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Todd Reckling
Director, Division of Children and Family Services
Department of Health and Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska 65809

Dear Mr. Reckling:

Thank you for submitting Nebraska's new Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Plan, the Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR), and the CFS-101 requesting funding for fiscal year (FY) 2012 to address the following programs:

- CAPTA State Grant;
- Title IV-B, Subpart 1 (Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services);
- Title IV-B, Subpart 2 (Promoting Safe and Stable Families);
- Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP); and
- Education and Training Vouchers (ETV) Program.

These programs provide important funding to help State child welfare agencies ensure safety, permanency, and well-being for children, youth and their families. The APSR planning process facilitates continued development and assessment of a comprehensive continuum of services for children and families and ties planning for the use of these funds into assessment and program improvement activities, including those of the Child and Family Services Reviews.

Approval

The Children's Bureau (CB) has reviewed your CAPTA State Plan and your APSR for FY 2012 funding and finds them to be in compliance respectively with section 106(b)(1)(A) of CAPTA and Federal statutory and regulatory requirements at 45 CFR 1357.15 and 1357.16. Therefore, we approve FY 2012 funding under the CAPTA State grant; title IV-B, subpart 1; title IV-B, subpart 2; CFCIP; and ETV programs.

Please note that while the State will no longer need to submit a new CAPTA State Plan every five years with the Child and Family Services Plan, to facilitate coordination between the CAPTA State plan and title IV-B, CB will continue to require that the annual report describing use of CAPTA funds be submitted with the APSR.

A counter-signed copy of the CFS-101 is enclosed for your records. CB may ask for a revised CFS-101, Part I, should the final allotment for any of the approved programs be more than that requested in the Annual Budget Request.

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Office of Grants Management (OGM) will issue a grant notification award letter with pertinent grant information. Please note that OGM requires grantees to submit additional financial reports, using the SF-425, at the close of the expenditure period according to the terms and conditions of the award.

Training Plan
This approval for the FY 2012 funding for title IV-B, subpart 1; title IV-B, subpart 2; CAPTA; CFCIP; and ETV programs does not release the State from ensuring that the training costs included in the training plan and charged to title IV-E comply with the requirements at 45 CFR 1356.60(b) and (c) and 45 CFR 235.63 through 235.66(a), including properly allocating costs to all benefiting programs in accordance with the State's approved cost allocation plan.

Additional Information Required
Pursuant to Section 424(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, States are required to collect and report on caseworker visits with children in foster care. The FY 2011 caseworker visit data must be submitted to the Regional Office by December 15, 2011.

CB looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rosalyn Wilson, Child Welfare Regional Program Manager in Region VII, at (816) 426-2262 or by e-mail at rosalyn.wilson@acf.hhs.gov. You also may contact Debi Hatfield, Children and Families Program Specialist, at (816) 426-2232 or by e-mail at debi.hatfield@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Bock
Acting Associate Commissioner
Children's Bureau

Enclosures

cc: Gail Collins, Director; CB, Division of Program Implementation; Washington, DC
Deborah M. Bell, Financial Management Specialist; ACF, OA, OGM; Washington, DC
Rosalyn Wilson, Child Welfare Regional Program Manager; CB, Region VII; Kansas City, MO
Debi Hatfield, Children and Families Program Specialist; CB, Region VII; Kansas City, MO

CFS-101 Part II: Annual Estimated Expenditure Summary of Child and Family Services

State or Indian Tribal Organization (ITO) Nebraska For FFY OCTOBER 1 , 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

