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Todd Reckling, Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Children and Family Services
P.O. Box 95026
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5026

Dear Mr. Reckling:

Thank you for submitting Nebraska's Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) Final Report for fiscal years (FYs) 2005-2009, the CFSP for FYs 2010-2014, and the CFS-101 to address the following programs:

- Title IV-B, Subpart 1 (Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services);
- Title IV-B, Subpart 2 (Promoting Safe and Stable Families);
- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Grant;
- 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 CFSP planning process facilitates development of a comprehensive continuum of services for children and families and ties planning for the use of these funds into the assessment and program improvement activities of the Child and Family Services Reviews.

Approval

The Children's Bureau (CB) has reviewed your CFSP Final Report for FYs 2005-2009 and the CFSP for FYs 2010-2014 and finds them to be in compliance with Federal statutory and regulatory requirements at 45 CFR 1357.15 and 1357.16 with the exception of the training plan. We are in the process of reviewing the training plan that was submitted and have requested additional information to clarify how training is being allocated and some additional information related to specific proposed courses. Accordingly, we approve FY 2010 funding under the title IV-B, subpart 1; title IV-B, subpart 2; CAPTA; CFCIP; and ETV programs. However, funds under titles IV-B and IV-E may not be expended for training until such time as CB approves the State training plan. 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 at the close of the expenditure period according to the terms and conditions of the award.

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 2009 caseworker visit data must be submitted to the Regional Office by December 15, 2009. Information on licensing waivers for relative foster homes, as required for the Report to Congress mandated by Section 104(b) of Public Law 110-351, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, is also due to the Regional Offices on December 15, 2009. (Please see ACYF-CB-PI-09-06 for further information on these reporting requirements.)

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 Mary McKee, Children and Families Program Specialist, at (816) 426-2263 or by e-mail at mary.mckee@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
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Rosalyn Wilson, Child Welfare Regional Program Manager; CB, Region VII; Kansas City, MO
Mary McKee, Children and Families Program Specialist; CB, Region VII; Kansas City, MO
Edward Matney, Administrator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service, Division of Children and Family Services

CFS-101, Part I
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Attachment D
OMB Approval #0980-0047
Approved through July 31, 2011

CFS-101, Part I: Annual Budget Request for Title IV-B, Subpart 1 & 2 Funds, CAPTA, CFCIP, and ETV Fiscal Year 2010, October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010	
1. State or 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
5. Total estimated title IV-B, Subpart 1 Child Welfare Services (CWS) Funds	$ 1,752,455
a) Total administration (not to exceed 10% of estimated allotment)	$ 175,246
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.	$ 1,544,726
a) Total Family Preservation Services	$ 386,182
b) Total Family Support Services	$ 386,182
c) Total Time-Limited Family Reunification Services	$ 308,945
d) Total Adoption Promotion and Support Services	$ 308,945
e) Total for Other Service Related Activities (e.g. planning)	$ -
f) Total administration (FOR STATES ONLY: not to exceed 10% of estimated allotment)	$ 154,472
7. Total estimated title IV-B Subpart 2, Monthly Caseworker Visit (MCV) Funds (FOR STATES ONLY)	$ 91,727
a) Total administration (FOR STATES ONLY: not to exceed 10% of estimated allotment)	$ 9,173
8. Re-allotment of Title IV-B, subparts 1 & 2 funds for State 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: CWS $_____, PSSF $_____, and/or MCV $_____	
b) If additional funds become available to States and ITOs, specify the amount of additional funds the State or Tribe is requesting: CWS $1,752,455, PSSF $1,544,726, and/or MCV $91,727	
9. Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) State Grant (no State match required): Estimated amount plus additional allocation, as available. (FOR STATES ONLY)	$ 191,120
10. Estimated Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) funds.	$ 1,575,048
a) Indicate the amount of State's allotment to be spent on room and board for eligible youth (not to exceed 30% of CFCIP allotment).	$ 472,514
11. Estimated Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds.	$ 529,640
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
12. 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 Grant, 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 with, and approved by, the ACF Regional Office, for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2010.	
Signature and Title of State/Tribal Agency Official Willard Bouwens, Administrator, Financial Services, DHHS Operations Willard Bouwens	Signature and Title of Central Office Official Joyce Bock

CFS-101, Part II
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Attachment D
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CFS-101 Part II: Annual Summary of Child and Family Services
State or ITO Nebraska For FFY OCTOBER 1, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

