

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Amounts Available for Obligation

|   | 2005<br><u>Enacted</u>      | 2006<br><u>Enacted</u> | 2007<br><u>Estimate</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Appropriation.....  | \$55,398,000                | \$57,953,000           | \$57,953,000            |
| Offsetting collections.....                               | <u>14,956,000</u>           | <u>20,646,000</u>      | <u>21,545,000</u>       |
| Subtotal, adjusted budget<br>authority (gross).....       | 70,354,000                  | 78,599,000             | 79,498,000              |
| Unobligated balance start of<br>year.....                 | 3,882,000                   | 992,000                | 0                       |
| Recovery of prior-year<br>obligations.....                | 466,000                     | 0                      | 0                       |
| Unobligated balance, end of<br>year to carry forward..... | <u>-992,000<sup>1</sup></u> | <u>0</u>               | <u>0</u>                |
| Total, gross obligations.....                             | \$73,486,000                | \$79,591,000           | \$79,498,000            |

<sup>1</sup> The amount only includes budget authority with no-year availability. There was additionally \$224,000 in unobligated balances that were only available in FY 2005.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| FY 2006 Estimate .....     | \$57,953,000   |
| (Obligations, gross).....  | 79,591,000     |
| <br>FY 2007 Estimate ..... | <br>57,953,000 |
| (Obligations, gross).....  | 79,498,000     |
| Net change .....           | 0              |
| (Obligations, gross).....  | -93,000        |

Budget Authority by Activity

|   | <u>2005</u><br><u>Enacted</u> | <u>2006</u><br><u>Enacted</u> | <u>2007</u><br><u>Estimate</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Training and Technical Assistance       | \$11,466,000                  | \$12,318,000                  | \$12,318,000                   |
| Federal Parent Locator<br>Service ..... | 22,932,000                    | 24,635,000                    | 24,635,000                     |
| Child Welfare Study .....               | 6,000,000                     | 6,000,000                     | 6,000,000                      |
| Welfare Research .....                  | 15,000,000                    | 15,000,000                    | 15,000,000                     |
|   | -----                         | -----                         | -----                          |
| Total, Budget Authority .....           | \$55,398,000                  | \$57,953,000                  | \$57,953,000                   |

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Budget Authority by Object

|   | <u>2006</u><br><u>Enacted</u> | <u>2007</u><br><u>Estimate</u> | <u>Increase or</u><br><u>Decrease</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Personnel Compensation:</u>  |                               |                                |                                       |
| Full-time permanent (11.1).....   | \$6,977,000                   | \$7,272,000                    | +295,000                              |
| Other than full-time permanent (11.3).....                              | 58,000                        | 60,000                         | +2,000                                |
| Other personnel compensation (11.5).....                                | 54,000                        | 56,000                         | +2,000                                |
| Civilian personnel benefits (12.1).....                                 | 1,310,000                     | 1,365,000                      | +55,000                               |
| Subtotal, Pay Costs.....  | 8,399,000                     | 8,753,000                      | +354,000                              |
| Travel and transportation of persons (21.0)....                         | 716,000                       | 716,000                        | 0                                     |
| Transportation of things (22.0).....                                    | 33,000                        | 33,000                         | 0                                     |
| Rental payments to GSA (23.1).....                                      | 2,514,000                     | 2,514,000                      | 0                                     |
| Communications, utilities and miscellaneous<br>(23.3).....              | 18,000                        | 18,000                         | 0                                     |
| Printing and reproduction (24.0).....                                   | 133,000                       | 110,000                        | -23,000                               |
| <u>Other contractual services:</u>                                      |                               |                                |                                       |
| Advisory and assistance services (25.1).....                            | 28,971,000                    | 29,673,000                     | +702,000                              |
| Other services (25.2).....  | 6,092,000                     | 6,092,000                      | 0                                     |
| Purchases of goods and services from<br>government accounts (25.3)..... | 6,989,000                     | 6,859,000                      | -130,000                              |
| Operation and maintenance of equipment<br>(25.7).....                   | 12,000                        | 0                              | -12,000                               |
| Subtotal, Other contractual services.....                               | \$42,064,000                  | \$42,624,000                   | +560,000                              |
| Supplies and materials (26.0).....                                      | 145,000                       | 85,000                         | -60,000                               |
| Equipment (31.0).....   | 115,000                       | 90,000                         | -25,000                               |
| Grants, subsidies, and contributions (41.0)....                         | 3,831,000                     | 3,100,000                      | -731,000                              |
| Subtotal, Non-Pay Costs.....  | 49,554,000                    | 49,200,000                     | -354,000                              |
| <br>Total, budget authority by object class.....                        | <br>\$57,953,000              | <br>\$57,953,000               | <br>0                                 |
| <br>Total, obligations <sup>1</sup> .....                               | <br>\$79,591,000              | <br>\$79,498,000               | <br>-93,000                           |

