

regard to post-Conference events, letters of intent may be submitted until June 30, 1995. Reports from these events and public comments will now be accepted until November 15, 1995.

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Administration for Children and Families

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Administration on Developmental Disabilities: Availability of Financial Assistance for American Indian Consortia to Provide Protection and Advocacy Services for Fiscal Year 1995

AGENCY: Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds for American Indian Consortia to provide Protection and Advocacy (P&A) services for Fiscal Year 1995.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Children and Families, announces the availability of fiscal year 1995 funding for two American Indian Consortia. Financial funding provided by ADD to American Indian Consortia is designed to provide P&A services to Native Americans with developmental disabilities.

DATES: The closing date for submittal of applications is June 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be mailed to: Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 329-D, HHH Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn: 93.630-95-1 American Indian Consortium.

Hand delivered applications are accepted during the normal working hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, on or prior to the established closing date at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Isadora Wills, Division of Program Operations, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, (202) 690-5791.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I. Program Purpose

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities is the lead agency within ACF and DHHS responsible for planning and administering programs which promote the self-sufficiency and protect the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The 1994 Amendments (Pub. L. 103-230) to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6000 *et seq.*) (the Act) authorizes assistance to States and public and private nonprofit agencies and organizations to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to culturally competent services, supports, and other assistance and opportunities that promote independence, productivity and integration and inclusion into the community.

Programs Funded Under the Act Are:

- Federal assistance to State developmental disabilities councils;
- State system for the protection and advocacy of individual rights;
- Grants to university affiliated programs for interdisciplinary training, exemplary services, technical assistance, and information dissemination; and
- Grants for Projects of National Significance.

Part II. General Information for P&A Consortium

Based on section 142(b) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 6042(b)), an American Indian Consortium established to provide protection and advocacy services under Part C of the Act may submit an application to the Secretary to receive funding pursuant to section 142(c)(5). Such consortium shall coordinate activities with existing P&A systems.

Currently, the States' have difficulties which prohibit the P&A systems from adequately serving large populations of American Indians who reside in isolated, expansive reservations. Despite their efforts, P&A systems in these States have not been able to overcome linguistic, geographic and cultural barriers in order to provide adequate protection and advocacy services to these populations. The American Indian Consortium will help alleviate this problem by allowing certain tribes to

join together and apply to the Secretary for a Consortium award similar to those received by the territories. It is expected that the Consortium, when established, will work cooperatively with the existing P&A systems in the States where the Consortium operates and develop cooperative agreements on how to best serve Native Americans with developmental disabilities.

For the purpose of this announcement an American Indian Consortium is "any confederation of two or more recognized American Indian tribes, created through the official action of each participating tribe, that has a combined total resident population of 150,000 enrolled tribal members and a contiguous territory of Indian lands in two or more States." (section 102(1) (42 U.S.C. 6001(1)).

Part III. P&A Description and Requirements for Consortia

A. Under the Act categorical grants are made to States and American Indian Consortia for the protection and advocacy of individual rights through P&A systems. Systems must advocate on behalf of, and provide services to, all persons who are or who may be eligible for treatment, services, or habilitation, or who are being considered for a change in living arrangements. The P&A systems have been expanding their efforts on behalf of institutionalized people, with special attention on behalf of minorities and other traditionally underserved populations. Typically, these systems provide direct services to clients during a fiscal year, and also provide information and referral services to others. Assistance is provided for education, habilitation services, financial entitlement, consent, architectural barriers removal, day care, employment, rights or privacy, abuse and neglect cases, sterilization, transportation, voting and zoning.

B. Statutory Authority

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6000 *et seq.*

C. Funding Period

In Fiscal Year 1995, ADD has set aside approximate \$272,322 for funding two American Indian Consortia. Each grant will be approximate \$136,161. As specified in 45 CFR 1386.2 of the ADD regulations, Fiscal Year 1995 funds must be obligated by September 30, 1996. These funds must be liquidated by September 30, 1997, in accordance with 45 CFR 1386.3 of the ADD regulations. Funding is authorized through Fiscal Year 1996.