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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Balanced Budget Act, passed in July 1997, specified new Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for Alaska and for the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000. On January 29, 1997, in Notice 97-2231 beginning on page 4293, the Department published the 1998 percentages. On September 12, 1997, in Notice 97-24324 beginning on page 48098, the Department published updated percentages for Alaska and the District of Columbia for purposes of Medicaid and the New Children's Health Insurance Program. On November 24, 1997, in Notice 97-30832 beginning on page 62613, the Office of the Secretary announced the percentages for use in determining the amount of Federal matching in State welfare and medical expenditures for October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. The FY1999 Notice provided a Table on pages 62614-62615 that listed Federal Medical Assistance percentages and Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance percentages for each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for Alaska is listed as 59.80% and for the District of Columbia as 70.00%. The enhanced percentages were 71.86% for Alaska and 79.00% for the District of Columbia. These are the correct percentages for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance. For Title IV and perhaps some other programs, the percentages for Alaska and the District of Columbia were to be calculated in the usual way.

The FY 1999 Notice recognized this for the State of Alaska. The second sentence in the second footnote to the table read "For other purposes, the percentage for Alaska is 52.26%." The error was that the sentence should have included the District of Columbia and should have been more specific about the uses of the standard rates. The sentence should have read "For other purposes, including programs remaining in Title IV of the Act, the percentage for Alaska is 52.26% and for the District of Columbia is 50.00%."

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Neil J. Stillman,

Assistant Secretary for Information Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Announcement 98036]

Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center (VAWPRC) Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year 1998 cooperative agreement funds to establish a Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center (VAWPRC). This program addresses the Healthy People 2000 priority area of Violent and Abusive Behavior.

The purposes of the Prevention Research Center are to:

1. Support research on prevention and policy issues relevant to Violence Against Women;

2. Encourage professionals from a spectrum of disciplines such as public health, criminal justice, health care, behavioral and social sciences, education, law enforcement, and others to undertake and collaborate in research and evaluation activities for preventing violence against women;

3. Foster interdisciplinary collaboration for the purpose of developing integrated theoretical and scientific models about the nature of violence against women, its relationship to other forms of violence and injury, and effective prevention strategies;

4. Integrate research on child maltreatment and other forms of violence into the study of violence against women;

5. Foster creative and innovative approaches to collaborative research and evaluation efforts among research institutions and sexual assault and intimate partner violence service providers;

6. Develop a knowledge base for evaluating current and new programs, strategies, and policies designed to prevent or control violence against women;

7. Create training programs that develop interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise among new investigators and investigators retraining in the field.

These efforts should emphasize training researchers in evaluation methodology and developing the research skills of scientists from racial and ethnic minorities and other historically underrepresented and underserved groups;

8. Provide technical assistance to other investigators around methodological issues related to the field of violence against women; and

9. Provide a national focus for interdisciplinary public fora designed to disseminate research knowledge about violence against women.

For additional information please see Addendum 2, Background and Definitions (included in the application package).

B. Eligible Applicants

Applications may be submitted by public and private nonprofit organizations and by governments and their agencies. Thus, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, and other public and private nonprofit organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations.

Note: Pub. L. 104-65, which became effective January 1, 1996, states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which engages in lobbying activities shall not be eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan, or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$600,000 is available in FY 1998 to fund one (1) cooperative agreement. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 1, 1998 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period not to exceed five (5) years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change and availability of funds.

Non-competing continuation awards for new budget periods within the approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and site visits.

D. Program Requirements

1. Applicants must provide a Principal Investigator (Director) who has specific authority and responsibility to carry out the project. Applicants must demonstrate high level institutional support for the Prevention Research Center (e.g., from the dean of a school, vice-president of a university, or a commissioner of health). The Principal Investigator must have no less than 20 percent effort devoted solely to this

project with an anticipated range of 20 to 50 percent of time.

2. Applicants must provide assurances that a full-time Program Manager will be hired and will devote 100 percent time to this project.

E. Cooperative Activities

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. (Recipient Activities), and CDC will be responsible for the activities listed under 2. (CDC Activities).

