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Chapter 96-1. GRANT PROGRAMS.

Rule 96-1-.01. Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Treatment.

(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funds for the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency; deinstitutionalization of juvenile offenders; provision of total separation of juvenile and adult offenders; the establishment of community-based programs; youth-oriented law enforcement; and improvement in opportunities for at-risk children and youth and their families.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports outlining project activities, number and composition of participating youth and progress in meeting project goals. Grant funds are administered on a reimbursement basis only. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by GOCF staff prior to final reimbursement of grant funds.

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. Eligible applicants for the Spring 2009 cycle include current programs who are seeking 2nd or 3rd year funding. Continuation applicants include local governments, state government, school systems and private, non-profit organizations and will be notified directly of application procedures. Note: federal law requires that a minimum of 66 2/3 percent of federal funds must pass through local governments and non-profit groups.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Completed proposals contain a project narrative outlining statement of need, county juvenile data, goals and objectives, methods, evaluation and a continuation plan; detailed budget narrative; signed certifications; letters of support; and most recent audit (non-profit groups only). Continuation JJ applicants must comply with specific programmatic requirements published in the 2009 Juvenile Justice Continuation Request for Proposals.

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. Specific directions are contained in the 2009 Juvenile Justice Continuation Request for Proposals and Application Kit, which are available electronically upon request. Juvenile justice continuation applications

are due March 3, 2009, and all eligible applicants will receive advance notice. Interested parties should contact Joe Vignati, Justice Programs Coordinator, 55 Park Place, NE, Suite 410, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 656-5183 or e-mail at Joe.Vignati@children.ga.gov.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-135 and P.L. 93-415; 88 Stat. 1109, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.
History. Original grant description entitled "Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Treatment" submitted January 3, 1994.
Submitted: July 29, 1994.
Submitted: Nov. 29, 1994.
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Submitted: Grant description entitled "Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Treatment Formula Grants" received Dec. 15, 1995.
Submitted: July 16, 1996.
Submitted: Dec. 11, 1996.
Submitted: Aug. 18, 1997. Submitted: Grant description entitled "Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Treatment" received Dec. 19, 1997.
Submitted: May 29, 1998.
Submitted: July 12, 1999.
Submitted: Dec. 6, 1999.
Submitted: June 22, 2000.
Submitted: Jan. 12, 2001.
Submitted: May 29, 2001.
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Submitted: Jan. 10, 2003.
Submitted: Aug. 7, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 16, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 22, 2004.
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Submitted: June 12, 2006.
Submitted: Dec. 21, 2006.
Submitted: June 18, 2007.
Submitted: Dec. 27, 2007.
Submitted: July 16, 2008.
Submitted: Mar. 26, 2009.

Rule 96-1-.02. Title V Prevention.

(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funds for the development and initiation of delinquency prevention activities targeting youth who have had or are likely to have contact with the juvenile justice system. The ultimate objective of this grant program is to prevention youth from entering the juvenile justice system by addressing a variety of risk factors such as youth violence, school failure, teenage pregnancy and substance abuse.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports outlining project activities, number and composition of participating youth and progress in meeting project goals. Grant funds are administered on a reimbursement basis only. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by Council staff prior to final reimbursement of grant funds. Grant recipients must provide 50% matching non-federal cash and/or in-kind funds.

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. Eligible applicants for the Spring 2008 cycle include current programs who are seeking their 2nd year of funding. Applicants include county boards of commissioners who have established a local children and youth coalition and who have completed a comprehensive three-year prevention plan for the county based on an assessment of local risk factors and resources. Coalition members must oversee the implementation of the program. In order to receive these federal funds, the applying county must be in compliance with the status offender detention mandate.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Completed proposals contain a project narrative outlining statement of need, goals and objectives, methods, evaluation and a continuation plan; detailed budget narrative; signed certifications; and letters of support. Applicants must comply with specific programmatic requirements published in the Council's 2008 Request for Proposals.

