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CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT

SUMMARY

On August 27, 1986, the President signed into law the Children's Justice and Assistance Act (P.L. 99-401). One provision of the Act amends section 4 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (P.L. 93-247) by establishing a grant program to assist states in developing, operating or implementing programs and procedures to improve the protection of children from abuse. According to provisions of the act, the Governor designated Children and Family Services of Social and Rehabilitation Services as the agency to apply for the administration of the grant. The act also requires that a multi-disciplinary task force review the way in which cases of child abuse, especially sexual abuse, are handled and to make specific recommendations for improvements.

The Children's Justice Act grant funds are utilized, under the direction of the Children's Justice Act Task Force, to develop, establish, and operate programs designed to improve:

- 1) The handling of child abuse and neglect cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child victim;
- 2) The handling of cases of suspect child abuse or neglect related fatalities;
- 3) The investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation; and
- 4) The handling of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are victims of abuse or neglect.

On June 25, 2003, the President signed the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, Public Law 108-36. In part, the law reauthorizes and amends the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) through FY 2008, which in turn continues the establishment of the Children's Justice Act Grant.

MISSION OF THE CHILD SAFETY AND PERMANENCY REVIEW PANEL (CSPRP):

Before a state receives assistance under this section of the act, and at three year intervals thereafter, the CSPRP must comprehensively show project impact and/or progress in the following areas:

- A) activities undertaken to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, including a discussion of how these improvements have reduced or will reduce additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family;
- B) steps taken to establish experimental, model or demonstration programs for the testing of innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including the enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians *ad litem* for children, and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused; and
- C) activities undertaken to reform State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.

The purpose of the citizen review panels is to determine whether state and local agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities. In 1999, citizen review panels were required by CAPTA to do the following:

- Measure agency performance by determining whether the State agency complies with the state CAPTA plan, including the state's assurances of compliance with federal requirements contained in the plan;
- Determine the extent of the agency's coordination with the Title IV-E foster care and adoption systems and the review process for child fatalities and near fatalities;
- Any other criteria which the Panels consider important;
- Meet at least every three months;
- Prepare and make available to the public an annual report summarizing the panel's activities.

With the passage of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, additional responsibilities or clarification of previous language occurred. They are as follows:

- Requirement of each panel to examine practices, in addition to policies and procedures of State and local agencies to evaluate the extent to which the agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities;
- Requirement of each panel to provide for public outreach and comments in order to assess the impact of current policies, procedures, and practices upon children and families in the community;

- Requirement of panel to make recommendations to the State and public on improving the child protective services system and the State and local levels;
- Requirement of the State agency to respond to the panel's recommendations no later than six months after the panel's recommendations are submitted. The response must describe how the State will incorporate recommendations of the Panel.

The Child Safety and Permanency Review Panel has made the decision to do a regular review and evaluation (at a minimum of yearly) of the law, policy and procedure, and the handling of cases of child abuse and neglect. With this review, the Panel makes recommendations and the State agency has typically responded within three months of the recommendation.

Since the submission of the 2006 Annual Report, the Panel has reviewed draft changes to the SRS Children and Family Services' Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) the July, 2007 and the January, 2008 revisions and also reviewed and provided feedback on the proposed foster home licensing regulations.

PANEL HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS

The Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning was initially assigned the responsibility during 1988 to review and evaluate state investigative, administrative and both civil and criminal judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, and to make policy and training recommendations in each of the three categories specified in CAPTA. After its successful completion, the State was eligible for and began to receive funding for years one and two in 1988.

The State continued to work toward progress on these comprehensive recommendations, and the State made substantial gains and improvements because of these recommendations.

In 1991, the need was apparent for the Task Force to meet and primarily focus on CJA Grant functions. In January 1992, the Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning began convening nine times a year as the Children's Justice Act Task Force. The membership met the CAPTA membership requirements. In January 1997 and continuing monthly through May 1997, the Task Force began the lengthy process of reviewing and evaluating state investigative, administrative and both civil and criminal handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitations, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, and making policy and training recommendations in each of the three categories as specified in section 109 (e) of CAPTA. This process was successfully completed in May 1997. The Task Force continued to review the recommendations and progress toward meeting them.

In 1999, SRS, under the Federal mandate, created the Child Safety and Permanency Review Panel. This Panel assumed the oversight responsibility for various grants that had been vested with the Supreme Court Permanency Planning Task Force since 1988. It was decided by Social and Rehabilitation Services, Children and Family Services Division that the Child Safety and Permanency Review Panel would be able to exclusively focus on the development and implementation of programs and training that meet the requirements of the Children's Justice Act. The Child Safety and Permanency Review Panel has met every three months since the fall of 1999. Each meeting, the Panel continues to review and at least yearly, update its recommendations.

In early 2008, the Panel met to:

- 1) Review and update strategic plan recommendations,
 - (a) Discuss the need for new or expanded experimental, model, or demonstration programs;
 - (b) Presentation on parental drug use by Dr. Jody Brook;
 - (c) Update on acquiring Secure Care services;
 - (d) Training regarding parental drug use and its affect on children;
Training will be planned and coordinated in conjunction with the Judicial Branch. Audience for the training is professionals involved with child welfare.
- 2) Discuss holding a joint meeting with other Citizen Review Panels to include national training, panel's responsibilities and coordination of research activities.
- 3) Discuss expanding Panel's duties to include Ombudsman and Oversight committee duties requested by Governor's Task Force on Child Protective Services.
- 4) Discuss mental health and medical potential members.
- 5) CJA grants
 - (a) Financial report
 - (b) Prepared for May 1 and 2 Grant meeting
 - (c) Timeline
 - (d) Website updates
 - (e) Application Evaluation Worksheet finalized

- 6) CJA Task Force 2007 Annual Report
 - (a) Updated Action taken on strategic plan
 - (b) Reviewed 2006 Annual Report

The Panel continues to meet every three months and has taken on a list of projects to address for 2008 - 2009. Those projects include:

- 1) Parents with substance abuse
- 2) Training in conjunction with Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning
- 3) Joint Citizen Review Panel meeting with technical assistance from a National Resource Center
- 4) Forensic interviewing for children with disabilities
- 5) Forensic interviewing for children in rural areas of Kansas
- 6) Drug endangered children--public information campaign
- 7) Secure care facilities—follow through

As for the requirements established by the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, and since the last Annual report, the Panel has done the following:

- At each meeting, the Panel discussed practices, policies, and procedures of State and local agencies to evaluate the extent to which the agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities. In particular, the Panel reviewed drafts and provided feedback to the proposed foster home licensing regulations.
- In reference to public outreach, several members individually presented to community organizations on various issues and added a component to their presentation for public outreach and public comments on child welfare in the State of Kansas. Any comments that were provided by the public were discussed in Panel meetings and routed to SRS for an agency response.
- Recommendations were made at each meeting and SRS typically responded to those recommendations within three months.

In reference to the specific professional disciplines that are expected to be represented in the Panel membership, the Panel has discussed recruitment at each meeting. Recruitment for members from the medical profession and a mental health practitioner have proven to be difficult, as many of these professionals have difficulty in attending the meetings due to their commitment to their place of employment. The Panel recently added three new members representing medical and mental health professions.

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<p>Reform State laws, ordinance, regulations, protocols and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.</p>	<p>Children runaway from their home due to a variety of factors, including all forms of abuse. Services for this population in the state need to be reviewed.</p>	<p>The Panel reviewed the literature regarding best practices, the services currently provided in the state for this runaway youth population, the laws, regulations, policies, and procedures that address this population, the data that has been collected about the number of youth who have been runaways in the state, and other tasks deemed necessary by the Panel to evaluate services available for youth who are runaways.</p> <p>The Panel's recommendation encourage the agency's continued work or system re-engineering to assure facilities, including therapeutic secure care, are available to all youth in need of services. It is further recommended mandate mental health services, family-based treatment to address the causation of the runaway behaviors.</p>	<p>Additional work completed since submission of 2006 Annual Report: see "Strategic Plan: May, 2008 through April, 2010"</p> <p>SRS Children and Family Services will work in conjunction with this recommendation and assist by providing information necessary to move forward.</p> <p>SRS Children and Family Services will assist in recruiting grantees to create an innovative community based program and services for successful outcomes for youth.</p> <p>SRS Children and Family Services will communicate with existing community resources to establish statewide access to services.</p> <p>SRS has a Secure Care contract underway for male youth. Services will begin June 1, 2008. The facility is being remodeled to handle six male youth.</p> <p>SRS has begun a pilot project for female youth in Johnson County, Kansas where secure care is delivered outside of an institutional facility.</p> <p>SRS is encouraging use of more therapeutic care at Wakeeney Secure Care Unit which serves female youth. Wakeeney is improving delivery to focus on therapeutic services.</p> <p>Carry over to 2008 Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Project addressed in Strategic Plan: May 2008 through April 2010.</p>
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**STATE OF KANSAS
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT
CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & REHABILITATION SERVICES
STATE OF KANSAS**

Submitted in CJA FFY 2007 Application

State of Kansas

Children's Justice Act Grant, FFY 2006

Reporting Period: 10-1-06 to 9-30-08

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(DUNS): 175-937-804**

Description of the activities to be assisted with Children's Justice Act Grant funds:

A) Child Death Review Board (CDRB)

Proposed Allocations - \$25,000.00

Expenditures to 1/31/08- \$14,624.20

The major activity under this category is the support of the review board activities. All child deaths in Kansas are reviewed, and an annual report on the findings is produced. This report is distributed to the legislature, child welfare agencies, advocates, law enforcement, educators, medical and mental health agencies, related agencies, and the general public. It provides relevant information and trends in child deaths in the State. Utilizing the data from this report, recommendations can be made to the legislature about changes in laws, regulations, procedures, etc.

Recommendations Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, and C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures.

B) Demonstration Project(s)

Proposed Allocations - \$50,000.00

Expenditures to 1/31/08-\$26,965.41

The State will continue to review yearly applications for demonstration projects that have been submitted.

Recommendations Supported: B) Experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings.

C) Travel

Proposed Allocations - \$17,000.00

Expenditures to 1/31/08-\$3,078.99

This funding is set aside for the administration of the Children's Justice Act grant. This includes training for the CJA program administrator, attendance of staff and the Task Force chairperson or designee at the national CJA meeting, Task Force related travel, and monitoring reviews.

Recommendations Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases, B) Experimental, model and demonstration programs, and, C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures.

D) Training, Resource Materials, Educational Materials, and Related Expenses

Proposed Allocations - \$57,000.00

Expenditures to 1/31/08-\$1,325.00

Training opportunities for system professionals such as judges, attorneys, guardians-ad-litem, social workers, counselors, etc, will be available. Also available will be resource materials, educational materials, and related expenses.

Recommendation Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

E) Resources to improve the forensic interview process

Proposed Allocations - \$50,000.00

Expenditures to 1/31/08-\$18,617.47

This funding is set aside to provide specific opportunities to facilitate the investigation, prosecution, and the handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

Recommendation Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases, and C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures

GRANT SUMMARY:

A) CDRB	\$25,000.00
B) Demonstration Project(S)	\$48,719.00
C) Travel	\$17,000.00
D) Training, Education, and Related Expenses	\$57,000.00
E) Resources to improve the forensic interview process	\$50,000.00
TOTAL PROPOSED GRANT AWARD	\$197,719.00
Total Expenditures to date:	\$ 64,611.07

**STATE OF KANSAS
PROPOSED PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT
CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & REHABILITATION SERVICES
STATE OF KANSAS**

Submitted in CJA FFY 2007 Application

State of Kansas

Children's Justice Act Grant, FFY 2007

Reporting Period: 10-1-07 to 9-30-09

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Description of the proposed activities to be assisted with Children's Justice Act Grant funds (there have been no expenditures to date):

A) Child Death Review Board (CDRB)

Proposed Allocations - \$25,000.00

The major activity under this category is the support of the review board activities. All child deaths in Kansas are reviewed, and an annual report on the findings is produced. This report is distributed to the legislature, child welfare agencies, advocates, law enforcement, educators, medical and mental health agencies, related agencies, and the general public. It provides relevant information and trends in child deaths in the State. Utilizing the data from this report, recommendations can be made to the legislature about changes in laws, regulations, procedures, etc.

Recommendations Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, and C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures.

B) Demonstration Project(s)

Proposed Allocations - \$49,268.00

The State will continue to review yearly applications for demonstration projects that have been submitted.

Recommendations Supported: B) Experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings.

C) Travel

Proposed Allocations - \$17,000.00

This funding is set aside for the administration of the Children's Justice Act grant. This includes training for the CJA program administrator, attendance of staff and the Task Force chairperson or designee at the national CJA meeting, Task Force related travel, and monitoring reviews.

Recommendations Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases, B) Experimental, model and demonstration programs, and, C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures.

D) Training, Resource Materials, Educational Materials, and Related Expenses

Proposed Allocations - \$55,523.00

Training opportunities for system professionals such as judges, attorneys, guardians-ad-litem, social workers, counselors, etc, will be available. Also available will be resource materials, educational materials, and related expenses.