1. Recipient Activities

a. Design, implement, and assess a Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center;

b. Foster creative and innovative approaches to collaborative research and evaluation efforts among research institutions and service providers;

c. Develop and disseminate a knowledge base for evaluating current and new programs, strategies, and policies designed to prevent violence against women;

d. Develop interdisciplinary knowledge and expertise among new investigators, and investigators retraining in this field. Emphasis should be given to training investigators from racial and ethnic minorities and other historically under represented and underserved groups;

e. Foster interdisciplinary collaboration for developing integrated theoretical and sound scientific models about the nature of violence against women, its relationship to other forms of violence and injury, and effective prevention strategies; and

f. Collaborate with the CDC on these activities, and the activities listed below.

2. CDC Activities

a. Collaborate in establishing research and evaluation priorities, designing program protocols, and evaluating the cost, process(es), and outcomes resulting from the Center's activities.

b. Collaborate in establishing reporting systems to monitor the progress of the Center's activities.

c. Collaborate with Center staff in identifying up-to-date scientific and programmatic information about violence against women prevention.

F. Application Content

Use the information in the Program Requirements, Other Requirements, Evaluation Criteria sections and the Errata Sheet (Addendum 3, included in the application package) to develop the application content. Your application will be evaluated on the criteria listed

so it is important to follow them in laying out your program plan. Each application should be limited to 40 pages, excluding attachments.

The application should include the following sections:

1. Abstract: (page 2-PHS398).

A summary of the proposed Prevention Research Center, outlining its goals and objectives, its working partners and collaborators, the proposed research, evaluation, training and collaborative activities which will be undertaken, and the procedure by which the Center will assess the achievement of its goals.

2. Research Capacity: (Research Plan items A-I:PHS398).

The applicant should provide details about the Center's capacity for conducting a Violence Against Women research program. In particular, the applicants should:

(a) Demonstrate their experience in successfully designing, implementing, and evaluating Violence Against Women prevention programs, and/or conducting, publishing, and disseminating Violence Against Women research and evaluation studies.

(b) Outline the vision of the Center and how the proposed collaboration between researchers will contribute to the overall goals and objectives of the Center; describe how the collaborative activities of the applicants were or will be developed and how the proposed Center will expand and develop on work that has already been undertaken by the applicant(s) and other researchers.

(c) Describe the proposed focus of the Center's research and its relevance to the field of VAW, particularly in terms of the proposed interdisciplinary collaboration. Provide sufficient detail to allow assessment of the scientific merit of the research activities. Indicate how results of the proposed research program will advance the field and have relevance for the prevention and control of violence against women.

Within this section, applications must include the following: *Women, Racial, and Ethnic Minorities*: describing the proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

3. Training Capacity

The applicant should outline plans for attracting and involving high quality students (undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral) in Center activities, and identify how participants will receive interdisciplinary training and experience using multiple research methodologies. The applicant should

emphasize how scientists from racial and ethnic minorities and other under represented and underserved populations will be encouraged to participate in activities of the Center.

4. Management Capacity

The applicant should provide a description of the key staff, their qualifications and experience in the field of violence against women, and the role each person will play in designing, implementing, and assessing the Prevention Research Center's activities. The applicant should clearly describe how disciplines will be integrated to achieve the goals and objectives of the Prevention Research Center. The applicant should provide resumes of key staff as an appendix. An organizational chart should be included that shows the Center's proposed program structure, its relationship to the broader institution of which it is a part, and if applicable, operational lines of authority with collaborating organizations. If following the Consortium model, the applicant should outline the procedures for focusing consortium activities, selecting and integrating research across institutions, allocating funds and other resources, and managing the involvement of other research groups. The applicant should show where Consortium partners are housed within existing organizations.

5. Plan of Operation

The applicant should provide a plan of operations which indicates how the goals and objectives of the Prevention Research Center will be met. The goals and objectives should be specific, relevant, achievable, time-phased, and should be related to the purposes of this announcement (see **PURPOSE** section). The plan of operation should describe the program activities for achieving the Prevention Research Center's goals and objectives, and specifically who among the core staff and collaborating partners *is responsible for doing what and when*. A detailed timeline should be provided illustrating concurrent activities.

