

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILDREN’S RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Authorizing Legislation

	FY 2008 Amount Authorized	FY 2008 Budget Estimate	FY 2009 Amount Authorized	FY 2009 Budget Request ¹
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. Child Welfare Study: Section 429A of the Social Security Act	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
4. 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		\$57,953,000		\$57,953,000

¹ Amounts in this column represent the President's Budget.

	FY 2008 Amount Authorized	FY 2008 Budget Estimate	FY 2009 Amount Authorized	FY 2009 Budget Request ¹
Total request level against definite authority	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000	\$21,000,000

APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY TABLE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
2000	
Appropriation	\$59,992,000
Rescission	-21,000,000
Total	38,992,000
2001	
Appropriation	60,627,000
Rescission	-21,000,000
Total	39,627,000
2002	
Appropriation	57,953,000
Rescission	-21,026,000
Total	36,927,000
2003	35,385,000
2004	55,998,000
2005	55,398,000
2006	57,953,000
2007	57,953,000
2008	57,953,000
2009	57,953,000

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Amounts Available for Obligation

	FY 2007 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2008 <u>Enacted</u>	FY 2009 <u>Estimate</u>
Appropriation	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000
Offsetting Collections	<u>22,258,000</u>	<u>28,300,000</u>	<u>30,400,000</u>
Subtotal, adjusted budget authority (gross)	80,211,000	86,253,000	88,353,000
Unobligated balance, start of year	1,582,000	2,984,000	0
Recovery of prior year obligations.....	1,314,000	0	0
Unobligated balance lapsing	-14,000	0	0
Unobligated balance, end of year	<u>-\$2,984,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total obligations.....	\$80,109,000	\$89,237,000	\$88,353,000

Budget Authority by Activity

	FY 2007 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2008 <u>Enacted</u>	FY 2009 <u>Estimate</u>
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
Child Welfare Study	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
Welfare Research	<u>15,000,000</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>
Total, Budget Authority	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

FY 2008 Enacted		
Total estimated budget authority		\$57,953,000
(Obligations)		(89,237,000)
FY 2009 Estimate		
Total estimated budget authority		\$57,953,000
(Obligations)		(88,353,000)
Net Change		\$0

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Justification

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Estimate	Increase or Decrease
Budget Authority	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000	\$0
Obligations	\$80,109,000	\$89,237,000	\$88,353,000	-\$884,000

Authorizing Legislation — Sections 413(h), 429A, 452(j) and 453(o) of the Social Security Act.

2009 Authorization....Training and Technical Assistance and Federal Parent Locator Service authorized indefinitely based on a formula; Child Welfare Study \$6 million; and Welfare Research \$15 million.

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) authorize and appropriate funds for welfare research and technical support for states implementing welfare reform. These efforts include training and technical assistance to support the dissemination of information and technical assistance to the states on child support enforcement activities as well as the Federal Parent Locator Service which assists states in locating non-custodial parents.

The FY 2009 President's Budget estimate of \$57,953,000 for this account represents current law requirements. No proposed law amounts are included.

Program Description and Accomplishments – The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) included two provisions which target funding to the Department to strengthen the federal government's capacity to influence the effectiveness of the child support enforcement program.

The first provision, earmarking 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 implementing welfare reform and attaining the anticipated benefits of the 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 noncustodial parents, putative 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 and other federal agencies. FPLS data are also used to reduce erroneous payments and overall program costs in public assistance and benefit programs. 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.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 continued funding for research in the areas of child abuse and welfare reform. An amount of \$15,000,000 a year is provided for the cost of conducting welfare research studies and demonstrations. Additionally, \$6,000,000 a year is made available to continue efforts on a national random sample study of children who are at-risk of child abuse or neglect, or are determined by states to have been abused or neglected.

See the following chapters for performance discussion related to the programs included in this account: the Child Support Enforcement and Family Support Programs chapter covers performance for the child support enforcement program which includes the Training and Technical Assistance and FPLS activities; the TANF chapter covers performance for the TANF program which includes the Welfare Research activities; and the Children and Families Services chapter covers performance for the Child Welfare Services program which includes the Child Welfare Study activities

Budget Request – The FY 2009 request is \$57,953,000, the same as the FY 2008 enacted level. This account will fund child support training and technical assistance efforts, the operation of the Federal Parent Locator Service, and research in the areas of child abuse and welfare reform.

Resource and Program Data
Training and Technical Assistance (Obligations¹)

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation			
Demonstration/Development			
Training/Technical Assistance	\$4,755,000	\$8,194,000	\$5,301,000
Program Support ²	6,551,000	6,891,000	7,017,000
Total, Resources	\$11,306,000	\$15,085,000	\$12,318,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	16	16	14
New Starts:			
#	7	7	6
\$	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$800,000
Continuations:			
#	9	9	8
\$	\$606,000	\$600,000	\$549,000
Contracts:			
#	7	12	10
\$	\$982,000	\$2,523,000	\$2,450,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	8	8	8
\$	\$1,740,000	\$1,727,000	\$1,730,000

¹ FY 2007 and FY 2008 obligations include unobligated funds.

² Includes funding for information technology, salaries/benefits and associated overhead costs.

Resource and Program Data
Federal Parent Locator Services (Obligations¹)

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation			
Demonstration/Development	\$6,594,380	\$7,883,038	\$7,988,038
Training/Technical Assistance			
Program Support ²	41,222,620	45,268,962	47,046,962
Total, Resources	\$47,817,000	\$53,152,000	\$55,035,000
<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:			
#	15	18	18
\$	\$31,259,000	\$39,748,000	\$40,206,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	8	9	9
\$	\$10,253,000	\$8,319,000	\$8,319,000

¹ Obligations include fees offset from the states to pay costs associated with offset notice preparation and Federal Parent Locator Service as well as fees from other federal agencies to pay costs associated with the Federal Parent Locator Services. FY 2007 and FY 2008 includes unobligated funds.

² Includes funding for information technology, salaries/benefits and associated overhead costs.

Resource and Program Data
Welfare Research

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation	\$13,200,000	\$13,850,000	\$13,850,000
Demonstration/Development			
Training/Technical Assistance	61,000	100,000	100,000
Program Support ¹	1,730,000	1,050,000	1,050,000
Total, Resources	\$14,991,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	5	6	5
New Starts:			
#	2	3	0
\$	\$150,000	\$800,000	\$0
Continuations:			
#	3	3	5
\$	\$528,000	\$528,000	\$1,174,000
Contracts:			
#	25	27	27
\$	\$12,874,000	\$12,226,000	\$12,380,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	7	7	7
\$	\$1,436,000	\$1,446,000	\$1,446,000

¹ Includes funding for information technology, contract processing fees, conference fees, printing costs, and administrative fees.

Resource and Program Data
Child Welfare Study

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Estimate
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation	\$5,913,000	\$5,912,000	\$5,912,000
Demonstration/Development			
Training/Technical Assistance			
Program Support ¹	80,000	88,000	88,000
Total, Resources	\$5,995,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
<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:			
#	1	1	1
\$	\$5,995,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	0	0	0
\$	\$0	\$0	\$0

¹ Includes funding for information technology, contract processing fees, conference fees, printing costs, and administrative fees.

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