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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACYF-PA-CCB-2003-02]

Child Care Research and Evaluation

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

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds for child care research and evaluation projects.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) intends to fund approximately six new research and evaluation projects in FY 2003. A total of up to \$3,520,000 is expected to be available for these competitive awards. Applications will be accepted in three priority areas: (1) Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive (CCRCA); (2) Evaluation of Promising Models and Delivery Approaches to

Child Care Provider Training; and (3) Child Care Research Scholarship grants.

Closing Date: The closing date for postmark of applications is August 25, 2003. Regardless of the method by which they are delivered, applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline date. Applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late, regardless of when they are received. Applicants are cautioned to retain proof of postmark date. ACF cannot accept applications by fax or through other electronic media.

Deadline: Mailed applications will be considered as meeting the deadline if they are postmarked on or before the deadline date to the ACYF Operations Center at the address below. Applications hand carried by applicants, applicant couriers, other representatives of the applicant, or by overnight/express mail couriers will be considered as meeting the deadline if they are received at the ACYF Operations Center on the deadline date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EDT, Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays). This address must appear on the package containing the application. Applicants are cautioned to retain proof of postmark or pick-up by courier.

Late Applications: Applications that do not meet the criteria stated above will be considered late applications. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) will notify each late applicant that its application will not be considered in the current competition.

Extension of Deadline: ACF may extend an application deadline for applicants affected by acts of God (such as floods and hurricanes), when there is widespread disruption of mail service, or for other disruption of services that affect the public at large (such as prolonged electrical blackout). Authority to waive or extend deadline requirements rests with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

Mailing and Delivery Instructions: Applications may be sent through the U.S. Postal Service, delivered by private courier, or hand delivered to the ACYF Operations Center at the address below. Applications delivered by hand must be received by the Operations Center no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time Zone on the deadline date. Applicants will receive a confirmation postcard upon receipt of applications.

Child Care Bureau, ACYF Operations Center, Educational Services, Inc., 1150 Connecticut Ave., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036, ATTN: ACYF-PA-CCB-2003-02, Priority Area: _____, Phone Number:

800-351-2293, E-mail Address: CCB@ESILSG.ORG.

Notice of Intent to Submit

Application: If you intend to submit an application, please e-mail the ACYF Operations Center. Please include the following information: the number and title of this announcement; the priority area in which you intend to apply, your organization's name and address, and your contact person's name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. This notice is not required but is strongly encouraged. The information will be used to determine the number of expert reviewers needed to evaluate applications and to update the mailing list for future program announcements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the application process, contact the ACYF Operations Center at the above address or phone 1-800-351-2293. For program information, contact: Karen Tvedt, Child Care Bureau Director of Policy and Research at ktvedt@acf.hhs.gov or 202-401-5130. The mailing address is Room 2046, Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447. The fax number is 202-690-5600. For grants information, contact Sylvia Johnson, Grants Management Officer, syjohnson@acf.hhs.gov or 202-401-4529.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Supplementary Information section consists of five parts. *Part I* provides general information about the Child Care Bureau, its research agenda, authorities, funding priorities, and the application process. *Part II* describes the Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive (Priority Area 1). *Part III* describes the Evaluation of Promising Models and Delivery Approaches to Child Care Provider Training (Priority Area 2), and *Part IV* describes the Child Care Research Scholars (Priority Area 3). *Part V* includes two appendices that include all requirements for applications. *Appendix 1* provides detailed instructions for preparing and submitting applications. *Appendix 2* contains the OMB-approved Uniform Project Description.

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