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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Grants to States for Access and Visitation—Program Data.

OMB No.: New.

Description: As required by Paragraphs 303.109(a), (b) and (c) of the PRWROA Act, States are directed to monitor and evaluate their access and visitation programs using a set of criteria aimed at providing detailed

descriptions of each funded program. To that end, States will use collection techniques available to the Administration for Children and Families and the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

Specifically, paragraph (a) requires States to monitor all access and visitation programs to ensure that services funded under these programs are: (1) authorized under section 469B(a) of the Act and (2) efficiently and effectively provided while complying with reporting and evaluation requirements, as set forth in paragraphs 303.109(b) and 303.109(c). Paragraph 303.109(b) allows State programs funded by section 469B of the act to be evaluated using data gathered to measure the effectiveness of program operations. States also are required to assist in the evaluation of programs deemed significant or promising by the Department, as directed by program memorandum. Paragraph 303-109(c) requires that States provide a detailed description of each funded program by including such information as: service providers and administrators, service area, population serviced, program goals, application or referral process, referral agencies, nature of the program, activities provided, and length and features of a "completed" program. Other required information from the program also includes: number of applicants or referrals for each program,

the number of program participants in the aggregate and by eligible activity, and the total number of graduates in the aggregate and by eligible activities (e.g., mediation, education, etc.).

This information is proposed in order to assess: (1) the demand for the program and effectiveness of outreach and ability of the program to meet demand, (2) the service population served and scope and size of the program, and (3) whether such recipients are completing standard program requirements. States would be required to report this information annually, collected at a date and in a form as the Secretary may prescribe in program instructions from time to time.

The Office of Child Support Enforcement will use information gathered from the data collection instrument to report on the programs to the Congress in its annual report. States may use this information to assess demand for any utilization of their programs when considering funding options and make appropriate program changes from year to year. Funded agencies will use the information to assess effectiveness of project administration and design. Public interest groups will use the information to keep apprised of services provided to constituencies.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Access and Visitation | 216 | 1 | 24 | 5,184 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,184.

Additional Information

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained 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.

OMB Comment

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 to 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Ms. Lori Schack.

Dated: January 29, 1999.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Proposed Program Priorities—ACF/ACYF/RHYP 99-1]

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program: Fiscal Year (FY) 1999; Proposed Program Priorities

AGENCY: Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments on proposed FY 1999 Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program Priorities.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act requires the Secretary to publish annually, for public comment, a proposed plan specifying priorities the Department will follow in awarding grants under the Act. The public is urged to provide comments in response to this notice. Suggestions and recommendations will be taken into consideration in the development of final priorities.

The notice of the actual solicitation for grant applications will be published later during FY 1999 in the **Federal Register**. No applications for funding should be submitted at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed or submitted in electronic form to: Karen E. Cook, Youth Development Program Specialist, Family and Youth Services Bureau, 330 C Street S.W., Washington, DC 20447; (202) 205-8087. E-mail: Kacook@acf.dhhs.gov

Introduction: The Family and Youth Services Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families awards funds to public and private agencies to provide services to youth in at-risk situations.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Grant Program (BCP), provides financial assistance to local agencies to develop and strengthen services to meet the immediate needs (e.g., outreach, temporary shelter, counseling, and aftercare services) of runaway and homeless youth and their families.

The Transitional Living Program for Older Homeless Youth (TLP), supports local agencies which provide long-term shelter (up to 18 months), life-skill training and support services to homeless youth to assist them in making a smooth transition to self-sufficiency and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

The Street Outreach Program (SOP), provides street-based education and outreach, counseling information, referral services and offers emergency shelter to young people who have been, or who are at risk of being, sexually abused or exploited, with the goal of helping them leave the streets.

Central to all FYSB programs and activities is a priority that services are delivered through a comprehensive youth development approach. A developmental perspective views adolescence as the passage from the dependence of the child to the independence and self-sufficiency of the adult. The various emotional,

intellectual, social and physical changes during this passage are natural, healthy responses to the challenges and opportunities of growing up.

The tasks of youth services providers are seen, thus, not as correcting the problems of troubled youth, but rather as providing for the successive developmental needs of maturing individuals: the psychological need to develop a clear self-identity; the sociological need to be an effective and contributing member of the community; the economic need to prepare for and enter into a career; and the familial needs for sharing, for trusting, for giving and receiving love and commitment. This developmental approach is fundamental to all FYSB programs and activities.

Financial assistance for programs and support efforts discussed below is contingent upon the availability of funds.

I. Proposed Grant Funding in FY 1999

A. Basic Center

Approximately 65 percent of the Basic Center grants awarded in FY 1999 will be non-competing continuation grants and approximately 35 percent will be competitive new awards.

Eligible applicants for new awards are current grantees with project periods ending in FY 1999 and otherwise eligible applicants who are not current grantees. The applications will be reviewed by State, and awards will be made during the last quarter of FY 1999 (July—September 1999). FYSB is considering making awards for five-year project periods and encourages public comments on this approach.

B. Transitional Living Program

All FY 1999 funds for Transitional Living Programs will be awarded in the form of continuation grants. There will be a competitive solicitation for new-start TLP applications in FY 1999.

However, funds for new start applications are expected to be awarded if available in FY 2000. FYSB is considering making awards for five-year project periods and encourages public comments on this approach.

C. Street Outreach Program

All FY 1999 funds for Street Outreach Programs will be awarded in the form of continuation grants. FYSB is considering making awards for five-year project periods and encourages public comments on this approach.

