

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CHILDREN'S RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Authorizing Legislation

| | FY 2013 Amount Authorized | FY 2013 Enacted | FY 2014 Amount Authorized | FY 2014 Budget Request |
|---|--|--------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Training and Technical Assistance: Section 452(j) of the Social Security Act | The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of one percent of the total amount paid to the federal government for its share of child support collections for the preceding year or the amount appropriated for this activity for FY 2002. | \$12,318,000 | The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of one percent of the total amount paid to the federal government for its share of child support collections for the preceding year or the amount appropriated for this activity for FY 2002. | \$12,318,000 |
| 2. Federal Parent Locator Service: Section 453(o) of the Social Security Act | The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of two percent of the total amount paid to the federal government for its share of child support collections for the preceding year or the amount appropriated for this activity for FY 2002. | 24,635,000 | The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of two percent of the total amount paid to the federal government for its share of child support collections for the preceding year or the amount appropriated for this activity for FY 2002. | 24,635,000 |
| 3. Welfare Research: Section 413(h) of the Social Security Act | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 |
| Total request level | | \$51,953,000 | | \$51,953,000 |

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Appropriations History Table

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 2005 | 55,398,000 |
| 2006 | 55,398,000 |
| 2007 | 57,953,000 |
| 2008 | 57,953,000 |
| 2009 | 57,953,000 |
| 2010 | 57,953,000 |
| 2011 | 57,953,000 |
| 2012 | 51,953,000 |
| 2013 | 51,953,000 |
| 2014 | 51,953,000 |

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Amounts Available for Obligation

| <u>Budgetary Resources</u> | FY 2012 <u>Actual</u> | FY 2013 <u>Current Law</u> | FY 2014 <u>President's Budget</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pre-Appropriated, B.A. | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 |
| Subtotal, Net Budget Authority | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 |
| Offsetting Collections from Federal Funds | 19,740,000 | 25,953,000 | 25,953,000 |
| Unobligated balance, lapsing | -7,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Unobligated balance, start of year | 6,887,000 | 6,537,000 | 0 |
| Recoveries of prior year obligations | 2,953,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Unobligated balance, end of year | -6,537,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Obligations | \$74,989,000 | \$86,442,000 | \$79,905,000 |

Budget Authority by Activity

| <u>Activity</u> | FY 2012 <u>Actual</u> | FY 2013 <u>Current Law</u> | FY 2014 <u>President's Budget</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Child Support Training and Technical Assistance | \$12,318,000 | \$12,318,000 | \$12,318,000 |
| Federal Parent Locator Service | 24,635,000 | 24,635,000 | 24,635,000 |
| Welfare Research | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 |
| Total, Budget Authority | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 |

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Justification

| Funding Level | FY 2012 Actual | FY 2013 Current Law | FY 2014 President's Budget | Change From FY 2013 Current Law |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total, Budget Authority | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 | \$51,953,000 | \$0 |
| Total, Obligations | \$74,989,000 | \$86,442,000 | \$79,905,000 | -\$6,536,000 |

Authorizing Legislation – Sections 413(h), 452(j), and 453(o) of the Social Security Act

2014 Authorization Training and Technical Assistance and Federal Parent Locator Service authorized indefinitely based on a formula, and Welfare Research pending Congressional action

Allocation Method Direct Federal/Contract

General Statement

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-171) authorized and appropriated funds for welfare research, training and technical assistance to support the dissemination of information, technical assistance to the states on child support enforcement activities, and the operation of the Federal Parent Locator Service which assists states in locating non-custodial parents.

Program Description and Accomplishments – The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) included two provisions which target funding to strengthen the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement’s (OCSE) capacity to increase the effectiveness of the child support program.

The first provision, pertaining to an amount equivalent to the greater of either one percent of the federal share of child support collections in the prior year or the amount appropriated for this activity in FY 2002, is directed to cover the Department's costs in providing technical assistance to states (including technical assistance related to state automated systems), training of state and federal staff, staffing studies, information dissemination and related activities; and to support research, demonstration, and special projects of regional or national significance relating to the operation of state child support programs. These activities are key to successful state outcomes in promoting family self-sufficiency and attaining the anticipated benefits of the Title IV-D statute. Amounts under this provision are available until expended.

The second provision, pertaining to an amount equal to the greater of either two percent of the federal share of child support collections in the prior year or the amount appropriated for this activity in FY 2002, is directed to cover the Department's costs in operating the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) to the extent that these costs are not recovered through fees. Under PRWORA, the mission and scope of the FPLS was significantly expanded to add two components--the Federal Child Support Case Registry, a database of child support cases, participants, and orders, and the National Directory of New Hires, a database of employment information. State and local child support enforcement agencies use FPLS data to locate non-custodial parents, alleged fathers, and custodial parties for the establishment of paternity and child support obligations, as well as to assist in the enforcement and modification of orders

for child support, custody and visitation. States rely on FPLS to facilitate standardized and centralized communication and data exchanges with employers, multistate financial institutions, insurance companies and other federal agencies. FPLS data are also used by state and federal agencies to reduce erroneous payments and overall program costs in public assistance and benefit programs. The FPLS is crucial to helping OCSE fulfill its mission in assisting states to secure the financial support upon which millions of our nation's children depend, and has contributed to an increase in the overall effectiveness and performance of the child support program. Amounts under this provision are available until expended.

