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| | 5. 42 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq. | |

PROGRAM INSTRUCTION

TO: The State Office, Agency, or Organization Designated by the Governor to Apply for a Children's Justice Act (CJA) Grant

SUBJECT: Change in Expenditure Period Length for Children's Justice Act Grant Funds

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REFERENCES: Sections 107(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) (42 U.S.C. § 5106c et seq.) as amended by Public Law (P.L.) 111-320 enacted December 20, 2010; the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended (34 U.S.C. § 20101 et seq.); and the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, 110 Stat. 3009-21 (1996).

PURPOSE: To inform CJA grantees of the change in expenditure period length for CJA grant funds.

BACKGROUND: Historically, CJA grant funds have been available to grantees for an obligation period of up to two fiscal years after the fiscal year in which funds are awarded. At this time, ACF is deciding to exercise its discretion pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 20101(e) to allow grantees up to three fiscal years succeeding the fiscal year in which the grant is awarded to expend the grant funds.

Previously awarded FY16 funds will now be available for obligation until September 30, 2019 and liquidation until December 30, 2019. Previously awarded FY17 funds will now be available for obligation until September 30, 2020 and liquidation until December 30, 2020. New Notices of Award for FY16 and FY17 funds, reflective of the revised obligation and liquidation dates, will be sent to CJA grantee agencies.

FY18 funds to be awarded this year will be available for obligation until September 30, 2021 and liquidation until December 30, 2021. Future fiscal year awards will continue this schedule of allowing up to three fiscal years succeeding the fiscal year in which the grant is awarded to expend the grant funds.

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