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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Grant to Child Trends

AGENCY: Family and Youth Services Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS

ACTION: Notice of award.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: #93.550.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a noncompetitive grant award is being made to Child Trends, Inc., to support their efforts in the development of positive outcome measures for children and youth.

This one year project is being funded non-competitively because it is expected to provide immediate and useful information and guidance to this Department and other practitioners regarding positive outcome measures for early intervention programs, government indicator monitoring efforts and longitudinal research on healthy youth development. The field of youth services and policy is in significant need of consensus and clarity on ways of measuring positive inputs and outcomes, including definitions, valid data sources, methodological issues, *etc.* This is true particularly in areas impacting the population of youth in at-risk situations served by the Family and Youth Services Bureau.

This project will solicit and compile expert input from a variety of fields which affect young people, such as services to runaway and homeless youth, other social services, health, labor force preparation, juvenile justice and the like. Through a wide-ranging call for papers, a review of existing constructs, multidisciplinary consultations and scholarly analysis, the

project will build a body of information and thinking which will then become the focus of a national conference of experts hosted by the National Institutes of Health.

One purpose of the conference will be to build consensus on a body of valid, logical, and practical indicators that reflect assets, strengths, and constructive experiences of youth, with particular emphasis on youth in at-risk situations such as being homeless or a runaway. An important focus is to relate these assets and factors to healthy outcomes among youth as they mature into adulthood. Interdisciplinary considerations are expected; for example, an evaluation of knowledge regarding the impact of outcomes in one field, such as education, upon outcomes in another area, such as health. Findings and recommendations of the conference will be disseminated through a variety of means.

The project builds upon Child Trends' depth of expertise and experience, including notable accomplishments in the field of analyzing and evaluating policy effects upon children and youth, particularly those in at risk situations. During the 1990's, Child Trends played a key role in a major study sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services on the effects of mandatory welfare-to-work programs on children, youth and families placed at risk during the transition from AFDC to TANF. It should be noted that many runaway and homeless youth and those at risk for running away, come from economically stressed families and settings.

Child Trends' widely-recognized reputation, extensive efforts and longstanding leadership in the area of child and youth well-being indicator development will generate significant expert attention and ensure participation in the culminating conference in Spring 2003. The grantee will be awarded \$100,000 for use during the project period, beginning September 30, 2002 and ending September 29, 2003.

Authority: This award will be made pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5714–23(a) (section 343 (a) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act of 1999, as amended by Pub. L. 106–71), CFDA#93.550.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: September 23, 2002.

Joan E. Ohl,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Notices of Award of Non-Competitive Grant

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice; opportunity to comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that ACYF is considering awarding discretionary research grant funds without competition to Cornell University, Office of Sponsored Programs, 115 Day Hall, Ithaca, New York 14853, for up to \$254,332 of Child Care and Development Block Grant funds in FY 2002. Pending the availability of Federal funds, and the continuing non-Federal support of the project from other sources, ACYF will award up to \$254,526 of Child Care and Development Block Grant funds in FY 2003 and up to \$245,543 in FY 2004. The project period will begin on September 30, 2002, and end on September 29, 2005. This award will provide Federal support for research to develop econometric models of the

child care industry and new strategies for finance and administration.

The proposed research project addresses many questions of relevance to the child care field, to ACF, and to the Child Care Bureau in particular. The project will fill a gap in the information currently available about child care as an economic sector in the U.S. economy and help build a new policy framework from the perspective of economic development. The project is comprised of three interrelated components:

- In the first component, researchers will explore how input/output modeling can be adapted to model the economic development impacts of the child care industry in different States and localities ranging from urban to rural in character. Challenges in estimating employment and productivity of the child care industry with its diverse mix of public, private and non-profit providers will be addressed, as will questions of how to value the economic role played by child care in enabling parents to work. This component will contribute to a better theoretical and empirical understanding of how child care contributes to the broader economy.

- The second component will focus on dissemination. Researchers will develop and test a web-based methodology that can be used by States and localities to measure the economic impact of the child care industry in their region. This tool will enable users to collectively build a national database (using state and local data) and begin to shape a picture of the early care and education industry as a whole.

- The third component of this project will be to monitor how states and cities use an economic development frame to craft new approaches to child care finance and administration. Investigators will track how state and local coalitions engage non-traditional partners (such as business leaders, economists, community developers, and bankers) in building new strategic alliances aimed at strengthening investments in child care.

The study has a strong research design and methodology, builds on a solid understanding of the current state of research in the child care field, and is led by an exceptionally experienced team of investigators. The data collected through this study will provide information urgently needed by policymakers in early education and welfare reform.

The study answers a call for needed research on economic models of child care expressed by researchers and policymakers in the most recent meeting of the Child Care Policy Research

Consortium held in Washington, DC, on April 17–19, 2002, and the Annual Meeting of State Child Care Administrators held in Washington, DC, on July 31–August 2, 2002.

Cornell University and its sub-contractor Stoney Associates are in a unique position to carry out this work with highly qualified personnel, university facilities and in-kind resources. Together, they have laid the foundation for this project through previous economic impact research, outreach and participatory research, and evaluation and policy analysis.

- Cornell has started the collaborative planning and groundwork for the study through the Department of City and Regional Planning, the Department of Applied Economics, the Institute for Social and Economic Research (which provides access to social science data), and the Community and Rural Development Institute (which works with local and state policy makers on community development, outreach, and research).

- Stoney Associates is a nationally recognized consulting firm and leader in the area of early education and child care finance. Stoney Associates has excellent connections with State and local child care administrators, and is a founding partner in the Alliance for Early Childhood Finance, a national organization focused on developing new strategies for financing of child care in America.

Therefore, while the project will provide a substantial benefit in the child care field, ACF, and the Child Care Bureau in particular, the amount of ACF funding needed is minimal due to the work already completed or underway through other funding sources.

The Agency is providing members of the public, including qualified organizations that would be interested in competing for the funding, if a competition were held, an opportunity to comment on the planned action.

Statutory Authority: This award will be made pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 as amended (CCDBG Act); section 418 of the Social Security Act; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106–554). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is 93.647.

DATES: In order to be considered, comments on this planned action must be received on or before October 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties, including qualified organizations that would be interested in competing for the funding, if a competition were held, should write to: Karen Tvedt, Child Care Bureau,

Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services, 330 C Street, SW., Room 2046, Washington, DC 20447; e-mail address: ktvedt@acf.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Tvedt, Child Care Bureau, at (202) 401–5130.

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Joan E. Ohl,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Grants to the National Indian Child Welfare Association and the National Association of Counsel for Children

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of awards.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that ACYF will award grant funds without competition to the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC). These grants are being awarded to unsolicited proposals that conform to the applicable program objectives, are within the legislative authorities, and propose activities that may be lawfully supported through grant mechanisms. Both applications are of outstanding and unique merit. Each activity presents an opportunity to produce meaningful, sustainable, and useful results in an area of significant interest to ACF.

The NICWA project will support a three year pilot project to collect data analogous to that collected by the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) in three Native American areas. Currently, there is no reliable information on the extent and nature of child abuse and neglect (CAN) in American Indian/Alaska Native Communities. Most American Indian tribes and Alaska Native corporations or villages, as sovereign nations, provide their own child protection services, and data from them are not part of any