SERVICES/ACTIVITIES	TITLE IV-B (a) Subpart I-CWS	TITLE IV-B (b) Subpart II-PSSF	TITLE IV-B (c) Subpart II-MCV *	(d) CAPTA*	(e) CFCIP	(f) ETV	(g) TITLE IV-E	(h) STATE, LOCAL, & DONATED	(i) NUMBER TO BE SERVED Individuals	(i) NUMBER TO BE SERVED Families	(j) POPULATION TO BE SERVED	(k) GEOG. AREA TO BE SERVED
1.) PREVENTION & SUPPORT SERVICES (FAMILY SUPPORT)	280	366		191				8,666	16713	12257	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
2.) PROTECTIVE SERVICES	336			-				9,178	28,664	4131	Families w/ child abuse or neglect investigation	Statewide/ Reservation
3.) CRISIS INTERVENTION (FAMILY PRESERVATION)	-	366		-				19,109	5568	4227	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
4.)TIME-LIMITED FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES	-	292		-				15,895	3773	2637	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
5.) ADOPTION PROMOTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	-	292						1,878	667	639	FC children eligible for adoption	Statewide/ Reservation
6.) FOR OTHER SERVICE RELATED ACTIVITIES (e.g. planning)	-	-						4,001	303	245	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
7.) FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE:												
(a) FOSTER FAMILY & RELATIVE FOSTER CARE	444						4,632	38,440	4733	2809	FC children in OOH placement	Statewide/ Reservation
(b) GROUP/INST CARE	503						1,033	16,365	1881	1554	FC children in OOH placement	Statewide/ Reservation
8.) ADOPTION SUBSIDY PMTS.	-						10,997	12,870	5110	4950	Youth with adoption subsidy	Statewide/ Reservation
9.) GUARDIANSHIP ASSIST. PMTS.	-						-	5,408	1165	1173	Youth with guardianship subsidy	Statewide/ Reservation
10.) INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES	-	-			498		-	227	283	273	Youth discharged to Independent Living	Statewide/ Reservation
11.) EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS	-				-	562	-	-	393	393	Youth qualified for ETV	Statewide/ Reservation
12.) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	174	146	-				10,806	1,196				
13.) STAFF & EXTERNAL PARTNERS TRAINING	-	-		-	1,163	-	2,440	591				
14.) FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT & TRAINING	-	-		-			60	20				
15.) ADOPTIVE PARENT RECRUITMENT & TRAINING	-	-		-			-	-				
16.) CHILD CARE RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING	-						1,320	880	816	462	IV-E FC children with CC services	Statewide/ Reservation
17.) CASEWORKER RETENTION, RECRUITMENT & TRAINING	-	-	87				-	-				
18.) TOTAL	1,737	1,462	87	191	1,662	562	31,287	134,723	17	12	FC children & families	

CFS-101, PART III: Annual Expenditures for Title IV-B, Subparts 1 and 2, Chafee Foster Care Independence (CFCIP) and Education And Training Voucher (ETV) :
Fiscal Year 2009: October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009

1. State or Indian Tribal Organization (ITO): Nebraska	2. EIN: 470491233	3. Address: Department of Health & Human Services P.O. Box 95026 Lincoln, NE 68509-5026				
4. Submission: [X] New [ ] Revision						
Description of Funds	*Estimated Expenditures*	*Actual Expenditures*	*Number served*		*Population served*	*Geographic area served*
			Individuals	*Families*		
5. Total title IV-B, subpart 1 funds	$ 1,752,455	$ 1,752,455	19,989	13,312	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
a) Total Administrative Costs (not to exceed 10% of title IV-B, subpart 1 total allotment)	$ 175,246	$ 175,246				
6. Total title IV-B, subpart 2 funds (This amount should equal the sum of lines a - f.)	$ 1,544,726	$ 1,544,726	19,989	13,312	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
a) Family Preservation Services	$ 386,182	$ 386,182				
b) Family Support Services	$ 386,182	$ 386,182				
c) Time-Limited Family Reunification Services	$ 308,945	$ 308,945				
d) Adoption Promotion and Support Services	$ 308,945	$ 308,945				
e) Other Service Related Activities (e.g. planning)	$ -	$ -				
f) Administrative Costs (FOR STATES: not to exceed 10% of total title IV-B, subpart 2 allotment after October 1, 2007)	$ 154,472	$ 154,472				
7. Total Monthly Caseworker Visit Funds (STATE ONLY)	$ 45,864	$ 45,864				
a) Administrative Costs (not to exceed 10% of MCV allotment)	$ -	$ -				
8. Total Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) funds	$ 1,575,048	$ 1,575,048				
a) Indicate the amount of allotment spent on room and board for eligible youth (not to exceed 30% of CFCIP allotment)	$ 472,514	$ 472,514	690	590	Youth discharged to Independent Living	Statewide/ Reservation
9. Total Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds	$ 529,640	$ 529,636	393	393	Youth qualified for ETV	Statewide/ Reservation

10. Certification by State Agency or Indian Tribal Organization (ITO). The State agency or ITO agrees that expenditures were made in accordance with the Child and Family Services Plan, which has been jointly developed with, and approved by, the Children's Bureau.

