

applicants with a notation that they were unacceptable and will not be reviewed.

All applications must comply with the following requirements except as noted: (a) The application must contain a signed Standard Form 424 Application for Federal Assistance, a Standard Form 424-A Budget Information and signed Standard Form 424B Assurance—Non-Construction Programs completed according to instructions provided in this Program Announcement. The forms SF-424 and the SF-424B must be signed by an official of the organization applying for the grant who has authority to obligate the organization legally. The applicant's legal name as required on the SF-424 (Item 5) must match that listed as corresponding to the Employer Identification Number (Item 6);

(b) The application must include a project narrative that meets requirements set for in this announcement.

(c) The application must contain documentation of the applicant's tax-exempt status as indicated in the "Additional Information on Eligibility" section of this announcement.

OCS Evaluation of Applications

Applications that pass the initial OCS screening will be reviewed and rated by a panel based on the program elements and review criteria presented in relevant sections of this program announcement.

The review criteria are designed to enable the review panel to assess the quality of a proposed project and determine the likelihood of its success. The criteria are closely related to each other and are considered as a whole in judging the overall quality of an application. The review panel awards points only to applications that are responsive to the program elements and relevant review criteria within the context of this program announcement.

The OCS Director and the program staff use the reviewer scores when considering competing applications. Reviewer scores will weigh heavily in funding decisions, but will not be the only factors considered.

Applications generally will be considered in order of the average scores assigned by the review panel. Because other important factors are taken into consideration, highly ranked applications are not guaranteed funding. These other considerations include, for example: the timely and proper completion by the applicant of projects funded with OCS funds granted in the last five (5) years; comments of reviewers and government officials; staff evaluation and input; amount and duration of the grant requested and the

proposed project's consistency and harmony with OCS goals and policy; geographic distribution of applications; previous program performance of applicants; compliance with grant terms under previous HHS grants, including the actual dedication to program of mobilized resources as set forth in project applications; audit reports; investigative reports; and applicant's progress in resolving any final audit disallowance on previous OCS or other Federal agency grants.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* The successful applicants will be notified through the issuance of a Financial Assistance Award document which sets forth the amount of funds granted, the terms and conditions of the grant, the effective date of the grant, the budget period and project period for which support is granted and the non-Federal share to be provided. The Financial Assistance Award will be signed and issued by an authorized Grants Officer and transmitted via postal mail.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* 45 CFR part 74.

3. Reporting Requirements

Programmatic Reports: Semi-annually with a final report due 90 days after the project end date.

Financial Reports: Semi-annually with a final report due 90 days after the project end date.

Special Reporting Requirements: None.

VII. Agency Contacts

Program Office Contact: Debbie Brown, Office of Community Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Aerospace Building 5th Floor West, E-mail: dbrown@acf.hhs.gov, Telephone: (202) 401-3445.

Grants Management Office Contact: Barbara Ziegler Johnson, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW.—4th Floor West, Aerospace Building, Washington, DC 20447-0002, e-mail: bziegler-johns@acf.hhs.gov, Telephone: (202) 401-2344.

VIII. Other Information

Additional information about this program and its purpose can be located on the following Web site: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs>.

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Clarence H. Carter,

Director, Office of Community Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Retraction of Notice on Training of Child Welfare Agency Supervisors in the Effective Delivery and Management of Federal Independent Living Services

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Children's Bureau is retracting the Notice of Availability for Grants and Cooperative Agreements for the Training of Child Welfare Agency Supervisors in the Effective Delivery and Management of Federal Independent Living Services that was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, April 19, 2004, due to availability of funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Janice P. Shafer at 205-8172 if you have questions concerning this retraction.

Dated: April 23, 2004.

Joan E. Ohl,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Notice of Availability

Federal Agency Contact Name:

Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau.

Funding Opportunity Title: Field Initiated Training Projects for Effective Child Welfare Practice with Hispanic Children and Families.

Announcement Type: Competitive Grant-Initial.

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2004-ACF-ACYF-CT-0014.

CFDA Number: 93.648.

Due Date for Applications: The due date for receipt of applications is June 29, 2004.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support the development, implementation and evaluation of innovative child welfare training projects that address the needs