practice, theory and/or research, specific benefits should be described for both the Higher Education Institution and Head Start/Migrant Head Start/Early Head Start partners.

Criterion 3. Approach: (40 Points)

The extent to which the application outlines an acceptable plan of action pertaining to the scope of the project which details how the proposed work will be accomplished, including a timeline; list of each organization, consultants, including the evaluator, or other key individuals who will work on the project along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution; and assures the adequacy of time devoted to the project by key staff. The key staff should be

knowledgeable of Head Start, Migrant Head Start and Early Head Start. The applicant must fully describe the approach and/or methodology and delineate the relationship of each task to the accomplishment of the proposed objectives. There should be evidence that the planned approach reflects sufficient input from and partnership with Head Start/Migrant Head Start/Early Head Start and the Higher Education Institution.

Criterion 4. Staff and Position Data: (20 Points)

The extent of the demonstrated capacity of the applicant organization, key leaders, managers and project personnel to:

(1) Provide high quality, relevant, and responsive training to Head Start staff;

(2) Assure participating project staff are competent to plan and deliver appropriate course material to Head Start trainees that is culturally relevant;

(3) Manage the implementation of the training grant in an effective and timely manner; and

(4) Manage successful partnership that involve sharing resources, staffing, and facilities.

Criterion 5. Budget and Budget Justification (10 Points)

The extent to which the project's costs are reasonable and appropriate in view of the activities to be carried out and the anticipated outcomes. Provide a line item detail for the costs of attendance of two representatives of the project (one from the Higher Education Institution and one from the participating Head Start partner) to attend a two-day meeting in Washington, DC. It is the expectation that applicants should limit budget projections to those costs necessary to build institutional capacity for and execute training and career development partnerships with participating Head Start grantees.

Required Notification of the State Single Point of Contact

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, and 45 CFR part 100, Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Program and Activities. Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposal Federal assistance under covered programs.

* All States and Territories except Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New