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. Specific directions are contained in the Council's 2008 Request for Proposals and Application Kit. The booklets are available by request and at the Council's web site (www.cycc.state.ga.us). Applications are due March 3, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. Interested parties should contact the Council office at 3408 Covington Highway, 4th Floor, Decatur, Georgia 30032, (404) 508-6574.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-135 and Title V of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended.
History. Original grant description entitled "Title V Prevention" submitted July 29, 1994.
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Submitted: Grant description entitled "Title V Prevention Grants" received Dec. 15, 1995.
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Submitted: July 12, 1999.
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Submitted: Jan. 10, 2003.
Submitted: Grant description entitled "Title V Prevention" received Dec. 22, 2004.
Submitted: Jan. 3, 2006.

Submitted: June 12, 2006.
Submitted: Dec. 21, 2006.
Submitted: Dec. 27, 2007.

Rule 96-1-.03. Challenge Grants.

(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this grant program is twofold:

(1) to establish community-based alternatives to detention programs, and develop criteria for the appropriate placement of juveniles; and

(2) to implement a gender-specific program for female youth in the Department of Juvenile Justice's District 3 region.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports outlining project activities, number and composition of participating youth and progress in meeting project goals. Grant funds are administered on a reimbursement basis only. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by Council staff prior to final reimbursement of grant funds.

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. Juvenile courts, county governments, and the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Applicants must submit a proposal containing a project narrative outlining statement of need, goals and objectives, methods, and evaluation, budget narrative, and continuation plan.

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. Requests for information should be addressed to Suzanne Luker, Interagency Program Manager, Children and Youth Coordinating Council, 3408 Covington Highway, 4th Floor, Decatur, Georgia 30032, (404) 508-6577 or e-mail at SuzanneLuker@cycc.state.ga.us.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-135 and Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Prevention Act of 1974.
History. Original grant description entitled "Challenge Grant" submitted July 18, 1995.
Submitted: May 1, 1996.
Submitted: Grant description entitled "Challenge Grants" received Aug. 18, 1997.
Submitted: Dec. 19, 1997.
Submitted: Dec. 6, 1999.
Submitted: Jan. 12, 2001.
Submitted: Dec. 20, 2001.
Submitted: Jan. 10, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 16, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 22, 2004.

Rule 96-1-.04. Abstinence Until Marriage.

(1) PURPOSE. This grant program is intended for the initiation of programs seeking to prevent teen sexual activity. Funding will be devoted exclusively to abstinence until marriage programs seeking to prevent teen pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, school drop outs, out-of-wedlock teen births, abortions and welfare dependency. Programs will provide abstinence education and, where appropriate, mentoring, counseling, and adult supervision to promote abstinence from sexual activity, with a focus on those groups which are most likely to bear children out-of-wedlock.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit semi-annual progress reports outlining project activities, number and composition of participating youth and progress in meeting project goals. Grant funds are administered on a reimbursement basis only. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by GOCF staff prior to final reimbursement of grant funds. Grant recipients must provide 40% matching non-federal cash and/or in-kind funds.

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. Eligible applicants for the Spring 2009 cycle include current programs who are seeking 2nd or 3rd year funding. Applicants include local governments, school systems, faith-based organizations, and non-profit organizations.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Completed proposals contain a project narrative outlining statement of need, goals and objectives, methods, evaluation and a continuation plan; detailed budget narrative; signed certifications; and letters of support. Applicants must comply with specific programmatic requirements published in the 2009 Abstinence Until Marriage Request for Proposals.

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. Specific directions are contained in the 2009 Abstinence Until Marriage Request for Proposals, which is available on the GOCF website (www.children.ga.gov). Applications are due May 26, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. Interested parties should contact Danielle Ruedt, Public Health Programs Coordinator, at 55 Park Place, NE, Suite 410, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 656-5168 or e-mail Danielle.Ruedt@children.ga.gov.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-135 and P.L. 104-193, Section 10, Title V of the Social Security Act, as amended.
History. Original grant description entitled "Abstinence Education" submitted December 19, 1997.
Submitted: May 29, 1998.
Submitted: July 12, 1999.
Submitted: Dec. 6, 1999.
Submitted: June 22, 2000.
Submitted: Jan. 12, 2001.
Submitted: May 29, 2001.
Submitted: Dec. 20, 2001.
Submitted: Jan. 10, 2003.