<sup>1</sup> Obligations include fees offset from the states to pay costs associated with offset notice preparation and Federal Parent Locator Service and fees from other federal agencies to pay costs associated with the Federal Parent Locator Services. FY 2006 includes unobligated funds.

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Authorizing Legislation

|  | 2006<br>Amount<br><u>Authorized</u> | 2006<br><u>Enacted</u> | 2007<br>Amount<br><u>Authorized</u> | 2007<br><u>Estimate</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Training and Technical Assistance: Section 452(j) of the Social Security Act <sup>1</sup> | Indefinite                          | \$12,318,000           | Indefinite                          | \$12,318,000            |
| 2. Federal Parent Locator Service: Section 453(o) of the Social Security Act <sup>2</sup>    | Indefinite                          | 24,635,000             | Indefinite                          | 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              |
| <b>Total Appropriation</b>   | Indefinite                          | <b>\$57,953,000</b>    | Indefinite                          | <b>\$57,953,000</b>     |

<sup>1</sup> The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of 1 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 fiscal year 2002.

<sup>2</sup> The amount authorized and appropriated is equal to the greater of 2 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 fiscal year 2002.

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APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY TABLE

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1997               | \$59,548,000         |
| Rescission         | (21,000,000)         |
| 1998               | 76,440,000           |
| Rescission         | (21,000,000)         |
| 1999               | 72,816,000           |
| Rescission         | (21,000,000)         |
| 2000               | 59,992,000           |
| Rescission         | (21,000,000)         |
| 2001               | 60,627,000           |
| Rescission         | (21,000,000)         |
| 2002               | 57,953,000           |
| Rescission         | (21,026,000)         |
| 2003               | 35,385,000           |
| 2004               | 55,998,000           |
| 2005               | 55,398,000           |
| 2006               | 57,953,000           |
| 2007               | 57,953,000           |

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### Justification

|   | 2005<br>Enacted              | 2006<br>Enacted              | 2007<br>Estimate             | Increase or<br>Decrease |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Training and<br>Technical Assistance<br>[obligations] | \$11,466,000<br>[12,820,000] | \$11,318,000<br>[13,289,000] | \$11,318,000<br>[12,318,000] | 0<br>[-971,000]         |
| Federal Parent<br>Locator Service<br>[obligations]    | 22,932,000<br>[39,686,000]   | 24,635,000<br>[45,302,000]   | 24,635,000<br>[46,180,000]   | 0<br>[+878,000]         |
| Child Welfare Study                                   | 6,000,000                    | 6,000,000                    | 6,000,000                    | 0                       |
| Welfare Research                                      | 15,000,000                   | 15,000,000                   | 15,000,000                   | 0                       |
| Total, net budget<br>authority                        | \$55,398,000                 | \$57,953,000                 | \$57,953,000                 | 0                       |
| [Total, obligations]                                  | [\$73,486,000]               | [\$79,591,000]               | [\$79,498,000]               | [-\$93,000]             |

### General Statement

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) authorizes and appropriates 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. Additionally, this budget assumes the enactment of S. 1932 (the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005) which reauthorizes funds for welfare research to conduct research and demonstrations relating to state welfare reform efforts and the child welfare study.

