

completion of home studies for approximately 400 UCs.

BCFS provides nationwide coverage of home study services to children in the care and custody of ORR, as well as services to include counseling, case management, and additional support services to the family or to the UC and their sponsor when a UC is released from ORR's care and custody.

DATES: Supplemental award funds will support activities from September 29, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jalyn Sualog, Director, Division of Children's Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, 901 D Street SW., Washington, DC 20447. Email: DCSProgram@acf.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: While this number of referrals to the Unaccompanied Children Program in FY 2015 is well below the total referrals from FY 2014, ORR has seen a change to recent referral trends, including a steady August referral rate and an increasing occupancy rate of UC in care. This increase in referrals has also generated a correlating increase in the need for home study services. The supplemental awards will support and expand home study services for UC to facilitate their release from ORR custody.

ORR has specific requirements for the provision of services. Award recipients must have the infrastructure, licensing, experience, and appropriate level of trained staff to meet the service requirements and the urgent need for expansion of services. The program's ability to avoid a buildup of children waiting, in Border Patrol stations, for placement in shelters, can only be accommodated through the expansion of the existing program and its services through the supplemental award.

Statutory Authority: This program is authorized by—

(A) Section 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which in March 2003, transferred responsibility for the care and custody of Unaccompanied Alien Children from the Commissioner of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to the Director of ORR of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

(B) The Flores Settlement Agreement, Case No. CV85-4544RJK (C. D. Cal. 1996), as well as the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-457), which authorizes post release services under certain conditions to eligible children. All programs must comply with the Flores Settlement Agreement, Case No. CV85-4544-RJK (C.D. Cal. 1996), pertinent regulations and ORR policies and procedures.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Announcing the Award of a Single-Source Program Expansion Supplement Grant to the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum in Oakland, CA

AGENCY: Family and Youth Services Bureau, ACYF, ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of the award of a single-source program expansion supplement grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Technical Assistance (TA) Project to the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum in Oakland, CA, to support training and technical assistance activities by the Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence (APIIDV).

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Division of Family Violence and Prevention Services (DFVPS), announces the award of \$175,000 as a single-source program expansion supplement grant to the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum. The grantee, funded under the Family Violence Protection and Services Act (FVPSA) program, is a technical assistance (TA) provider that assists FVPSA service providers to build the capacity of domestic violence programs.

DATES: The period of support for the single-source program expansion supplement is September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supplemental award funds will support the grantee, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, in providing training and technical assistance (T/TA)

to domestic violence service providers by the Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence (APIIDV) in San Francisco, CA.

This award will expand the scope of T/TA activities to include supplemental activities concerning the issue of trafficking for domestic violence programs, which may involve activities including:

- Training on the intersection of issues related to domestic violence, sexual violence, and victims of trafficking including:
- Listening sessions with FVPSA grantees and culturally specific, community-based organizations regarding needs, challenges, and barriers related to offering services on trafficking;
- Documentation of current promising practices for serving survivors of trafficking within domestic violence programs and culturally specific, community-based organizations;
- Development of a TA plan for fostering and sustaining collaborative partnerships on domestic violence and human trafficking, which may include a community pilot program;
- Resource development that will include the development and dissemination of factsheets and/or concept papers on the intersection of issues related to domestic violence and human trafficking that will provide recommendations that will enhance the provision of direct services for victims, facilitate strengthening multidisciplinary partnerships, or the development of culturally-informed trauma-related programming; and
- Convening a working group that examines typologies related to human trafficking that are specific to Asian communities that will develop intervention and prevention recommendations for service providers and TA providers.

In addition, APIIDV will support and provide training on the issue of language access planning for domestic violence programs that will include activities such as:

- Training and technical assistance for the 20 State Domestic Violence Coalitions that have already completed the 2015 Training of Trainers;
- Listening sessions with FVPSA state administrators, coalitions, and culturally-specific community-based organizations;

- Documentation of the technical assistance needs, implementation successes, and implementation challenges of the 20 states that are beginning language access planning and

are working to improve language accessibility within their states; and

- Recommendations for state-specific capacity building for the 20 states intended to enhance statewide language access, which will include the development of language access plans.

An objective review of was conducted that assessed the grantee's application using criteria related to the project's approach, the organization's capacity, and the development of costs for the project's budget.

Statutory Authority: Section 310 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, as amended by Section 201 of the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, Pub. L. 111–320.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an update of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 25, 2016, unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about how the guidelines are used or how income is defined in a particular program, contact the Federal, state, or local office that is responsible for that program. For information about poverty figures for immigration forms, the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program, and the number of people in poverty, use the specific telephone numbers and addresses given below.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines themselves, contact Kendall Swenson, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and

Evaluation, Room 422F.5, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201—telephone: (202) 690–7507—or visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as USCIS Form I–864, Affidavit of Support, contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1–800–375–5283.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (free or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other facilities for persons meeting eligibility criteria involving the poverty guidelines), contact the Health Resources and Services Administration Information Center at 1–800–275–4772. You also may visit <http://www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton/>.

For information about the number of people in poverty, visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau's Web site at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html> or contact the Census Bureau's Customer Service Center at 1–800–923–8282 (toll-free) and <https://ask.census.gov> for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U). The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by the Community Services Block Grant program and a number of other Federal programs. The *poverty guidelines* issued here are a simplified version of the *poverty thresholds* that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.

As required by law, this update is accomplished by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U). The guidelines in this 2016 notice reflect the 0.1 percent price increase between calendar years 2014 and 2015. After this inflation adjustment, the guidelines are rounded and adjusted to standardize the differences between family sizes. In rare circumstances, the rounding and standardizing adjustments in the formula result in small decreases in the poverty guidelines for some household

sizes even when the inflation factor is not negative. In order to prevent a reduction in the guidelines in these rare circumstances, a minor adjustment was implemented to the formula beginning this year. In cases where the year-to-year change in inflation is not negative and the rounding and standardizing adjustments in the formula result in reductions to the guidelines from the previous year for some household sizes, the guidelines for the affected household sizes are fixed at the prior year's guidelines. As in prior years, these 2016 guidelines are roughly equal to the poverty thresholds for calendar year 2015 which the Census Bureau expects to publish in final form in September 2016.

The poverty guidelines continue to be derived from the Census Bureau's current official poverty thresholds; they are not derived from the Census Bureau's new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).

The following guideline figures represent annual income.

2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$11,880
2	16,020
3	20,160
4	24,300
5	28,440
6	32,580
7	36,730
8	40,890

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.

2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$14,840
2	20,020
3	25,200
4	30,380
5	35,560
6	40,740
7	45,920
8	51,120

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,200 for each additional person.