Submitted: Aug. 7, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 16, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 22, 2004.
Submitted: Aug. 2, 2005.
Submitted: Jan. 3, 2006.
Submitted: June 12, 2006.
Submitted: Grant entitled "Abstinence Until Marriage" Dec. 21, 2006.
Submitted: Dec. 27, 2007.
Submitted: Mar. 5, 2008.
Submitted: July 16, 2008.
Submitted: Mar. 26, 2009.

Rule 96-1-.05. Juvenile Accountability Block Grants.

(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this grant program is to promote greater accountability in Georgia's juvenile justice system. There are 16 program areas to which funds can be awarded. They include (1) graduated sanctions for offenders; (2) building and renovating juvenile detention facilities; (3) hiring juvenile court judges, probation officers, and court-appointed defenders and advocates; (4) hiring juvenile prosecutors; (5) addressing drug, gang and youth violence; (6) training for law enforcement and court personnel; (7) establishing juvenile gun courts; (8) establishing juvenile drug courts; (9) establishing and maintaining a system of juvenile records; (10) establishing or enhancing interagency information-sharing programs; (11) enhancing accountability services to reduce recidivism; (12) establishing risk and needs assessments of juvenile offenders; (13) establishing accountability-based programs enhancing school safety; (14) establishing restorative justice programs; (15) establishing programs within juvenile courts that provide more effective and efficient means of offender accountability to reduce recidivism; and (16) the hiring and training of detention and corrections personnel.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports outlining project activities, number and composition of participating youth and progress in meeting project goals. Grant funds are administered on a reimbursement basis only. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by GOCF staff prior to final reimbursement of grant funds. Grant recipients must provide a 10% non-federal cash match.

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. State, county and city units of government are eligible for JABG funds. The majority of funds are distributed based on a federally-calculated formula, and eligible recipients will be notified in writing of their maximum allocation. GOCF will also accept applications for new programs in 2009.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Applicants must complete a proposal containing a project narrative outlining statement of need, goals and objectives, methods, and evaluation, budget narrative, and continuation plan.

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. Specific directions are contained in the 2009 JABG Request for Proposals and Application Kit, which are available electronically upon request. Applications are due April 3, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. Interested parties should contact Joe Vignati, Justice Programs Coordinator, 55 Park Place, NE, Suite 410, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 656-5183 or e-mail at Joe.Vignati@children.ga.gov.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-135 and P.L. 105-277 of the Omnibus Consolidated Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1999.
History. Original grant description entitled "Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants" submitted December 6, 1999.
Submitted: Jan. 12, 2001.
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Submitted: Jan. 3, 2006.
Submitted: June 12, 2006.
Submitted: Dec. 21, 2006.
Submitted: June 18, 2007.
Submitted: Dec. 27, 2007.
Submitted: July 16, 2008.
Submitted: Mar. 26, 2009.

Rule 96-1-.06. Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws.

(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this grant program is for the enforcement of state laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and for the prevention of the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. Activities may include (1) statewide task forces to target establishments suspected of violating state underage drinking laws; (2) public advertising programs to educate establishments about laws and sanctions; and (3) innovative programs to prevent and combat underage drinking.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports outlining project activities, number and composition of participating youth and progress in meeting project goals. Grant funds are administered on a reimbursement basis only. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by Council staff prior to final reimbursement of grant funds.

(3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS. Eligible applicants include units of state and local governments, school systems and private, non-profit organizations.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Georgia has developed an underage drinking task force comprised of local law enforcement, prosecutors, anti-drug abuse organizations, and state officials. This task force identifies, based on Georgia's current enforcement activities and needed enhancements/additional services, allocation of funds.