**Program Description** — The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) includes 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 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 fiscal year 2002, is extended 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, 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 fiscal year 2002, is directed to cover the Department's costs in operating the Federal Parent Locator Service to the extent that these costs are not recovered through fees. Under PRWORA the mission and scope of the Federal Parent Locator Service was significantly expanded to add two new components--a Federal Child Support Case Registry and a National Directory of New Hires. This expansion has had a significant impact on the program's ability to collect support in interstate child support cases. About 25 percent of non-custodial parents live in a different state than the custodial parent. Amounts under this provision are available until expended.

The Administration will explore how existing data (such as available to or through the Federal Parent Locator Service), could be used to enhance the Government's ability to do more comprehensive research on the interactive effects of participation in Child Support, TANF, Medicaid and SCHIP and the relationship of program participation to employment and wages. Understanding how employment patterns affect family well-being and federal program participation will help the Administration monitor progress toward the goal of family self-sufficiency.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 includes the continuation of 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.

**Performance Analysis** — The Child Support Enforcement and Family Support Programs chapter of this document (Chapter F) includes a summary of the performance accomplishments and goals of the child support enforcement program.

Resource and Program Data  
CSE Training and Technical Assistance (Obligations<sup>1</sup>)

|                               | 2005<br>Actual | 2006<br>Enacted | 2007<br>Estimate |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Resource Data:</u>         |                |                 |                  |
| Service Grants:               |                |                 |                  |
| Formula                       |                |                 |                  |
| Discretionary                 |                |                 |                  |
| Research/Evaluation           |                |                 |                  |
| Demonstration/Development     |                |                 |                  |
| Training/Technical Assistance | \$6,732,000    | \$7,079,240     | \$5,984,240      |
| Program Support <sup>2</sup>  | 6,088,000      | 6,209,760       | 6,333,760        |
| Total, Resources              | \$12,820,000   | \$13,289,000    | \$12,318,000     |
|                               |                |                 |                  |
|                               |                |                 |                  |
| <u>Program Data:</u>          |                |                 |                  |
| Number of Grants              | 16             | 12              | 12               |
| New Starts:                   |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 14             | 6               | 7                |
| \$                            | \$1,800,000    | \$827,203       | \$1,150,000      |
| Continuations:                |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 2              | 6               | 5                |
| \$                            | \$187,000      | \$772,797       | \$450,000        |
| Contracts:                    |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 13             | 15              | 13               |
| \$                            | \$2,588,000    | \$3,657,000     | \$2,712,000      |
| Interagency Agreements:       |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 9              | 8               | 8                |
| \$                            | \$2,196,000    | \$2,237,000     | \$2,237,000      |

<sup>1</sup> FY 2005 and FY 2006 obligations include unobligated funds.

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

Resource and Program Data  
CSE Federal Parent Locator Services (Obligations<sup>1</sup>)

|                               | 2005<br>Actual | 2006<br>Enacted | 2007<br>Estimate |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Resource Data:</u>         |                |                 |                  |
| Service Grants:               |                |                 |                  |
| Formula                       |                |                 |                  |
| Discretionary                 |                |                 |                  |
| Research/Evaluation           |                |                 |                  |
| Demonstration/Development     | \$5,629,670    | \$4,830,231     | \$8,300,000      |
| Training/Technical Assistance | 0              | 0               | 0                |
| Program Support <sup>2</sup>  | 34,056,330     | 40,471,769      | 37,880,000       |
| Total, Resources              | \$39,686,000   | \$45,302,000    | \$46,180,000     |
|                               |                |                 |                  |
| <u>Program Data:</u>          |                |                 |                  |
| Number of Grants              |                |                 |                  |
| New Starts:                   |                |                 |                  |
| #                             |                |                 |                  |
| \$                            |                |                 |                  |
| Continuations:                |                |                 |                  |
| #                             |                |                 |                  |
| \$                            |                |                 |                  |
| Contracts:                    |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 7              | 7               | 7                |
| \$                            | \$24,639,000   | \$29,947,000    | \$30,579,000     |
| Interagency Agreements:       |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 6              | 6               | 6                |
| \$                            | \$8,074,000    | \$8,343,000     | \$8,404,000      |

