

The Child Welfare League of America is a recipient of a cooperative agreement to administer the National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology (NRC-CWDT) in order to ensure continued support to States in the development of the National Youth in Transition Database. The National Youth in Transition Database will assist States, Tribes, and courts to develop, implement and/or improve effective case management information systems, or data collection systems, and to use data to manage child welfare programs in order to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families.

Section 477 of the Social Security Act authorizes the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) and the Chafee Education and Training Vouchers (ETV) program. It also requires the creation of a data collection and performance measurement system. The Federal regulation at 45 CFR 1356.80 establishes the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) implementing this provision. The NYTD regulation requires States to engage in two data collection activities: the collect of information on youth and the independent living services they receive that are paid for or provided by State agencies that administer the CFCIP and ETV programs and the collection of outcome information on certain youth in foster care. States must begin collecting NYTD data on October 1, 2010 and submit the first report period data to ACF by May 15, 2011.

The supplemental funding will allow the NRC-CWDT to meet the increased demand for NYTD onsite technical assistance and sponsor regional meetings without reducing requested technical assistance from courts and Tribes in the areas of data collection and exchange.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Award of a Single-Source Expansion Supplement to the University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau, ACYF, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

*CFDA Number:* 93.658.

*Legislative Authority:* Section 476(c)(2)(iii) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-351).

*Amount of Award:* \$200,000.

*Project Period:* September 30, 2010 to September 29, 2011.

**SUMMARY:** In order to provide more intensive technical assistance to Tribes, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau (CB) is awarding a single-source expansion supplement to the University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service, Portland, ME, to assist Tribes in building their capacity to operate their own foster care and adoption assistance agencies (title IV-E) program. The University of Southern Maine is a recipient of a cooperative agreement to administer the National Resource Center for Organizational Improvement, which is charged with building the organizational capacity of State, local, Tribal and other publicly supported child welfare agencies in order to improve the outcomes of child welfare activities and to achieve the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 goals of safety, permanency and well-being of children and youth.

The supplemental funding will support Regional Roundtables and build Tribal capacity in the following areas:

1. An overview of the Social Security Act and title IV-E provisions that provide foster care and adoption service funds. This presentation will be developed to be responsive to the cultural issues and needs of the audience.
2. Training for Tribal caseworkers on title IV-E requirements in order to continue the eligibility and funding of IV-E eligible children. Workers must be aware of the provisions of Fostering Connections to assure that all appropriate services are provided to children in care.
3. Proper foster care recruitment, training and retention is needed because

placement of title IV-E eligible children must be made with licensed foster/kin families. It is important for Tribal leaders, child welfare and court staff to understand the link between licensing and maintaining title IV-E eligibility when children are placed.

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-351) added § 479B of the Act, which allows Indian Tribes the option to receive Federal funding to support the administration of their own foster care, adoption assistance, and guardianship assistance programs under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act). The law also amended the Act at § 476(c)(2)(iii) to allow Indian Tribes to receive one-time development grants to be used to offset the cost of developing a title IV-E plan to carry out the requirements of new § 479B of the Act.

As the designated National Resource Center for Organizational Improvement, the University of Southern Maine is qualified to provide training and technical assistance to Tribes because of their demonstrated commitment to meaningful stakeholder involvement by involving Tribes and other relevant stakeholders in program planning, implementation and evaluation and other systems change initiatives.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Award of a Single-Source Expansion Supplement to the University of Oklahoma, National Resource Center for Youth Services

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau, ACYF, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

*CFDA Number:* 93.674.

*Legislative Authority:* Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, § 435(d), Title IV-B, subpart 2, of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 629e].

*Amount of Award:* \$103,685.

*Project Period:* September 30, 2010 to September 29, 2011.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau (CB) announces the award of a single-source expansion supplement to the University of Oklahoma, National Resource Center for Youth Services, Tulsa, OK, to support expanded technical assistance to address emerging technical assistance needs for States and Tribes as they seek to implement legislation and changing programs dedicated to former foster youth. The grantee is the recipient of a cooperative agreement to administer the National Resource Center for Youth Development (NRCYD). The grantee has been providing technical assistance services through a cooperative agreement since September 30, 2009, pursuant to the legislative authority of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, Section 435(d), Title IV-B, subpart 2, of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 629e].

In February 2008, the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) final regulation was promulgated. NYTD requires States to begin collecting information from youth in foster care and young adults formerly in foster care every six months, beginning October 1, 2010. State representatives continue to identify implementation of NYTD as a significant challenge, particularly since it will require State agencies to remain in contact with youth who may no longer be receiving services from the agency. The implementation of NYTD over the next four years will require the NRCYD to continue to provide additional technical assistance to States to implement this regulation effectively.

Additionally, many States see the implementation of NYTD as a method to engage youth and to strengthen youth involvement in services at the State and local level. This type of youth engagement work involves long-term systemic technical assistance. The expansion grant will allow the NRCYD to support these State initiatives over the long term.

Another significant development affecting the provision of services to youth and young adults was the passage of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, Public Law 110-351, signed into law October 7, 2008. Among other provisions, the law added a provision requiring States to develop a transition plan for all youth emancipating from foster care. The law also provides States and Tribes an option to receive Federal reimbursement under title IV-E of the Social Security Act to extend foster care to older youth until age 21. In addition, the law for the first time provides an opportunity for certain Indian Tribes to receive direct funding for independent

living services and education and training vouchers under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. The supplement will allow the NRCYD to provide more intensive technical assistance and on-site consultation to States and Tribes to continue to assist them in implementing these provisions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration For Children and Families

#### Award of a Single-Source Program Expansion Supplement to Chapel Hill Training Outreach Project, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau, ACYF, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

*CFDA Number:* 93.505.

*Legislative Authority:* Social Security Act, Title V, Section 511 (42 U.S.C. 701), as amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) (Pub.L. 111-148).

*Amount of Award:* \$90,000.

*Project Period:* September 30, 2010 to September 29, 2011.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau (CB) announces the award of a single-source program expansion supplement to Chapel Hill Training Outreach Project, Inc. in Chapel Hill, NC, the administrator of the FRIENDS National Resource Center for the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (NRCCBCAP), to support technical assistance and support for the implementation of the new home visiting program by ACF and Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) grantees under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program, authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Supplemental funding will assist in the initial planning and implementation of this new program. Award funds will be used to:

- Provide logistical support for outreach, planning, executing, and

follow-up with prospective applicants, ACF and HRSA grantees, and other stakeholders;

- Support consultation time with various experts on evidence-based home visitation and implementation science;

- Convene meetings/calls/webinars with ACF and HRSA grantees and various experts and stakeholders including national program model developers;

- Provide staff time for support for general communication, other meetings, transition information to new TA contractor; and,

- Develop a temporary Web site or other electronic tools for the program that would make key information available in a timely and accessible manner.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Award of a Single-Source Grant to Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

*CFDA Number:* 93.595.

*Statutory Authority:* This award is authorized under section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1310).

*Amount of Award:* \$448,618.

*Project Period:* 9/30/2010 through 9/29/2011.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) announces the award of a single-source grant to Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, to study the characteristics, dynamics, and context of the child-only Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) client population. Chapin Hall's application was received at ACF as an unsolicited proposal and underwent objective review on December 17, 2009,