

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 the Research Foundation of CUNY on behalf of Hunter College School of Social Work, New York, NY, to provide expanded technical assistance to address continuing challenges in the field as child welfare programs work to implement the requirements of new legislation. The Research Foundation of CUNY on behalf of Hunter College is the recipient of a cooperative agreement to act as the administrator for National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC), which provides technical assistance services pursuant to the legislative authority of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629e).

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-351) provides for a discretionary matching grant program to implement projects in the areas of Kinship Navigator, Family Finding, Family Group Decision Making, and Residential Family Treatment. The law also added a new plan requirement at § 471(a)(29) that directs State foster care and adoption agencies (title IV-E agencies) to exercise due diligence to identify and notify all adult relatives of a child, within 30 days of the child's removal, of the relative's options to become a placement resource for the child. The supplemental funding will allow the NRCPFC to do the following:

1. Provide focused technical assistance to Family Connections grantees.
2. Engage States that did not receive discretionary grants in on-site consultation regarding effectively involving relatives in child welfare practice.
3. Proactively transfer the knowledge developed under the discretionary grant program to States to assist in meeting new plan requirements.

Under the proposed supplemental funding, the NRCPFC will increase technical assistance efforts to enhance the achievement of permanency by assisting agencies to better locate, notify and involve families and relatives in the engagement and planning process while maintaining awareness of confidentiality issues.

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Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Award of a Single-Source Expansion Supplement to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute

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: \$400,000.

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 expansion supplement to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, West Hollywood, CA, to provide more intensive technical assistance to Tribes. The Tribal Law and Policy Institute administers the National Resource Center for Tribes under a cooperative agreement where technical assistance is provided to Tribes to assist in building organizational capacity so that Tribes may operate their own foster care programs under title IV-E of the Social Security Act. Under the agreement, Tribal Law and Policy Institute identifies promising practices in Tribal child welfare systems, identifies and effectively implements community and culturally based strategies and resources that strengthen Tribal child and family services.

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (the Act) was amended in 2008 by the addition of § 479B, which allows Indian Tribes the option to apply for 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 (SSA). The Act was also amended 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 § 479B.

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

1. Development of a presentation on the Social Security Act and title IV-E provisions that provide foster care and adoption service funds. The presentation will be developed to be responsive to the cultural issues and needs of the Tribal audience.

2. Training for Tribal caseworkers on title IV-E requirements in order to continue the eligibility and funding of IV-E eligible children. Caseworkers will be made aware of the provisions of Public Law 110-351 to insure that all appropriate services are provided to children in care.

3. Assistance in the development of training for appropriate foster care recruitment, and retention so that placement of title IV-E eligible children will be made with licensed foster/kin families. Training will emphasize the linkages between for Tribal leaders, child welfare and court staff in the licensing and maintaining of title I-VE eligibility when children are placed in foster care.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration For Children And Families

Award of a Single-Source Expansion Supplement to the Child Welfare League of America

AGENCY: ACF, ACYF, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

CFDA Number: 93.599.

Legislative Authority: Section 477(g)(2) of the Social Security Act.

Amount of Award: \$295,116.

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 Child Welfare League of America, Arlington, VA, to support the provision of intensive technical assistance to States.