<sup>1</sup> 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 2005 and FY 2006 include unobligated funds.

<sup>2</sup> Includes funding for information technology, salaries/benefits and associated overhead, program development, modernization, enhancements, and maintenance costs.

Resource and Program Data  
Welfare Research

|                               | 2005<br>Actual | 2006<br>Enacted | 2007<br>Estimate |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Resource Data:</u>         |                |                 |                  |
| Service Grants:               |                |                 |                  |
| Formula                       |                |                 |                  |
| Discretionary                 |                |                 |                  |
| Research/Evaluation           | \$12,025,000   | \$11,900,000    | \$11,900,000     |
| Demonstration/Development     | 0              | 0               | 0                |
| Training/Technical Assistance | 1,867,000      | 1,900,000       | 1,900,000        |
| Program Support <sup>1</sup>  | 1,100,000      | 1,200,000       | 1,200,000        |
| Total, Resources              | \$14,992,000   | \$15,000,000    | \$15,000,000     |
|                               |                |                 |                  |
| <u>Program Data:</u>          |                |                 |                  |
| Number of Grants              | 8              | 5               | 5                |
| New Starts:                   |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 8              | 0               | 0                |
| \$                            | \$1,692,000    | \$0             | \$0              |
| Continuations:                |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 0              | 5               | 5                |
| \$                            | \$0            | \$1,500,000     | \$1,500,000      |
| Contracts:                    |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 27             | 27              | 27               |
| \$                            | \$10,713,000   | \$12,442,000    | \$12,442,000     |
| Interagency Agreements:       |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 8              | 5               | 2                |
| \$                            | \$1,874,000    | \$1,048,000     | \$1,048,000      |

<sup>1</sup> Includes funding for information technology support, contract processing fees, conference fees, printing costs, and administrative fees.

Resource and Program Data  
Child Welfare Study

|                               | 2005<br>Actual | 2006<br>Enacted | 2007<br>Estimate |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Resource Data:</u>         |                |                 |                  |
| Service Grants:               |                |                 |                  |
| Formula                       |                |                 |                  |
| Discretionary                 |                |                 |                  |
| Research/Evaluation           | \$5,927,000    | \$5,916,000     | \$5,966,000      |
| Demonstration/Development     | 0              | 0               | 0                |
| Training/Technical Assistance | 0              | 0               | 0                |
| Program Support <sup>1</sup>  | 61,000         | 84,000          | 34,000           |
| Total, Resources              | \$5,988,000    | \$6,000,000     | \$6,000,000      |
|                               |                |                 |                  |
| <u>Program Data:</u>          |                |                 |                  |
| Number of Grants              | 9              | 8               | 0                |
| New Starts:                   |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 9              | 7               | 0                |
| \$                            | \$828,000      | \$700,000       | \$0              |
| Continuations:                |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 0              | 1               | 0                |
| \$                            | \$0            | \$31,000        | 0                |
| Contracts:                    |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 5              | 4               | 4                |
| \$                            | \$5,099,000    | \$5,185,000     | \$5,966,000      |
| Interagency Agreements:       |                |                 |                  |
| #                             | 1              | 1               | 1                |
| \$                            | \$61,000       | \$84,000        | \$34,000         |

<sup>1</sup> Includes funding for information technology support, contract processing fees, conference fees, printing costs, and administrative fees.

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