

PART RECOMMENDATIONS FY 2004-2005

Head Start, FY 2004

1.	Recommendation Create a new system to assess every Head Start center on its success in preparing children for schools.		
	Milestone	Due Date	Lead Official
	Fall assessments were successfully completed on more than 450,000 children. Spring 2004 assessments were completed.	Completed	Windy Hill
2.	Recommendation Propose legislation to better integrate Head Start, child care, and state operated pre-school programs.		
	Milestone	Due Date	Lead Official
	Passage by the Senate.	On-Going	Windy Hill
3.	Recommendation Develop annual performance measures that assess the progress of individual grantees in improving school readiness and better measure the impact on children.		
	Milestone	Due Date	Lead Official
	Discussions/meeting with new Advisory Committee.	05/30/2005	Windy Hill
4.	Recommendation Provide inflationary increases in program funding for 2004.		
	Milestone	Due Date	Lead Official
		Completed	Windy Hill

Administration for Children and Families Refugee and Entrant Assistance, FY 2004

1.	Recommendation Conduct independent and quality evaluation		
	Milestone 1	Due Date	Lead Official
	Continuing work on program evaluation.	11/30/2005	Van Hanh Nguyen
	Milestone 2	Due Date	Lead Official
	Continuing partnership with OPRE on study to determine effectiveness of ORR's employment programs.	Ongoing; 12/30/2005	Van Hanh Nguyen

2.	Recommendation Improve strategic planning to ensure that goals are measurable and linked to the budget, and systems are in place to identify program deficiencies.		
	Milestone ORR will carry out the evaluation of performance of selected states in the state-administered program. ORR will hold a series of consultations with state Refugee agencies concerning long-term performance goals to insure improved strategic planning.	Due Date Ongoing; December, 2005	Lead Official Van Hanh Nguyen

**Administration for Children and Families
Foster Care, FY 2004**

1.	Recommendation Develop and introduce legislation that would permit the flexible use of funding so that dollars may be programmed to meet program goals and include funding for independent evaluation		
	Milestone 1 The deadline for drafting the legislation was met. We are still working with Hill staff to get the Bill introduced	Due Date On-going	Lead Official Susan Orr

2.	Recommendation Align budget and program goals		
	Milestone 1 Submit a more fully "integrated budget" to OMB for the FY 2006 performance budget, which integrates performance with budget information.	Due Date Completed	Lead Official Susan Orr
	Milestone 2 Submit a more fully "integrated budget" to Congress for the FY 2006 performance budget, which integrates performance with budget information	Due Date 2 February, 2005	Lead Official Susan Orr

**Administration for Children and Families
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, FY 2005**

1.	Recommendation Develop long-term and efficiency measures		
	Milestone OCS will analyze input from states and other partners in developing the efficiency measure. We will draft an efficiency measure around the leveraging incentive program, to encourage states to increase the number of leveraging activities and thus increase leveraging dollars.	Due Date 07/30/2005	Lead Official Clarence Carter

2.	Recommendation		
	Conduct a feasibility study of a nationally representative evaluation of LIHEAP program operations.		
	Milestone 1	Due Date	Lead Official
	OCS will draft possible criteria for an evaluation of LIHEAP program. The Draft criteria will be developed in consultation with our national partners, to obtain input and recommendations for the evaluation.	Completed	Clarence Carter
	Milestone 2	Due Date	Lead Official
	Approval of A-19 to use funds, if appropriated, (\$500,000) to conduct program evaluations work.	Ongoing	Clarence Carter

**Administration for Children and Families
Child Support Enforcement, FY 2005**

1.	Recommendation		
	No Corrective Action Required		
	Milestone	Due Date	Lead Official
	N/A	N/A	Sherri Heller

Community Services Block Grant, FY 2005

1.	Recommendation		
	Introduce legislation requiring a national set of performance measures to ensure that all entities administering CSBG are held accountable for the services supported by the program.		
	Milestone 1	Due Date	Lead Official
	The Department proposed reauthorization legislation that would require all CAA entities to use common set of national measure to report outcomes. 2 versions of the reauthorization are still pending reconciliation/conference	December, 2004 (completed)	Clarence Carter
	Milestone 2	Due Date	Lead Official
	The summer regional meetings with CSBG State Administrators and CSBG Association Directors regarding implementation of the CSBG National Indicators is on schedule. The two July meetings (in Washington, DC and Chicago, IL) have been held. The other two meetings were in August 2004 in San Francisco, CA, and Charleston, SC	Completed	Clarence Carter

Developmental Disabilities, FY 2005

1.	Recommendation		
	Develop a meaningful efficiency measure.		
	Milestone 1	Due Date	Lead Official
	Continue work on developing experimental efficiency measure	June, 2005	Patricia Morrissey
	Milestone 2	Due Date	Lead Official
	Final measure to be developed	June, 2007	Patricia Morrissey

2.	Recommendation		
	Conduct a comprehensive independent evaluation of the program and grantees		
	Milestone 1	Due Date	Lead Official
	SOW is completed; Award contract for FY2005 program evaluation	February, 2005	Patricia Morrissey
	Milestone 2	Due Date	Lead Official
	Completed Study	September, 2007	Patricia Morrissey

3.	Recommendation		
	Align budget and program goals		
	Milestone 1	Due Date	Lead Official
	Submit a more fully "integrated budget" to OMB for the FY 2006 performance budget, which integrates performance with budget information	Completed	Patricia Morrissey
	Milestone 2	Due Date	Lead Official
	Submit a more fully "integrated budget" to Congress for the FY 2006 performance budget, which integrates performance with budget information	February, 2005	Patricia Morrissey

Runaway and Homeless Youth, FY 2005

1.	Recommendation		
	Develop long-term and efficiency performance measures as well as ambitious annual performance targets.		
	Milestone	Due Date	Lead Official
	Measures are being included in the performance budget for FY 2006	September, 2005	Harry Wilson

2.	Recommendation		
	Conduct independent evaluations.		
	Milestone 1	Due Date	Lead Official
	We are in the process of defining the scope of the project and estimating the cost, based in part on the finding of a study on promising strategies to end youth homelessness just getting under way.	December, 2004 (Completed)	Harry Wilson

Milestone 2	Due Date	Lead Official
The funding for the evaluation will be allocated from the existing RHY appropriation (administrative budget), over the next couple of years.	December, 2005	Harry Wilson

3.	Recommendation Develop procedures to measure efficiencies and cost effectiveness in program execution		
	Milestone Since more than half of the TLP youth either are expelled or drop out, we are developing technical assistance (1) to increase the number in these two groups that successfully complete the program and (2) assure safe and appropriate exits for all youth in the system. This should result in a larger number of "success stories" per dollar of FYSB grants. We will be able to associate caseload outcomes with grant amounts, calculate a unit cost per successful youth, and compare it to the unit cost for all youth. Other such analyses are underway. These have been/will be conducted in-house, but are reviewed by research officials in other parts of ACF and researchers in the field, both confirming the persuasiveness and rigor of the findings	Due Date	Lead Official
		On-going	Harry Wilson

4.	Recommendation Align budget and program goals		
	Milestone 1 Submit a more fully "integrated budget" to OMB for the FY 2006 performance budget, which integrates performance with budget information	Due Date	Lead Official
	Milestone 2 Submit a more fully "integrated budget" to Congress for the FY 2006 performance budget, which integrates performance with budget information	Completed Due Date	Harry Wilson Lead Official
		February, 2005	Harry Wilson