

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01079]

Cooperative Agreement for the Development of State-Level Surveillance Systems, Enhancement of Epidemiologic Practice, and the Development of Epidemiologic Training Programs for State Health Agencies; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement for the development of state-level surveillance systems, enhancement of epidemiologic practice, and the development of epidemiologic training programs for state health agencies.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE). No other applications are solicited. Because of the professional appointments and technical expertise with tribal, state, territorial and local health agencies, through its membership, CSTE is uniquely capable of applying epidemiologic principles to disease, environmental, and injury problems at the national, state, and local levels, and when states are directly affected. No other organization has the scientific and technical expertise to carry out this project.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$3,000,000 is available in FY 2001 to fund this award. Funds will be allocated to individually described and budgeted projects or activities which will comprise the overall cooperative agreement. Individual projects are expected to range from \$100,000 to \$625,000. It is expected that the award will be made on or about September 30, 2001, and will be made for a 12 month budget period within a project period of up to five years.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

Business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Mattie Jackson, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number: 770-488-2696, Email address: mij3@cdc.gov.

Program technical assistance may be obtained from: Maryan D. Reynolds, Public Health Advisor 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop D-18, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone number: 404-639-4240, Email address: mdk0@cdc.gov.

Dated: April 25, 2001.

John L. Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Head Start Impact Study.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting comments on plans to conduct the Head Start Impact Study. This study is being conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (with the Urban Institute, American Institutes for Research, and Decision Information Resources as their subcontractors) (#282-00-0022) to collect information for determining, on a national basis, how Head Start affects the school readiness of children participating in the program as compared to children not enrolled in Head Start and to

determine under which conditions Head Start works best and for which children.

The Head Start Impact Study involves ten waves of data collection. The first two waves will occur during the field test in fall 2001 and spring 2002. The field test will involve approximately 600 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across eight grantee/delegate agencies representing different community contexts. The children participating will be randomly assigned to either a Head Start group (that receives Head Start program services) or a comparison group (that does not receive Head Start services but may enroll in other available services selected by their parents or be cared for at home). Waves three through ten will involve data collection for the full-scale study. The Head Start Impact Study is a longitudinal study that will involve approximately 5,000-6,000 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across an estimated 75 nationally representative grantee/ delegate agencies (in communities where there are more eligible children and families than can be served by the program). Data collection for the full-scale study will begin in fall 2002 and extend through spring 2006 with child assessments, conducted in the fall and spring of the Head Start years and in the spring of the kindergarten and first grade years and parent interviews conducted in the fall and spring of each year. Interviews/surveys with program staff/care providers, and quality of care assessments will be conducted in the spring of each year.

This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandate in Head Start's 1998 reauthorization (Coates Human Services Amendments of 1998, PL 05-285) that DHHS conduct research to determine, on a national level, the impact of Head Start on the children it serves.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Head Start Agencies, school districts, and other child care providers.

Annual Burden Estimates: Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Impact Study—fall 2001, spring 2002, fall 2002, spring 2003, fall 2003, spring 2004, fall 2004, spring 2005, fall 2005, and spring 2006.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Year 1 (fall 2001):				
Parent Interviews	600	1	1.00	600
Child Assessments	600	1	0.66	400
Year 1 (spring 2002):				
Parent Interviews	540	1	1.00	540
Child Assessments	540	1	0.66	360

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Teacher Ratings	108	5	0.25	27
Family Services Coordinators	50	1	0.75	38
Education Coordinators	50	1	0.75	38
Center Directors/Principals	50	1	1.00	50
Classroom Teachers/Care Providers	108	1	0.50	54
Total—year 1				2,107
Year 2 (fall 2002):				
Parent Interviews	5,111	1	1.00	5,111
Child Assessments	5,111	1	0.66	3,407
Year 2 (spring 2003):				
Parent Interviews	4,599	1	1.00	4,599
Child Assessments	4,599	1	0.66	3,066
Teacher Ratings	920	5	0.25	230
Family Services Coordinators	500	1	0.75	375
Education Coordinators	500	1	0.75	375
Center Directors/Principals	500	1	1.00	500
Classroom Teachers/Care Providers	920	1	0.50	460
Total—year 2				18,123
Year 3 (fall 2003):				
Parent Interviews	4,139	1	1.00	4,139
Child Assessments	2,287	1	0.66	1,525
Year 3 (spring 2004):				
Parent Interviews	3,910	1	1.00	3,910
Child Assessments	3,910	1	0.66	2,607
Teacher Ratings	782	5	0.25	196
Family Services Coordinators	450	1	0.75	338
Education Coordinators	450	1	0.75	338
Center Directors/Principals	450	1	1.00	450
Classroom Teachers/Care Providers	782	1	0.50	391
Total—year 3				13,894
Year 4 (fall 2004):				
Parent Interviews	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Year 4 (spring 2005):				
Parent Interviews	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Child Assessments	3,519	1	0.66	2,346
Teacher Ratings	704	5	0.25	176
Family Services Coordinators	405	1	0.75	304
Education Coordinators	405	1	0.75	304
Center Directors/Principals	405	1	1.00	405
Classroom Teachers/Care Providers	704	1	0.50	352
Total—year 4				10,925
Year 5 (fall 2005):				
Parent Interviews	1,667	1	1.00	1,667
Year 5 (spring 2006):				
Parent Interviews	1,667	1	1.00	1,667
Child Assessments	1,667	1	0.66	1,111
Teacher Ratings	333	5	0.25	83
Family Services Coordinators	300	1	0.75	225
Education Coordinators	300	1	0.75	225
Center Directors/Principals	300	1	1.00	300
Classroom Teachers/Care Providers	333	1	0.50	167
Total—year 5				5,445
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				10,098