Applicants should also demonstrate that the facilities and resources are sufficient to conduct the Center's research and training activities and should include: sufficient office space to house staff and conduct training, adequate furniture to accommodate staff, conduct seminars; adequate training equipment for presentations, such as overhead and slide projectors, and video cassette recorder; and computer hardware and software resources for data entry, storage, analysis, and retrieval.

6. Assessment Plan

The applicant should include a detailed plan for assessing the Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center's progress toward achieving its stated goals and objectives, as they relate to the purposes of this announcement. (See **PURPOSE** section)

7. Collaboration

The applicant should specify the exact nature of the contribution each of the working partners makes to the Prevention Research Center's program, e.g., program planning and design, training, space, instructors and other faculty, curriculum development and evaluation, program evaluation activities, etc. Applicants drawn from different disciplines is not, in itself, sufficient evidence of multidisciplinary collaboration. A more important indicator is the extent to which research from different disciplines will be integrated.

The application must also show evidence of collaboration with practitioners and victim advocates working in the intimate partner violence and sexual assault field. This collaboration may be with organizations such as National/State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions. Collaboration may also be undertaken with governmental agencies, other institutions of higher learning, and other organizations making substantive contributions to advancing the field of violence against women.

Letters of support or memoranda of understanding should state the specific contribution, activities to be undertaken, or resources to be provided by all collaborators.

8. Proposed Budget

The application must provide a detailed proposed first-year budget and a narrative justification. The budget requests should be reasonable and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds.

9. Human Subjects

Indicate whether human subjects will be involved, and if so, how they will be protected, and describe the review process which govern their participation.

G. Submission and Deadline

Submit the original and five copies of PHS 398 (OMB Number 0925-0001) and adhere to the instructions on the Errata Instruction sheet for PHS 398). Forms are in the application kit.

On or before June 30, 1998, submit to: Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch,

Procurement and Grants Office Announcement #98036, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Mailstop E-13, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received at the above address on or before the deadline date; or sent on or before the deadline date, and received in time for the review process. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

H. Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be evaluated individually against the following criteria: (maximum 100 points):

1. Research Capacity (25 points)

The degree to which the applicant:

- demonstrates experience in successfully designing, implementing, and evaluating Violence Against Women prevention programs, and/or conducting, publishing, and disseminating Violence Against Women research and evaluation studies.

- outlines the vision of the Center and how the proposed collaboration will contribute to the overall goals and objectives of the Center.

- describes how the collaborative activities of the applicants were or will be developed and how the proposed Center will expand and develop on work that has already been undertaken by the applicants and other researchers.

- describes the proposed focus of the Center's research and its relevance, particularly in terms of the proposed interdisciplinary collaboration, integration of fields of violence research, and multiple methodologies.

- provides sufficient detail to allow assessment of the scientific merit of the research activities and indicated how results of the proposed research program will advance the violence against women field and have relevance for the prevention and control of violence against women.

- describes the facilities available for conducting the planned research and supporting research staff (e.g., computer facilities, office space, data management and statistical support).

- The degree to which the applicant has met the CDC policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, and ethnic and racial groups in the proposed center.

2. Training Capacity (20 points)

The degree to which the applicant:

- outlines plans for attracting and involving high quality students (undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral) in Center activities and how participants will receive interdisciplinary training and experience using multiple research methodologies.

- addresses the needs of scientists from racial and ethnic minorities and other under-represented and underserved populations and will encourage them to participate in activities of the Center.

- describes the facilities available for delivering training and supporting students (e.g., computer facilities, office space, audiovisual and other training related equipment).

3. Management Capacity (10 points)

The degree to which the applicant:

- demonstrates that the Principal Investigator has the vision, professional standing, research expertise and managerial qualifications to lead the Center.

- describes the qualifications and experience of key staff and outlined the role each person will play in designing, implementing, and assessing the Center's activities.

- describes how disciplines will be integrated to achieve the goals and objectives of the Center.