PRWORA also included a provision supporting welfare research, and a provision supporting a national child welfare study. Welfare research funds have supported a portfolio of rigorous, influential research and evaluation on the operation of the TANF program. Examples include the Evaluation of Enhanced Services for the Hard to Employ, the Employment, Retention and Advancement Evaluation, the Rural Welfare-to-Work Evaluation, as well as studies of Tribal TANF, time limits, diversion practices, and services for TANF recipients with disabilities. The appropriation for the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being study expired in FY 2011.

Budget Request – The FY 2014 request for Children's Research and Technical Assistance is \$51,953,000, the same as the FY 2013 current law level. This request will fund child support training and technical assistance efforts, the operation of the FPLS, and welfare research. This request includes a continuation of the \$15 million welfare research funding. Funding to continue the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being study is being requested through the Social Service Research and Demonstration program within the Children and Families Services account.

Resource and Program Data
Child Support Training and Technical Assistance

| Data Category | FY 2012 Actual | FY 2013 Current Law | FY 2014 President's Budget |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Resource Data:</u> | | | |
| Service Grants | | | |
| Formula | | | |
| Discretionary | \$647,386 | \$647,386 | \$647,386 |
| Research/Evaluation | 625,000 | | 625,000 |
| Demonstration/Development | | | |
| Training/Technical Assistance | 2,161,468 | 3,949,709 | 2,534,203 |
| Program Support | 11,013,260 | 11,701,446 | 9,510,956 |
| Total, Resources | \$14,447,114 | \$16,298,541 | \$13,317,545 |
| <u>Program Data:</u> | | | |
| Number of Grants | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| New Starts | | | |
| # | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| \$ | \$499,176 | \$3,427,266 | \$999,176 |
| Continuations | | | |
| # | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| \$ | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
| Contracts | | | |
| # | 54 | 60 | 42 |
| \$ | \$6,100,668 | \$5,345,935 | \$4,182,498 |
| Interagency Agreements | | | |
| # | 56 | 55 | 56 |
| \$ | \$2,016,550 | \$1,391,550 | \$2,016,550 |

Notes:

1. The numbers reflect total obligations which include obligations made from prior year unobligated balances.
2. Program Support includes funding for information technology, salaries/benefits, and associated overhead costs.

Resource and Program Data
Federal Parent Locator Service

| Data Category | FY 2012 Actual | FY 2013 Current Law | FY 2014 President's Budget |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Resource Data:</u> | | | |
| Service Grants | | | |
| Formula | | | |
| Discretionary | | | |
| Research/Evaluation | | | |
| Demonstration/Development | | | |
| Training/Technical Assistance | | | |
| Program Support | \$45,549,071 | \$55,143,682 | \$51,587,943 |
| Total, Resources | \$45,549,071 | \$55,143,682 | \$51,587,943 |
| <u>Program Data:</u> | | | |
| Number of Grants | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Starts | | | |
| # | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \$ | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Continuations | | | |
| # | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \$ | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Contracts | | | |
| # | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| \$ | \$32,112,476 | \$39,364,451 | \$35,086,330 |
| Interagency Agreements | | | |
| # | 71 | 75 | 75 |
| \$ | \$7,292,834 | \$8,545,844 | \$9,098,009 |

Notes:

1. The numbers reflect total obligations which include obligations made from prior year unobligated balances, fees from the states to pay costs associated with offset notice preparation, and fees from state and federal agencies to pay costs associated with Federal Parent locator Services.
2. Program Support includes the full costs of operating the FPLS including information systems, federal salaries and benefits, rent and overhead.

Resource and Program Data
Welfare Research

| Data Category | FY 2012 Actual | FY 2013 Current Law | FY 2014 President's Budget |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Resource Data:</u> | | | |
| Service Grants | | | |
| Formula | | | |
| Discretionary | | | |
| Research/Evaluation | \$14,152,420 | \$14,105,000 | \$14,105,000 |
| Demonstration/Development | | | |
| Training/Technical Assistance | | | |
| Program Support | 840,431 | 895,000 | 895,000 |
| Total, Resources | \$14,992,851 | \$15,000,000 | \$15,000,000 |
| <u>Program Data:</u> | | | |
| Number of Grants | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| New Starts | | | |
| # | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| \$ | \$0 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
| Continuations | | | |
| # | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| \$ | \$1,093,621 | \$1,144,000 | \$1,144,000 |
| Contracts | | | |
| # | 19 | 14 | 14 |
| \$ | \$12,481,243 | \$12,722,528 | \$12,722,528 |
| Interagency Agreements | | | |
| # | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| \$ | \$1,384,042 | \$953,472 | \$953,472 |

Notes:

1. Program Support includes funding for Federal Register notices, administrative support, security clearances, IT services and rent/overhead.