Note: The 10,098 Total Annual Burden Hours is based on an average of 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, and 2005–06 estimated burden hours.

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of

information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF

Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: April 26, 2001.

Bob Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACYF/CB-2001-01]

Announcement of the Availability of Financial Assistance and Request for Applications To Support Adoption Opportunities Demonstration Projects, Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities, Abandoned Infants Assistance Awards and Projects To Build the Analytical Capacity of State Child Welfare Programs

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

ACTION: Notice.

Statutory Authority Covering Discretionary Grant Programs in This Announcement With the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers

Adoption Opportunities: Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, as amended, (42 USC 5111) CFDA: 93.652.

Promoting Safe and Stable Families: Section 430 of title IV-B, Subpart 2, of the Social Security Act, as amended, (42 USC 629) CFDA: 93.556.

Child Abuse and Neglect: Section 104 of the Child Abuse Prevention and

Treatment Act, as amended (42 USC 5101 et seq.) CFDA: 93.670.

Abandoned Infants: Section 101 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act, as amended (42 USC 670 note) CFDA: 93.551

SUMMARY: The Children's Bureau (CB) within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for competing new Adoption Opportunities Program, Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities, Abandoned Infants Assistance and projects to build the analytical capacity of state child welfare programs. Funds from the Adoption Opportunities Program are designed to provide support for demonstration projects that facilitate the elimination of barriers to adoption and provide permanent loving homes for children who would benefit from adoption, particularly children with special needs. Discretionary funds from the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program support research, training and technical assistance and evaluation efforts to preserve families. Funds from the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act support knowledge-building research and service demonstration projects designed to assist and enhance national, State and community efforts to prevent, assess, identify and treat child abuse and neglect. Funds from section 101 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act, as amended (42 USC 670 note) are to establish a program of comprehensive service demonstration projects to prevent the abandonment in hospitals of infants and young children, particularly those exposed to a dangerous drug and those with the human immunodeficiency virus or who have been perinatally exposed to the virus.

DATES: The closing time and date for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on June 15, 2001.

Note: The program announcement, including all necessary forms can be downloaded and printed from the Children's Bureau web site at www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb. Hard copies of the program announcement may be requested in hard copy by writing or calling the Operations Center (see phone number and address below) or sending an email to cb@lcgnet.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 Areas

2001A. Adoption Opportunities

2001A.1 Adoptive Placements for Children in Foster Care

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility is limited to State social service agencies. Due to funding limitations and to generate and financially support the broadest range of issues and approaches, priority will be given to applicants who have not been funded under this priority in previous years. However, applicants previously funded under this priority area will not be precluded from receiving grants.

Project Duration: The projects will be awarded for a project period of 36 months. The initial grant award will be for a 12-month budget period. The award of continuation funding beyond each 12-month budget period will be subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress on the part of each grantee, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

Federal Share of Project Costs: The maximum Federal share of the project is \$300,000 per budget period.

Matching or Cost Sharing

Requirement: The grantee must provide at least 10 percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost is the sum of the Federal share and the non-Federal share. Therefore, a project requesting \$300,000 per budget period must include a match of at least \$33,333 per budget period. The non-Federal share may be cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. If approved for funding, grantees will be held accountable for the commitment of non-Federal resources and failure to provide the required amount will result in a disallowance of unmatched Federal funds.

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

2001A.2 Field-Initiated Demonstration Projects Advancing the State of the Art in the Adoption Field

Eligible Applicants: States, local government entities, public and private nonprofit licensed child welfare and adoption agencies, and community-based nonprofit adoption organizations which currently work with children in the public child welfare system, and universities with experience in adoptions. Applicants without direct access or responsibility for the targeted children must apply in partnership with States, local government entities, or