- illustrates the Center's proposed program structure (organizational chart), its relationship to the broader institution of which it is a part, and if applicable, operational lines of authority with collaborating organizations. If following the Consortium model, how effectively did the applicant outline the procedures for focusing consortium activities, selecting and integrating research across institutions, allocating funds and other resources, and managing the involvement of other research groups.

4. Plan of Operation (15 points)

The degree to which the applicant:

- outlines goals and objectives that are specific, relevant, achievable, time-phased, and related to the purposes of this program announcement (See Purpose section).

- describes the program activities for achieving the Center's goals and objectives, and specifically who among the core staff and collaborating partners *is responsible for doing what and when*.

- provides a timeline which illustrates proposed concurrent activities.

5. Assessment Plan (10 points)

The degree to which the applicant provides a detailed plan for assessing the Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center's progress toward achieving its stated goals and objectives.

6. Collaboration (20 points)

The degree to which the applicant:

a. describes the collaboration they will undertake with sexual assault and intimate partner violence service providers, victim advocates, policy makers, and other key stakeholders in the field.

b. includes letters of support or memoranda of understanding stating the specific contribution that each collaborator intends to make to the Center's program.

7. Proposed Budget: (Not Scored)

Did the application provide a detailed proposed first-year budget and a narrative justification? Are budget requests reasonable and consistent with the intended use of cooperative agreement funds? (See PURPOSE section)

8. Human Subjects (Not Scored)

The extent to which the applicant complies with the Department of Health and Human Services Regulations (45 CFR Part 46) regarding the protection of human subjects.

Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements.

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of:

1. progress report semi-annually;
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
3. final financial report and performance report, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to: Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mailstop E-13, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each see Addendum 1 (included in the application package).

- AR98-1 Human Subjects Certification.
- AR98-2 Requirements for inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research.
- AR98-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements.
- AR98-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirement.

- AR98-11 Healthy People 2000.
- AR98-12 Lobbying Restrictions.
- AR98-13 Prohibition on Use of CDC funds for Certain Gun Control Activities.

Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under sections 391(a) and 393(a) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. 280b(a), and 280b-1a] as amended. The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.136.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

Please refer to Program Announcement 98036 when you request information. For a complete program description, information on application procedures, an application package, and business management technical assistance contact: Lisa T. Garbarino, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Mailstop E-13, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2209, Telephone: (404) 842-6796. See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

For program technical assistance contact: Denise Johnson and Joyce McCurdy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention, Mailstop K-60, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30333, Telephone: (770) 488-4410.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee; Meeting; National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Data Policy and Standards Staff Announces the Following Meeting**

Name: ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting (Vols. 1, 2 & 3 (Diagnosis & Procedures)).

Time And Dates: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 1998.

Place: Health Care Financing Administration, Auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland.

Status: Open to the public.

Purpose: The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance (C&M) Committee will hold its first meeting of the 1998 cycle on Thursday June 4, 1998. The C&M meeting is a public forum for the presentation of proposed modifications to the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth-Revision, Clinical Modification.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include:

- Update on ICD-10-CM
- Nodular prostate
- Status-post prematurity
- Amputee NOS
- Uterine size-date discrepancy
- Unspecified adverse effect of drug
- Adult failure to thrive
- Reason for visit to dialysis centers
- Addenda
- Report on final draft of ICD-10-PCS and testing results.

Contracts for Additional Information: Amy L. Blum, 301/436-7050 ext. 164 (diagnosis), or Amy Gruber 410/786-1542 (procedures), NCHS, CDC, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Administration for Children and Families****Agency Recordkeeping/Reporting Requirements Under Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

Title: TANF High Performance Bonus Report for Fiscal Year 1999 and Emergency TANF Data Report [previously approved OMB Number 0970-0164].

OMB No.: New.

Description: Pub. L. 104-193 (the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996) established the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. It also included provisions for rewarding States which attain the highest levels of success in achieving the legislative goals of that program. The purpose of this collection is to obtain data upon which to base the computations for measuring State performance in meeting those goals and for allocating the bonus grant funds appropriated under the law.