Signature and Title of State/Tribal Agency Official	*Date*	*Signature and Title of Central Office Official*	*Date*
Willard Bouwens, Administrator, Financial Services, DHHS Operations Willard Bouwens	6-29-11		10/18/11

CFS-101, Part I: Annual Budget Request for Title IV-B, Subpart 1 & 2 Funds, CAPTA, CFCIP, and ETV

Fiscal Year 2012, October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012

1. State or Indian Tribal Organization (ITO): Nebraska	**2. EIN: 470491233**	
3. Address: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services **P.O. Box 95026** **Lincoln, NE 68509-5026**	**4. Submission:** [X] New [ ] Revision	
5. Total estimated title IV-B Subpart 1, Child Welfare Services (CWS) Funds	$	1,736,504
a) Total administration (not to exceed 10% of title IV-B Subpart 1 estimated allotment)	$	173,650
6. Total estimated title IV-B Subpart 2, Provides Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Funds. This amount should equal the sum of lines a - f.	$	1,462,106
a) Total Family Preservation Services	$	365,527
b) Total Family Support Services	$	365,527
c) Total Time-Limited Family Reunification Services	$	292,421
d) Total Adoption Promotion and Support Services	$	292,421
e) Total for Other Service Related Activities (e.g. planning)	$	-
f) Total administration (FOR STATES ONLY: not to exceed 10% of title IV-Bsubpart 2 estimated allotment)	$	146,210
7. Total estimated Monthly Caseworker Visit (MCV) Funds (FOR STATES ONLY)	$	86,822
a) Total administration (FOR STATES ONLY: not to exceed 10% of estimated MCV allotment)	$	-
8. Re-allotment of title IV-B subparts 1 & 2 funds for States and Indian Tribal Organizations:		
a) Indicate the amount of the State's/Tribe's allotment that will not be required to carry out the following programs: $_____, PSSF $_____, and/or MCV(States only)$_____.		CWS
b) If additional funds become available to States and ITOs, specify the amount of additional funds the States or Tribes requesting: CWS $1,736,504, PSSF $1,462,196, and/or MCV(States only) $146,210.		
9. Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Grant (no State match required): Estimated Amount plus additional allocation, as available. (FOR STATES ONLY)	$	191,406
10. Estimated Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) funds	$	1,661,642
a) Indicate the amount of State's or Tribe's allotment to be spent on room and board for eligible youth (not to exceed 30% of CFCIP allotment)	$	498,493
11. Estimated Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds	$	562,082
12. Re-allotment of CFCIP and ETV Program Funds:		
a) Indicate the amount of the State's or Tribe's allotment that will not be required to carry out CFCIP Program	$	-
b) Indicate the amount of the State's or Tribe's allotment that will not be required to carry out ETV Program	$	-
c) If additional funds become available to States or Tribes, specify the amount of additional funds the State or Tribe is requesting for CFCIP Program	$	2,000,000
d) If additional funds become available to States or Tribes, specify the amount of additional funds the State or Tribe is requesting for ETV Program	$	750,000

13. Certification by State Agency and/or Indian Tribal Organization.

The State agency or Indian Tribe submits the above estimates and request for funds under title IV-B, subpart 1 and/or 2, of the Social Security Act, CAPTA State G a CFCIP and ETV programs, and agrees that expenditures will be made in accordance with the Child and Family Services Plan, which has been jointly developed wit , and approved by, the Children's Bureau, for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2012.

Signature and Title of State/Tribal Agency Official	**Signature and Title of Central Office Official**
Willard Bouwens, Administrator, Financial Services, DHHS Operations Willard Bouwens	Joyce Bode