

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

	<u>2006 Enacted</u>	<u>2007 Estimate</u>	<u>2008 Pres. Budget</u>
Appropriation	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000
Offsetting Collections	<u>18,818,000</u>	<u>23,000,000</u>	<u>23,598,000</u>
Subtotal, adjusted budget authority (gross)	76,771,000	80,953,000	81,551,000
Unobligated balance, start of year	992,000	1,582,000	0
Unobligated balance lapsing	-14,000	0	0
Unobligated balance, end of year	<u>-\$1,582,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Obligations	\$76,167,000	\$82,535,000	\$81,551,000

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

FY 2007 Estimate		
Total estimated budget authority		\$57,953,000
(Obligations)		(82,535,000)
FY 2008 Pres. Budget		
Total estimated budget authority		\$57,953,000
(Obligations)		(81,551,000)
Net change budget authority		\$0

Budget Authority by Activity
(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>2006 Enacted</u>	<u>2007 Estimate</u>	<u>2008 Pres. Budget</u>
Training and Technical Assistance	\$12,318	\$12,318	\$12,318
Federal Parent Locator Service	24,635	24,635	24,635
Child Welfare Study	6,000	6,000	6,000
Welfare Research	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total, BA	\$57,953	\$57,953	\$57,953

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Budget Authority by Object

	<u>2007</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>Pres. Budget</u>	<u>Increase or</u> <u>Decrease</u>
<u>Personnel Compensation:</u>			
Full-Time Permanent (11.1)	\$6,763,000	\$7,004,000	\$241,000
Other Than Full-Time Permanent (11.3)	138,000	143,000	5,000
Other Personnel Compensation (11.5)	34,000	35,000	1,000
Total Personnel Compensation (11.9)	6,935,000	7,182,000	247,000
Civilian Personnel Benefits (12.1)	1,323,000	1,370,000	47,000
Subtotal, Pay Costs	8,258,000	8,552,000	294,000
Travel (21.0)	812,000	712,000	-100,000
Transportation of Things (22.0)	61,000	61,000	0
Rental Payments to GSA (23.1)	2,538,000	2,538,000	0
Rental Payments to Others (23.2)	1,000	1,000	0
Communications, Utilities and Miscellaneous			
Charges (23.3)	26,000	26,000	0
Printing and Reproduction (24.0)	164,000	110,000	-54,000
<u>Other Contractual Services:</u>			
Advisory and Assistance Services (25.1)	31,575,000	32,307,000	732,000
Other Services (25.2)	4,604,000	4,546,000	-58,000
Purchases from Govt. Accounts (25.3)	7,357,000	7,357,000	0
Subtotal Other Contractual Services	43,536,000	44,210,000	674,000
Supplies and Materials (26.0)	229,000	169,000	-60,000
Equipment (31.0)	100,000	75,000	-25,000
Grants (41.0)	2,228,000	1,499,000	-729,000
Subtotal, Non-Pay Costs	49,695,000	49,401,000	-294,000
Total, Budget Authority by object class	\$57,953,000	\$57,953,000	0
Total, Obligations ¹	\$82,535,000	\$81,551,000	-\$984,000

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

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Authorizing Legislation

	2007 Amount Authorized	2007 Budget Estimate	2008 Amount Authorized	2008 Budget Request
1. Training and Technical Assistance: Section 452(j) of the Social Security Act ¹	Indefinite	\$12,318,000	Indefinite	\$12,318,000
2. Federal Parent Locator Service: Section 453(o) of the Social Security Act ²	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
Total Appropriation		\$57,953,000		\$57,953,000

¹ 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.

² 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.

