

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research (ACERER) and ACERER Subcommittee for Community Affairs: Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following Federal advisory committee meetings.

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research (ACERER) Subcommittee for Community Affairs (SCA).

*Time and Date:* 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., June 6, 2000.

*Place:* Sheraton Columbia Hotel, 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044, telephone 410/730-3900, fax 410/730-1290.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 70 people.

*Purpose:* This subcommittee advises ACERER on matters related to community needs.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* Agenda items will include a discussion of the SCA recommendation concerning cumulative risk and dose; an update from CDC and the National Cancer Institute program development planning for communicating Iodine-131 exposures from nuclear weapons testing fallout; a panel discussion on community-based education and capacity building; and an update on the status and plans for CDC's and ATSDR's mechanisms for public participation at different Department of Energy sites.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Paul G. Renard, Executive Secretary, SCA, ACERER, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, (E-39), Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-2550, fax 404/639-2575.

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research (ACERER).

*Times and Dates:* 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., June 7, 2000; 8 a.m.–5 p.m., June 8, 2000.

*Place:* Sheraton Columbia Hotel, 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia,

Maryland 21044, telephone 410/730-3900, fax 410/730-1290.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 70 people.

*Purpose:* This committee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and to the Director, CDC; and the Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), on establishment of a research agenda and the conduct of a research program pertaining to energy-related epidemiologic studies.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* Agenda items will include an update from the ACERER Subcommittee for Management Review of the Chernobyl Studies; an update from the ACERER SCA; a report on the status of the CDC report to Congress on fallout; an update on the Republic of the Marshall Islands Study; an update on the Hanford Thyroid Disease Study; and a workshop on the consideration of targeted screening for thyroid and parathyroid disease in a higher risk population exposed to Iodine-131.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Michael J. Sage, Executive Secretary, ACERER, NCEH, CDC, 4700 Buford Highway, NE, (F-29), Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 770/488-7002, fax 770/488-7015.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both the CDC and ATSDR.

Dated: May 16, 2000.

**Carolyn J. Russell,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACF/ACYF/CB FY 2000-01B]

#### Announcement of the Availability of Financial Assistance and Request for Applications To Support Adoption Opportunities Demonstration Projects, Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities, Child Welfare Training Projects, and Abandoned Infants Assistance Awards.

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Correction/cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains a correction to the Notice that was published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, April 13, 2000 (65 FR 19904). The solicitation for competitive proposals for priority area 2000A.2—Operation of a National Adoption Information Exchange System as a freestanding entity is canceled.

The purposes of operating and maintaining a National Adoption Information Exchange System to bring together children who would benefit from adoption and qualified prospective adoptive parents who are seeking children and to conduct national recruitment efforts in order to reach prospective parents for children awaiting adoption will be combined with the task of continuing to develop an Internet-based photo listing system. Upon further consideration, it has been decided that separating the photo listing service from the exchange and database, upon which it depends, would cause serious confusion to State child welfare agencies, would undermine the integrity of what is a single effort to assist States in inter-jurisdictional recruitment of families, and would pose the possibility of supporting duplicative projects. Because the grant for the photo-listing service will be awarded following directions from Congress, the competition for the exchange alone is being canceled.

In accordance with the Department's Grants Policy Directive (GPD) 2.04(F), and ad hoc review will be done on the noncompetitive application for the combined exchange and photo-listing activities and a notification of the intent to award the grant will be published in the **Federal Register** prior to or simultaneously with the award of this grant. The notification will include, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) recipient's name; (2) amount of award; (3) project period; (4) reason for no competition; and (5) the name and address of the official to be contacted for more information on this award.

The complete corrected current availability of funds announcement package is posted on the Children's Bureau website: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/policy/cb200001.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The ACYF Operations Center at 1-800-351-2293 or send an email to [cb@lcgnet.com](mailto:cb@lcgnet.com) or call Sally Flanzer, Children's Bureau, at 202-215-8914.

Dated: May 12, 2000.

**Patricia Montoya,**

*Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACYF-PA-HS-2000-09]

#### Fiscal Year 2000 Discretionary Announcement for the Head Start and Early Head Starts—Higher Education Faculty Initiative; Availability of Funds and Request for Applications

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

**ACTION:** Fiscal Year 2000 Discretionary Announcement for the Early Childhood Higher Education Faculty Initiative and Request for Application.

Statutory Authority 42 U.S. 9801, et. seq., The Head Start Act, as amended.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA): 93.600 Head Start Act as amended.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces the availability of \$1 million in funds to support one early childhood faculty initiative through a cooperative agreement. The cooperative agreement will be funded to provide opportunities for faculty in higher education to enhance their skills, knowledge and effectiveness as they teach teachers in Head Start and Early Head Start programs in order to insure better outcomes for children. A cooperative agreement is a form of Federal financial assistance that allows substantial Federal involvement in the activities for which funds are awarded.

**Note:** In order to satisfactorily compete under this announcement, it will be necessary for potential applicants to read the full announcement which is available through the Head Start Bureau's website: [www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/announce/index.htm](http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/announce/index.htm). Hard copies of the application may be obtained by writing or calling the ACYF Operations Center or sending an E-mail to: [hs@lcgnet.com](mailto:hs@lcgnet.com).

**DATES:** The closing date and time for the receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on July 11, 2000. Applications received after the closing date will be classified as late.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail applications to: ACYF Operations Center, Attention: Early Childhood Higher Education Faculty Development Initiative Application, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209 (1-800-351-2293). Prior to preparing and submitting an application, in order to satisfactorily compete under this announcement, it will be necessary for potential applicants to read the full announcement which is available through the Head Start Bureau's website: [www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/announce/index.htm](http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/announce/index.htm)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** ACYF Operations Center at: 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209 (1-800-351-2292) or telephone: 1-800-351-2293- or E-mail: [hs@lcgnet.com](mailto:hs@lcgnet.com).

**Eligible Applicants:** Universities, colleges, foundations, national organizations, public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies and organizations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this announcement is to request applications for the design, implementation and management oversight for conducting Early Childhood Higher Education Faculty Initiative. The result of this initiative will be to improve the quality and effectiveness of child outcomes in Head Start and Early Head Start and other early childhood development programs nationwide. This cooperative agreement will be for a five year project period.

**Federal Share of Project Costs:** The maximum Federal share is not to exceed \$1 million for the first 12-month budget period and \$1 million for each succeeding 12-month period.

**Matching Requirements:** Non-Federal match is not required.

**Anticipated Number of Projects to be funded:** It is anticipated that one project will be funded.

#### Evaluation Criteria

Applications received by the due date will be reviewed and scored competitively. Experts in the field,

generally persons from outside the Federal government, will use the evaluation criteria listed below.

#### *Criterion 1. Objectives and Need for Assistance: (25 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; states the principal and subordinate objectives of the project; provides supporting documentation or other testimonies from concerned interests other than the applicant.

#### *Criterion 2. Results or Benefits Expected: (15 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 faculty preparing Head Start and Early Head Start teachers, home visitors, and their supervisors and the whole early childhood community working with children birth through five.

#### *Criterion 3. Approach: (50 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 evaluation process, or other key individuals who will work on the project along with a short description of the nature of their effort or contribution; assures the adequacy of time devoted to the project by key staff, the key staff should be knowledgeable of 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 collaborating partners.

#### *Criterion 4. Budget Appropriateness: (10 Points)*

The extent to which the project's costs are reasonable in view of the activities to be carried out and the anticipated outcomes. The annual budget should include the cost for staff members to attend required conferences in the Washington, DC area.

#### State Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372,