D. Training and Technical Assistance

In FY 1999, a national competition will be held to provide training and technical assistance services to runaway

and homeless youth service providers. These services are currently provided via cooperative agreements with ten organizations across the country. FYSB is considering a range of approaches to meet the needs of programs and encourages public comment.

E. National Communications System

In the second quarter of FY 1999, FYSB expects to award a new five-year grant to the successful applicant to run the National Communications System to provide information, referral services, crisis intervention and communication services to runaway and homeless youth and their families. Applications for this grant were solicited in the FY 1998 Program Announcement for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program.

II. Proposed Contracts in FY 1999

A. National Clearinghouse on Runaway and Homeless Youth

In FY 1997, the Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a five-year contract to support a National Clearinghouse on Youth and Families (NCFY). The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to disseminate information to professionals and agencies involved in youth development efforts and/or the delivery of direct services to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. The Clearinghouse collects, maintains and disseminates reports and other materials, identifies areas in which new or additional information is needed, and develops documents and materials relevant to FYSB's mission and the needs of the field. It is expected that this contract will receive continuation funding in FY 1999.

B. Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS)

In FY 1997, the Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a three-year contract for continued development and implementation of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS). RHYMIS is used by grantees to report statistical information on client characteristics and services provided. It is expected that this contract will receive continuation funding in FY 1999.

C. Monitoring Support for FYSB Programs

A comprehensive monitoring instrument and site visit protocols, including a peer-review component, are used for monitoring runaway and homeless youth programs. In FY 1997, the Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a three-year contract to provide logistical support for peer review

monitoring. It is expected that this contract will receive continuation funding in FY 1999.

III. Proposed Research and Demonstration Activities in FY 1999

Section 315 of the Act authorizes the Department to award funds to States, localities, and private entities to carry out research, demonstration, and service projects designed to increase knowledge concerning, and to improve services for, runaway and homeless youth. These activities identify emerging issues and develop and test models which address such issues.

During FY 1999, the Family and Youth Services Bureau will continue to:

Support the nine Youth Development State Collaboration grants which were awarded in FY 1998 to facilitate the use of a youth development approach by States as they address the needs of adolescents at the State and local levels;

Support a youth development approach to the provision of services, both from theoretical and practical perspectives;

Pursue the development of youth development performance based indicators and outcome measures as a method of evaluating the effectiveness of youth services; and

Collaborate with Federal government agencies, State governments and local community based youth services organizations.

References

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 93.623, Runaway and Homeless Youth Program; Number 93.550, Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth; and Number 93.623, Training and Technical Assistance Grants)

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Patricia Montoya,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Medical Child Support Working Group

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of the first meeting of the Medical Child Support Working Group

(MCSWG). The agenda for this first meeting includes swearing-in and orientation of members, program briefings, discussions, and business related to the operation of the MCSWG.

DATES AND TIME: March 3, 1999, 3:00 PM—6:00 PM, the Opening and Swearing-in Ceremony; March 4, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM, and March 5, 1999, 9:00 AM—Noon, for introductions and orientation for this new work group, program briefings, discussions, and business related to the operation of the MCSWG.

PLACE: Snow Room, room 5051, fifth floor, Wilbur Cohen Bldg., 300 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC for 3/3/99; room 800, eighth floor, Hubert H. Humphrey Bldg., 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC, for 3/4/99 and 3/5/99.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this first of several meetings of the MCSWG will be orientation of members regarding their roles and duties, program briefings, and initial discussion of key issues. In addition, the members will discuss business related to the operation of the MCSWG.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MCSWG was authorized under section 401 of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (PL 105-200).

The purpose of the MCSWG is to identify the impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support by State Child Support Enforcement agencies. The membership of the MCSWG was jointly appointed by the Secretaries of the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The membership includes representatives of: (1) DOL; (2) DHHS; (3) State Child Support Enforcement Directors; (4) State Medicaid Directors; (5) employers, including owners of small businesses, and their trade and industry representatives and certified human resource and payroll professionals; (6) plan administrators and plan sponsors of group health plans (as defined in section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1167(1)); (7) children potentially eligible for medical support, such as child advocacy organizations; (8) State medical child support organizations; and (9) organizations representing State child support programs.

The MCSWG is to submit to the Secretaries of DOL and DHHS a report containing recommendations for appropriate measures to address the impediments identified by the MCSWG, including: (1) recommendations based upon assessments of the form and

content of the National Medical Support Notice, as issued under interim regulations; (2) appropriate measures that establish the priority of withholding of child support obligations, medical support obligations, arrearages in such obligations, and in the case of a medical support obligation, the employee's portion of any health care coverage premium, by such State agencies in light of the restrictions on garnishment provided under title III of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1671-1677); (3) appropriate procedures for coordinating the provision, enforcement, and transition of health care coverage under the State programs for child support, Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP); (4) appropriate measures to improve the availability of alternate types of medical support that are aside from health care coverage offered through the noncustodial parent's employer, including measures that establish a noncustodial parent's responsibility to share the cost of premiums, co-payments, deductibles, or payments for service not covered under a child's existing health coverage; (5) recommendations as to whether reasonable cost should remain a consideration under section 452(f) of the Social Security Act; and (6) appropriate measures for eliminating any other impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support orders that the MCSWG deems necessary.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space on a first come, first served basis. Over the course of the MCSWG's tenure, future meetings will be dedicated to public input. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Samara Weinstein by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below and as soon as possible, at least four days before the meeting. The Chair of the MCSWG will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes. The order of persons wanting to make a statement will be assigned in the order in which the requests are received. Individuals unable to make oral presentations can mail or fax their written comments to the MCSWG staff office at least five business days before the meeting for distribution to the MCSWG membership and inclusion in the public record. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact