

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE FY 2011-12 NEEDS BASED BUDGET (NBB) BULLETIN

Overall Changes:

There are no major changes to the NBB bulletin for FY 2011-12.

The main focus of the changes made FY 2011-12 is to provide updates on the various federal and state laws and regulations (“meeting mandates”) under which we operate and to update counties on the IT grant requirements.

Additionally, instructions were provided concerning required explanation for any under-utilization or under-spending by counties in special grant programs.

Finally, a limitation regarding the PA Promising Practice Grant was added to the bulletin. The limitation is regarding the maximum two year length of time that a promising practice is eligible for special grant funding.

Specific changes to each section are provided below.

1. Fiscal Years – All fiscal years were updated. Additionally, all data submissions advanced one fiscal year, meaning if last year a county was required to submit from FY 2004-2005 through FY 2010-11 it was updated to FY 2005-06 through FY 2011-12.
2. Submission – There are two submission dates for the FY 2011-12 NBB. The first submission, due August 15, 2010, is the narrative portion and indicator excel file on the county plan. The second submission, due thirty days after submission of the 4th quarter invoice but no later than November 1, 2010, is the Budget excel file.
3. Meeting Mandates – The following segments of the meeting mandates section were updated to reflect the most recent up-to-date information and requirements OCYF has on each of the topic areas.
 - a. Quality Assurance Process for Title IV-E claiming
 - b. Fostering Connections to Success
 - c. Safety Assessment
 - d. Children and Family Services Improvement Act
 - e. Developmental Evaluation and Early Intervention Referral
 - f. CFSR
 - g. Shared Case Responsibility
4. Meeting Mandates – The following segments were added to the meeting mandates section.
 - a. Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) – Guardian Ad Litem training
 - b. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) - National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)
 - c. Emergency and Disaster Planning

- d. Time-Limited Family Reunification (TLFR)
5. County Programs and Services Section: program funding – Clarification that all programs that are seeking program funding need approval from the Deputy Secretary for OCYF.
6. Workforce - Counties do not have to submit the case management chart that was a requirement last year.
7. Grant Funded and Special Programs –
 - a. *New requirement* - any county operating a special grant program that is seeking renewal and/or expansion and experienced under-utilization and/or under-spending in FY 2008-09 and/or 2009-10 must explain the causes for under-performance and provide remedies to prevent the under-performance from occurring in FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12.
 - b. *Added requirement* - any county seeking to operate a special grant program must provide a detailed time-frame for implementation.
 - c. *New limitation* – PA Promising Practices are limited to two-years as a special grant.
 - d. *Modified reimbursement* – FY 2011-12 housing grants are eligible for an 85%-15% reimbursement.
 - e. *New grants for FY 2010-11* – reminder that in FY 2010-11 two additional grants were available: Truancy and High Fidelity Wrap Around. Requirements and expectations for these grants are included in the NBB instructions.
 - f. *Phasing out of Family Finding* – OCYF is discussing with AOPC the possibility of not having Family Finding as a special grant because technical assistance for this initiative will be available to all counties through the CWTP in FY 2011-12. Clarification will be provided in the final bulletin released in May 2010.
 - g. Updates to the following sections for FY 2011-12 were also completed:
 - State Reintegration Program
 - Independent Living
 - Information Technology
 - SWAN
 - Medical Assistance Services
 - Child Care
 - Accurint Search Tool
7. Updates to Appendices – Updates to all appendices to reflect the changes outlined above were also completed.