

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Announcement of Intent To Issue an OPDIV-Initiated Supplement Under the Standing Announcement for Residential (Shelter) Services for Unaccompanied Children, HHS–2017–ACF–ORR–ZU–1132

AGENCY: Unaccompanied Alien Children's (UAC) Program, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of intent to issue an OPDIV-Initiated Supplement.

SUMMARY: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement, announces the intent to issue an OPDIV-Initiated Supplement in multiple installments to BCFS Health and Human Services, San Antonio, TX. The aggregate total of the multiple installments will not exceed \$367,860,381. The first two installments will be issued prior to September 30, 2018. The remaining installments will be issued after September 30, 2018 on to be determined dates. ORR has been identifying additional capacity to provide shelter for potential increases in apprehensions of Unaccompanied Children at the U.S. Southern Border. Planning for increased shelter capacity is a prudent step to ensure that ORR is able to meet its responsibility, by law, to provide shelter for Unaccompanied Alien Children referred to its care by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). To ensure sufficient capacity to provide shelter to unaccompanied children referred to HHS, BCFS proposed to provide ORR with 3,800 beds in an expedited manner.

DATES: Supplemental award funds will support activities through December 31, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ORR is continuously monitoring its capacity to shelter the unaccompanied children referred to HHS, as well as the information received from interagency partners, to inform any future decisions or actions.

ORR has specific requirements for the provision of services. Award recipients must have the infrastructure, licensing, experience, and appropriate level of trained staff to meet those requirements. The expansion of the existing program and its services through this supplemental award is a key strategy for ORR to be prepared to meet its responsibility to provide shelter for Unaccompanied Children referred to its care by DHS and so that the U.S. Border Patrol can continue its vital national security mission to prevent illegal migration, trafficking, and protect the borders of the United States.

Statutory Authority: This program is authorized by—

(A) Section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which in March 2003, transferred responsibility for the care and custody of Unaccompanied Alien Children from the Commissioner of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to the Director of ORR of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

(B) The Flores Settlement Agreement, Case No. CV85–4544RJK (C.D. Cal. 1996), as well as the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–457), which authorizes post release services under certain conditions to eligible children. All programs must comply with the Flores Settlement Agreement, Case No. CV85–4544–RJK (C.D. Cal. 1996), pertinent regulations and ORR policies and procedures.

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Proposed Information Collection Activity

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; ACF; HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

Title: Evaluation of Employment Coaching for TANF and Related Populations—Second Follow-Up Survey (OMB #0970–0506).

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is proposing an additional data collection activity as part of the Evaluation of

Employment Coaching for TANF and Related Populations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs approved this information collection in March 2018 (0970–0506). ACF is proposing a second follow-up survey conducted as part of the evaluation.

This study will provide an opportunity to learn more about the potential of coaching to help clients achieve self-sufficiency and other desired employment-related outcomes. It will take place over five years in the following employment programs: MyGoals for Employment Success in Baltimore, MyGoals for Employment Success in Houston, Family Development and Self-Sufficiency program in Iowa, LIFT in New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles; Work Success in Utah; and Goal4 It! in Jefferson County, Colorado. Together, these programs will include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) agencies and other public or private employment programs that serve low-income individuals. Each site will have a robust coaching component and the capacity to conduct a rigorous impact evaluation. This study will provide information on whether coaching helps people obtain and retain jobs, advance in their careers, move toward self-sufficiency, and improve their overall well-being. To meet these objectives, this study includes an impact and implementation study, as approved by OMB.

This submission builds on the existing impact study, which randomly assigned participants to either a “program group,” who were paired with a coach, or to a “control group,” who were not paired with a coach. The effectiveness of the coaching will be determined by differences between members of the program and control groups in outcomes such as obtaining and retaining employment, earnings, measures of self-sufficiency, and measures of self-regulation.

The proposed information collection activity is a second follow-up survey, which will be available to participants approximately 21 months after random assignment. The second follow-up survey will provide rigorous evidence on whether the coaching interventions are effective, for whom, and under what circumstances.

Respondents: Individuals enrolled in the Evaluation of Employment Coaching for TANF and Related Populations. All participants will be able to opt out of participating in the data collection activities.