children with autism and their families, and must be able to demonstrate a current caseload of at least 300 families through provision of data indicating the number of families currently receiving services.

Only one application from each eligible applicant will be accepted.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$300,000 is available in FY 1995 to fund 1 grant. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 1, 1995, and will be made for a 12-month budget and project period. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.

Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Purpose

The purpose of this grant program is to:

A. Develop and evaluate a comprehensive program which includes parent training and addresses the critical factor of familial stress, for the prevention of secondary conditions in children with autism.

B. Disseminate the methodology and

result of the program.

C. Provide guidance to other organizations implementing similar interventions.

Program Requirements

In conducting the activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient shall be responsible for the activities listed below.

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive program which includes parental training and addresses the critical factor of familial stress, to prevent secondary conditions in young children with autism.

2. Develop and implement an evaluation plan to assess the effectiveness of the program.

3. Develop training materials to support the program.

4. Disseminate the findings and materials.

Evaluation Criteria

The application will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Understanding of the Project 20%

Responsiveness to the objectives of the grant program, including the understanding of the purpose of the grant program.

2. Technical Approach 30%

Strength of the application in describing: the proposed planning

process, including specific planning objectives, strategies for achieving these objectives, a proposed schedule for achieving these objectives; and the population to be served.

3. Capability and Experience 30%

Demonstration of capability to conduct a project of this nature, including reputation in the field and ability to demonstrate a pre-eminent position as an appropriate organization to carry out this project, and successful experience in conducting and evaluating similar projects.

4. Staffing and Management Resources 20%

Demonstration that proposed Project Director is knowledgeable regarding autism and the prevention of its secondary conditions, as evidenced by publications, program summaries, or other materials that document prior work, and has committed significant time to the project. Demonstration that other professional staff have appropriate training and experience in the area of autism and the prevention of secondary conditions, as evidenced by publications, program summaries, or other materials that document prior work. Demonstration of ability to provide facilities and other necessary resources.

5. Budget (not scored)

Extent to which the project budget is reasonable, clearly justified, and consistent with the intended use of funds.

Executive Order 12372 Review

This program is not subject to the Executive Order 12372 review.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.283.

Other Requirements

Human Subjects

If the proposed project involves research on human subjects, the applicant must comply with the Department of Health and Human Services Regulations, 45 CFR Part 46, regarding the protection of human subjects. Assurance must be provided to demonstrate that the project will be subject to initial and continuing review by an appropriate institutional review

committee. The applicant will be responsible for providing assurance in accordance with the appropriate guidelines and forms provided in the application kit.

Application Submission and Deadline

The applicant must submit an original and five copies of the application PHS Form 398 (OMB Number 0925–0001) to Henry S. Cassell, III, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E–13, Atlanta, GA 30305, on or before June 15, 1995.

Deadline:

1. Applications shall be considered as meeting a deadline if they are either:

A. Received at the above address on or before the deadline date, or

B. Sent on or before the deadline date to the above address, and received in time for the review process. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailings.

2. Applications which do not meet the criteria above are considered late applications and will be returned to the

applicant.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information call (404) 332–4561. You will be asked to leave your name, address, and phone number, and will need to refer to Announcement 535. You will receive a complete program description, information on application procedures, and application forms.

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from Lisa G. Tamaroff, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6796. Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Robert J. Delaney, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway, Mailstop F-34, Atlanta, GA 30341, or by calling (404) 488-7150.

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