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 Funds	(i) NUMBER TO BE SERVED Individuals	(i) NUMBER TO BE SERVED Families	(j) POPULATION TO BE SERVED	(k) GEOG. AREA TO BE SERVED (Include both # and type of areas to be served)
1) PREVENTION & SUPPORT SERVICES (FAMILY SUPPORT)	197	386		191				8,997	19,634	13,091	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
2) PROTECTIVE SERVICES	197			-				9,083	24,134	4,341	Families w/ child abuse or neglect investigation	Statewide/ Reservation
3) CRISIS INTERVENTION (FAMILY PRESERVATION)	-	386		-				21,263	7,760	5,491	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
4) TIME-LIMITED FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES	-	309		-				18,701	6,756	4,706	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
5.) ADOPTION PROMOTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	-	309						6,532	1,414	1,293	FC children eligible for adoption	Statewide/ Reservation
6) FOR OTHER SERVICE RELATED ACTIVITIES (e.g. planning)	-	-						13,977	2,539	2,035	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
7) FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE:												
(a) FOSTER FAMILY & RELATIVE FOSTER CARE	710						4,229	29,471	7,200	4,202	FC children in OOH placement	Statewide/ Reservation
(b) GROUP/INST CARE	473						1,769	18,968	2,453	1,833	FC children in OOH placement	Statewide/ Reservation
8) ADOPTION SUBSIDY PMTS.	-						9,131	12,564	3,866	3,866	Youth with adoption subsidy	Statewide/ Reservation
9) GUARDIANSHIP ASSIST. PMTS.	-						-	6,099	1,195	1,195	Youth with guardianship subsidy	Statewide/ Reservation
10) INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES	-	-			473		-	349	629	561	Youth discharged to Independent Living.	
11) EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS	-				-	530	-	-	414	414	Youth qualified for ETV	
12) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	175	154	9		1,103	-	7,470	7,470				
13) STAFF & EXTERNAL PARTNERS TRAINING	-	-		-	-	-	6,094	1,435				
14) FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT & TRAINING	-	-		-			61	20				
15) ADOPTIVE PARENT RECRUITMENT & TRAINING	-	-		-			30	10				
16) CHILD CARE RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING	-						1,093	729	851	507	IV-E FC children with CC services	Statewide/ Reservation
17) CASEWORKER RETENTION, RECRUITMENT & TRAINING	-	-	83				-	-			FC children & families	
18) TOTAL	1,752	1,545	92	191	1,575	530	29,876	155,667				

* States Only, Indian Tribes are not required to include information on these programs

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 2007: October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007

1. State or 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		

5. Total title IV-B, subpart 1 funds	$ 1,762,798	$ 1,611,515	18,967	12,855	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
a) Total Administrative Costs (not to exceed 10% of Federal allotment)	$ 1,328,037	$ 1,176,754	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6. Total title IV-B, subpart 2 funds (This amount should equal the sum of lines a - g.)	$ 1,648,982	$ 1,648,982	18,967	12,855	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
a) Family Preservation Services	$ 412,246	$ 412,246	8,107	5,467	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
b) Family Support Services	$ 412,246	$ 412,246	18,967	12,855	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
c) Time-Limited Family Reunification Services	$ 329,796	$ 329,796	6,263	4,352	FC children & families	Statewide/ Reservation
d) Adoption Promotion and Support Services	$ 329,796	$ 329,796	2,031	1,792	FC children eligible for adoption	Statewide/ Reservation
e) Total for Other Service Related Activities (e.g. planning)	$ -	$ -				
f) Monthly Caseworker Visits (FOR STATES)	N/A	N/A				
g) Total Administrative Costs (FOR STATES: not to exceed 10% of total allotment after October 1, 2007)	$ 164,898	$ 164,898				
7. Total Monthly Caseworker Visit Funds (STATE ONLY)	N/A	N/A				
a) Administrative Costs (not to exceed 10% of Federal allotment)	N/A	N/A				
8. Total Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) funds	$ 1,608,401	$ 1,608,401	731	654	Youth discharged to Independent Living	Statewide/ Reservation
a) Indicate the amount of State's allotment spent on room and board for eligible youth (not to exceed 30% of CFCIP allotment)	$ 482,520	$ 482,520	731	654	Youth discharged to Independent Living	Statewide/ Reservation
9. Total Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds	$ 551,536	$ 551,536	215	215	Youth qualified for ETV	Statewide/ Reservation

9. 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, for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2010.

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	6-30-09	Jeff Bock	10/8/09