Recommendation Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

E) Resources to improve the forensic interview process

Proposed Allocations - \$37,000.00

This funding is set aside to provide specific opportunities to facilitate the investigation, prosecution, and the handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

Recommendation Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases, and C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures

GRANT SUMMARY:

A) CDRB	\$25,000.00
B) Demonstration Project(S)	\$49,268.00
C) Travel	\$17,000.00
D) Training, Education, and Related Expenses	\$55,523.00
E) Resources to improve the forensic interview process	\$37,000.00
TOTAL PROPOSED GRANT AWARD	\$183,791.00
Total Expenditures to date:	\$ 0

**STATE OF KANSAS
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT
CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & REHABILITATION SERVICES
STATE OF KANSAS**

Submitted in CJA FFY 2008 Application

State of Kansas

Children's Justice Act Grant, FFY 2008

Reporting Period: 10-1-08 to 9-30-10

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Description of the proposed activities to be assisted with Children's Justice Act Grant funds (there have been no expenditures to date):

A) Child Death Review Board (CDRB)

Allocations - \$25,000.00

The major activity under this category is the support of the review board activities. All child deaths in Kansas are reviewed, and an annual report on the findings is produced. This report is distributed to the legislature, child welfare agencies, advocates, law enforcement, educators, medical and mental health agencies, related agencies, and the general public. It provides relevant information and trends in child deaths in the State. Utilizing the data from this report, recommendations can be made to the legislature about changes in laws, regulations, procedures, etc.

Recommendations Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, and C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures.

B) Demonstration Project(s)

Allocations - \$49,268.00

A demonstration project was established with the development of a Child Advocacy Center in Salina, KS, that facilitates specialized intake and interview services for sexual abuse victims with disabilities in the western part of the Northeast Region. It will enhance multi-disciplinary services from intake to final case disposition for Saline County children alleging or witnessing sexual abuse, serious physical abuse and/or child fatalities. Advocacy and referral services for children and their families will be provided to ensure that abused children and their families heal from abuse trauma.

Recommendations Supported: B) Experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings.

C) Travel

Allocations - \$17,000.00

This funding is not only set aside for the administration of the Children's Justice Act grant, but also for travel associated with attendance by Children and Family Services' staff at trainings associated with child abuse cases, specifically sexual abuse cases. The travel associated with the Children's Justice Act includes training for the CJA program administrator, attendance of staff and the Task Force chairperson or designee at the national CJA meeting, Task Force related travel, and monitoring reviews.

Recommendations Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases, B) Experimental, model and demonstration programs, and, C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures.

D) Training, Resource Materials, Educational Materials, and Related Expenses

Allocations - \$55,523.00

Training opportunities for system professionals such as judges, attorneys, guardians-ad-litem, social workers, counselors, etc, will be available. Also available will be resource materials, educational materials, and related expenses.

A) 30th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect - \$20,000.00

Funding was provided to assist in the presenting of this conference, which allowed staff the opportunity to attend. This conference is held annually and addresses issues surrounding the child abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse.

B) 2nd Annual 2nd Annual Kansas Alliance for DEC State Conference - \$3,775.00

Funding was provided to assist in the presenting of this conference, which allowed staff the opportunity to attend.

C) Registration costs associated with various conferences, trainings, technology needs, etc - \$6,621.20

D) Printing costs associated with "A Guide to Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect in Kansas" - \$7,777.92

This booklet is designed to educate the public on when to report child abuse, what evidence needs to be noted, and the consequences for mandated reporters on failing to report child abuse and neglect. It also describes how child protection systems play an important role in child welfare in Kansas.

Recommendation Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

E) Resources to improve the forensic interview process

Allocations - \$37,000.00

This funding is set aside to provide specific opportunities to facilitate the investigation, prosecution, and the handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

Kansas Finding Words, Inc: Funding was provided to assist in the presenting of this conference, which allowed staff the opportunity to attend and will allow the continuation of the process of having ongoing trainings of the Finding Words curriculum for staff, county/district attorneys, mental health, and law enforcement.

Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center: Grant funding was provided for this child advocacy center to continue provision of services. This particular Child Advocacy Center has a satellite office which is co-located within a rural medical hospital, as well as two other satellite offices located in rural areas of Western Kansas. The counties covered by this Child Advocacy Center include: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Wallace, Logan, Gove, Trego, Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Ness, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Hodgeman, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Gray, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade, and Clark.

Recommendation Supported: A) Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases, and C) Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures

GRANT SUMMARY:

A) CDRB	\$25,000.00
B) Demonstration Project(s)	\$49,268.00
C) Travel	\$17,000.00
D) Training, Education, and Related Expenses	\$55,523.00
E) Resources to improve the forensic interview process	\$37,000.00
TOTAL PROPOSED GRANT AWARD	\$183,791.00
Total Expenditures to date:	\$0