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. Requests for information should be addressed to Clarise Jackson-Hall, Grants Monitor, Children and Youth Coordinating Council, 3408 Covington Highway, 4th Floor, Decatur, Georgia 30032, (404) 508-6579 or e-mail at ClariseJackson-Hall@cycc.state.ga.us.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-135 and P.L. 105-277 of the Appropriations Act of October 21, 1998.
History. Original grant description entitled "Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws" submitted December 6, 1999.
Submitted: Jan. 12, 2001.
Submitted: May 29, 2001.
Submitted: Aug. 7, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 16, 2003.
Submitted: Dec. 22, 2004.
Submitted: Aug. 2, 2005.
Submitted: Jan. 3, 2006.
Submitted: Dec. 21, 2006.
Submitted: Dec. 27, 2007.

Rule 96-1-.07. Caring Communities: A System of Care Approach.

(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funds to support communities' efforts in creating a more integrated and comprehensive System of Care that will improve child and family well-being. Funds will cover prevention and intervention services in the areas of child maltreatment, delinquency prevention, and youth development. This community approach must be strengths-based, outcome-focused, family-centered and must address identified needs by thinking "child first."

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly financial and progress reports outlining project activities, number and composition of participating youth and progress in meeting strategy outcomes. Grant funds are administered quarterly on a performance basis. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by GOCF prior to final payment of grant funds. Grant recipients are required to participate in cross-site and local evaluations.

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. Eligible applicants must be either a legal public government entity or non-profit (501c3) organization.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Completed proposals consist of a summary, community partner overview, defined target population, system of care description, evaluation plan strategy

implementation plan, job descriptions, budget summary workbooks, and signed certifications. Applicants must comply with specific requirements published in the 2010 Caring Communities Request for Proposals.

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. The deadline for proposal submission is June 1, 2010. Specific directions are contained in the 2010 Caring Communities Request for Proposals, which is available on the GOCF website (www.children.ga.gov). Questions should be directed to Christina Taylor, Governor's Office for Children and Families, 55 Park Place, NE, Suite 410, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 656-5600, or e-mail Christina.Taylor@children.ga.gov.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-135.
History. Original grant description entitled "Caring Communities for Children and Families: A System of Care Model Implementation" submitted July 16, 2008.
Submitted: Grant description entitled "Caring Communities: A System of Care Approach" received Mar. 26, 2009.
Submitted: May 17, 2010.

Rule 96-1-.08. System of Care: Community Strategy Grant Program.

(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funds to support existing or emerging System of Care framework in Georgia communities. Funded communities will offer prevention, educational, and social service activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, and promote positive youth development while enhancing the quality of family life through the provision of services targeted to specific populations of focus. For 2010, the area of focus is the Governor's Result Area - Educated.

(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly financial and progress reports through a web-based grants management system. Reports will include program data, participant data, and financial data. Grant funds are administered on a quarterly allotment system. Recipients must comply with federal and state financial regulations relating to purchases, contracts, audit requirements and the maintenance of financial records. A final evaluation report must be submitted and approved by GOCF prior to final disbursement of grant funds. Grant recipients may be required to participate in a cross-site evaluation.

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS. Eligible applicants must be either a legal public government entity or non-profit (501c3) organization.

(4) AWARD CRITERIA. Completed proposals consist of a summary, community partner overview, defined target population, system of care description, evaluation plan strategy implementation plan, job description, budget summary workbooks, and signed certifications. Applicants must comply with specific requirements published in the 2010 System of Care: Community Strategy Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP).

(5) DIRECTIONS AND DEADLINES FOR APPLYING. The deadline for proposal submission is March 1, 2010. Specific directions are contained in the 2010 System of Care: Community Strategy Grant Program Request for Proposals, which is available on the GOCF website (www.children.ga.gov). Questions should be directed to Tonia Poole, Governor's Office for Children and Families, 55 Park Place, NE, Suite 410, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 656-5600, or e-mail Tonia.Poole@children.ga.gov.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-1-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. 49-5-135.
History. Original grant description entitled "System of Care: Community Strategy Grant Program" submitted January 19, 2010.