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APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY TABLE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget Estimate to Congress</u>	<u>House Allowance</u>	<u>Senate Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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
2008				57,953,000

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Justification

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

	2006 Enacted	2007 Estimate	2008 Pres. Budget	Increase or Decrease
Training and Technical Assistance [Obligations]	\$12,318,000 [12,090,000]	\$12,318,000 [13,538,000]	\$12,318,000 [12,318,000]	\$0 [-1,220,000]
Federal Parent Locator Service [Obligations]	24,635,000 [43,091,000]	24,635,000 [47,997,000]	24,635,000 [48,233,000]	0 [236,000]
Child Welfare Study [Obligations]	6,000,000 [5,993,000]	6,000,000 [6,000,000]	6,000,000 [6,000,000]	0 0
Welfare Research [Obligations]	15,000,000 [14,993,000]	15,000,000 [15,000,000]	15,000,000 [15,000,000]	0 0
Total [Obligations]	\$57,953,000 [76,167,000]	\$57,953,000 [82,535,000]	\$57,953,000 [81,551,000]	\$0 [-984,000]

2008 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.

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 2008 President's Budget estimate of \$57,953,000 for this account represents current law requirements. No proposed law amounts are included.

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 FY 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 FY 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 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.

Rationale for the Budget Request – The FY 2008 President's Budget estimate of \$57,953,000 for this account is the same level estimated for FY 2007. 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.

Performance Analysis – The Child Support Enforcement and Family Support Programs chapter of this document includes a summary of the performance accomplishments and goals of the child support enforcement program.

Resource and Program Data
Children's Research and Technical Assistance (Obligations¹)

	2006 Actual	2007 Estimate	2008 Pres. Budget
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation			
Demonstration/Development			
Training/Technical Assistance	\$6,179,000	\$7,712,000	\$6,559,000
Program Support ²	5,911,000	5,826,000	5,759,000
Total, Resources	\$12,090,000	\$13,538,000	\$12,318,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	16	17	15
New Starts:			
#	5	7	5
\$	\$800,000	\$700,000	\$500,000
Continuations:			
#	11	10	10
\$	\$772,000	\$1,000,000	\$625,000
Contracts:			
#	15	12	12
\$	\$2,873,000	\$4,419,000	\$3,877,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	8	9	9
\$	\$1,332,000	\$1,407,000	\$1,407,000

¹ FY 2006 and FY 2007 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)

	2006 Actual	2007 Estimate	2008 Pres. Budget
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation			
Demonstration/Development	\$7,645,852	\$9,732,752	\$9,737,472
Training/Technical Assistance			
Program Support ²	35,445,148	38,264,248	38,495,528
Total, Resources	\$43,091,000	\$47,997,000	\$48,233,000
<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:			
#	11	9	9
\$	\$29,620,000	\$33,294,000	\$33,736,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	6	7	7
\$	\$6,767,000	\$7,425,000	\$7,425,000

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 includes unobligated funds.

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

Resource and Program Data
Welfare Research

	2006 Actual	2007 Estimate	2008 Pres. Budget
<u>Resource Data:</u>			
Service Grants			
Formula			
Discretionary			
Research/Evaluation	\$11,690,000	\$13,650,000	\$13,650,000
Demonstration/Development			
Training/Technical Assistance	1,899,000	300,000	300,000
Program Support ¹	1,404,000	1,050,000	1,050,000
Total, Resources	\$14,993,000	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	8	3	2
New Starts:			
#	3	0	0
\$	\$682,000	\$0	\$0
Continuations:			
#	5	3	2
\$	\$780,000	\$528,000	\$374,000
Contracts:			
#	25	27	27
\$	\$11,512,000	\$12,453,000	\$12,607,000
Interagency Agreements:			
#	7	7	7
\$	\$2,009,000	\$2,009,000	\$2,009,000

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

Resource and Program Data
Child Welfare Study

	2006 Actual	2007 Estimate	2008 Pres. Budget
<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	\$5,993,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
<u>Program Data:</u>			
Number of Grants	7	0	0
New Starts:			
#	6	0	0
\$	\$580,000	\$0	\$0
Continuations:			
#	1	0	0
\$	\$31,000	\$0	\$0
Contracts:			
#	2	2	1
\$	\$5,382,000	\$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.