Basic Center Program grantees with one or two years remaining on their current awards and the expectation of continuation funding in FY 1995 may not apply for new Basic Center grants. Drug Abuse Prevention Program grantees with one or two years remaining on their current awards and the expectation of continuation funding in FY 1995 may not apply for new Drug Abuse Prevention Program grants. All remaining eligible applicants may apply for new grants for either or both of these two programs.

Applicants may refer to Part VI, Appendix D, for a listing of current grantees that are ineligible to apply under the respective grant programs.

Any non-profit organization submitting an application must submit proof of its non-profit status with its application. Proof can include a copy of the applicant's listing in the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) most recent list of tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, or a copy of the currently valid IRS tax-exemption certificate, or a copy of the articles of incorporation bearing the seal of the State in which the corporation or association is domiciled.

G. Availability of Competitive New-Start Funds

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families expects to award approximately 540 new and continuation grants to serve runaway and homeless youth in FY 1995. Dollar amounts to be awarded by fiscal year and program are as follows:

1. Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families expects to award approximately \$36.4 million in Basic Center Program grants in FY 1995. Of this total, approximately \$21.8 million will be awarded in the form of noncompetitive continuations to current grantees, and the remaining approximately \$14.6 million will be available for competitive, new-start awards. In accordance with the RHY Act, the funds will be divided among the States in proportion to their respective populations under the age of 18. The FY 1995 funding level, which is an increase over the FY 1994 level, triggers the provision in the Act calling for a minimum award of \$100,000 to each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and a minimum award of \$45,000 to each of the four insular areas: the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

The funds available for both continuations and new starts in each of the States and insular areas are listed in the Table of Allocations by State (Part VI, Appendix H). In this Table, the amounts shown in the column labeled "New Starts" are the amounts available for competition in the respective States.

Current Basic Center Program grantees having one or two years remaining in their project periods will receive instructions from their respective ACF Regional Offices on the procedures for applying for these continuation grants and should not respond to this announcement. These grantees are listed in Part VI, Appendix D.1, have project expiration dates in FY 1996 or 1997, and are not eligible to apply for new Basic Center grants.

Current Basic Center Program grantees with project periods ending by September 30, 1995, and all other eligible applicants not currently receiving Basic Center funds may apply for the new competitive grants under this announcement.

The number of new awards made within each State will depend upon the funds available (i.e., the State's total allotment less the amount required for non-competing continuations), as well as on the number of acceptable applications. Therefore, where the amount required for non-competing continuations in any State equals the State's total allotment, no new awards will be made.

All applicants under this announcement will compete with other applicants in the State in which their services would be provided. In the event that an insufficient number of acceptable applications is approved for funding from any State or jurisdiction, the Commissioner, ACYF, will reallocate the unused funds.

Further information on the BCP application requirements is presented in Part III, Section A, and in Part IV.

2. Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

In FY 1995, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families expects to award approximately \$4.5 million in new competitive Drug Abuse Prevention Program grants and \$6.6 million in noncompeting continuation DAPP awards.

Further information on the DAPP application requirements is presented in Part III, Section B, and in Part IV.

H. Duration of Projects

This announcement solicits applications for projects of up to three years duration (36-month project periods) for the BCP and the DAPP.

Initial grant awards, made on a competitive basis, will be for one-year (12-month) budget periods.

Applications for continuation grants beyond the one-year budget periods, but within the 36-month project periods, will be entertained in subsequent years on a non-competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the grantees, and determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the government.

I. Maximum Federal Award and Grantee Share of the Project

The maximum amount of Federal funds for which an applicant can apply is specified in the program descriptions found in Part III of this announcement.

The legislation authorizing runaway and homeless youth programs requires that grantees provide a non-Federal match for Federal funds. In some cases, this non-Federal share is a percent of the total cost of the project and, in some cases, it is a percent of the Federal share. Specific non-Federal share requirements for each Priority Area are found in Part III of this announcement.

The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions. Federal funds provided to States and services or other resources purchased with Federal funds may not be used to match project grants. Applicants which do not provide the required percentage of non-Federal share will not be funded. For-profit applicants for Basic Center Program grants are reminded that no grant funds may be paid as profit to any recipient of a grant or sub-grant (45 CFR 74.705).

Part II. Evaluation Criteria

The five criteria that follow will be used to review and evaluate each application under the BCP and the DAPP and should be used in developing the program narratives. The point values following each criterion heading indicate the numerical weight each criterion will be accorded in the review process. Note that the highest possible value BCP and DAPP applications can receive is 105 points. See Criterion 4 for more specific information.

Criterion 1. Objectives and Need for Assistance (15 Points)

Pinpoint any relevant physical, economic, social, financial, institutional, or other problems requiring a solution. Demonstrate the need for the assistance and state the goals or service objectives of the project. Supporting documentation or other testimonies from concerned interests other than the applicant may be used. Give a precise location of the project