may be obtained from Dr. Earleen F. Elkins, Executive Secretary, National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health, Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, 301-496-8693. A summary of the meetings and rosters of the members may also be obtained from her office. For individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, please contact Dr. Elkins at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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### Office of Community Services

# [Program Announcement No. OCS 95–04]

# Family Violence Prevention and Services Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of funding to States and Native American Tribes and Tribal organizations for family violence prevention and services.

SUMMARY: This announcement governs the proposed award of fiscal year (FY) 1995 formula grants under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to States (including Territories and Insular Areas) and Native American Tribes and Tribal organizations. The purpose of these grants is to assist in establishing, maintaining, and expanding programs and projects to prevent family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents.

This announcement also specifies a new expenditure period for these funds and sets forth the application process and requirements for grants to be awarded for FY 1996 through FY 2000. CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS:
Applications for FY 1995 family violence grant awards meeting the criteria specified in this announcement must be received at the address specified below by March 13, 1995.

Grant applications for FY 1996 through FY 2000 should be received at the address specified below by November 15 of each following fiscal year.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to: Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, Attn: William D. Riley, 5th Floor, West Wing, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William D. Riley (202) 401–5529 or Al M. Britt (202) 401–5453.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Introduction

This notice for family violence prevention and services grants to States and Indian tribes serves two purposes. The first is to confirm a Federal commitment to reducing family and intimate violence and to urge States, localities, cities, and the private sector to become involved in State and local planning efforts leading to the development of a more comprehensive and integrated service delivery approach (Part I). The second purpose is to provide information on application requirements for FY 1995 grants to States and Indian tribes. These funds will support prevention activities, shelters, and related services for battered women and their children (Part

## Part I. Reducing Family and Intimate Violence Through Coordinated Prevention and Services Strategies

A. The Importance of Coordination of Services

A person facing family or intimate violence may need more than immediate medical care and shelter. Assured protection and effective support are essential to end ongoing abuse.

The effects of domestic violence may manifest themselves in varying forms, including: substance abuse, hopelessness, arrest, felony charges, mental health concerns, injuries, lost time at work, child abuse, and welfare dependence. When programs that seek to address these issues operate independently of each other, a fragmented, and consequently less effective, service delivery and prevention system may be the result. Coordination and collaboration among the police, prosecutors, the courts, victim services providers, child welfare and family preservation services, and medical and mental health service providers is needed to provide more responsive and effective services to victims of domestic violence and their

families. It is essential that all interested parties are involved in the design and improvement of protection and services activities.

To help bring about a more effective response to the problem of intimate violence, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) urges State agencies and Indian tribes receiving funds under this grant announcement to coordinate activities funded under this grant with other new and existing resources for family and intimate violence and related issues.

#### B. Coordination of Efforts

#### 1. Federal Coordination

In the fall of 1993, a Federal Interdepartmental Work Group (including the Departments of Health and Human Services, Justice, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and Agriculture) began working together to study cross-cutting issues related to violence, and to make recommendations for action in areas such as youth development, schools, juvenile justice, family violence, sexual assault, firearms, and the media. The recommendations formed a framework for ongoing policy development and coordination within and among the agencies involved.

The interdepartmental working group also initiated a "Cities Project" (now known as PACT, Pulling America's Communities Together) to help coordinate Federal assistance to four geographic areas (Denver; Atlanta; Washington, DC; and the State of Nebraska) as they develop comprehensive plans for violence prevention and control.

Based on these coordination efforts, a new interdepartmental strategy was developed for implementing the programs and activities recently enacted in the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Crime Bill). A Steering Committee on Violence Against Women is coordinating activities among family violence-related programs and across agencies and departments.

# 2. Opportunities for Coordination at the State and Local Level

The major domestic violence prevention activities funded by the Federal government focus on law enforcement and justice system strategies; victim protection and assistance services; and prevention activities, including public awareness and education. Federal programs also serve related needs, such as housing, family preservation and child welfare services, substance abuse treatment, and job training.