Chapter 96-2. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

Subject 96-2-1. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Rule 96-2-1-.01. Governor's Office for Children and Families.

The General Assembly created the Governor's Office for Children and Families to provide more efficient and effective services for at-risk families and troubled children in Georgia by consolidating the Children and Youth Coordinating Council and the Children's Trust Fund Commission, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 49-5-132.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-1-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Governor's Office for Children and Families" adopted. F. September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-1-.02. Administrative Assignment.

(1) The Governor's Office for Children and Families is assigned to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-4-3.

(2) The office may accept federal funds granted by Congress or executive order for purposes of the fund as well as gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations.

(3) The office has authority to carry out its duties and responsibilities in consultation with the Advisory Board pursuant to O.C.G.A. 49-5-132.

(4) The Governor's Office for Children and Families shall adhere to the bylaws and rules of order consistent with its authorizing legislation for the conduct of meetings and business.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-1-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Administrative Assignment" adopted. F. September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Subject 96-2-2. DEFINITIONS.

Rule 96-2-2-.01. Definitions.

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and terms have the following meaning:

(1) The "Act" means the Children and Family Services Strengthening Act of 2008.

(2) "GOCF","Agency", or "Office" means the Governor's Office for Children and Families created pursuant to O.C.G.A. 49-5-132.

(3) "Director" means the executive director of the Governor's Office for Children and Families created pursuant to O.C.G.A. 49-5-133.

(4) "Board" means the advisory board to the Governor's Office for Children and Families created pursuant to O.C.G.A. 49-5-134.

(5) "Child" means a person under the age of 17 years or a person under the age of 18 years who is alleged to be deprived or is alleged to be a status offender as those terms are defined by O.C.G.A. 15-11-2.

(6) "ARRA" means American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This stimulus fund was intended to create jobs and promote investment and consumer spending during the recession.

(7) "Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)" means the JAG Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), which is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, and technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.

(8) "RFP" means Request for Proposal and is an invitation for providers, often through a competitive process, to submit a proposal on a specific service.

(9) "SOC" means System of Care and incorporates a broad array of services and supports that is organized into a coordinated network, integrates care planning and management across multiple levels, is culturally and linguistically competent, and builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth at service delivery and policy levels.

(10) "TANF" means Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and provides financial help for children and their parents or relatives who are living with them.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-2-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Definitions" adopted. F. September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Subject 96-2-3. ADMINISTRATION.

Rule 96-2-3-.01. Organization.

The Director shall administer all rules and regulations of the Governor's Office for Children and Families, whose address is 55 Park Place, N.E., Suite 410, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303-2529 pursuant to O.C.G.A. 49-5-132.

(1) **Advisory Board Membership.** The board is composed of at least fifteen voting members, appointed by the governor who, as a group, have training, experience, or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, emotional disability, foster care, teenage pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, law enforcement, pediatrics, health care, drug treatment, and rehabilitation, early childhood, primary and secondary education, or the administration of juvenile justice.

(2) **Advisory Board.** The advisory board shall:

(a) Elect a chairperson from among its membership. The advisory board may elect such other Officer and committees as it deems appropriate;

(b) Ensure at least one-fifth of the members of the advisory board shall be under the age of 24 at the time of their appointment, and at least 3 members shall have been or shall currently be under jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system or the foster care system. A single member may fulfill both of the above requirements;

(c) Serve without compensation, although each member of the advisory board shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties from funds available to the office. Such reimbursement shall be limited to all travel and other expenses necessarily incurred through service on the advisory board in compliance with travel rules and regulations. However, in no case shall a member of the advisory board be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the member's capacity as the representative of another state agency;

(d) Meet at such times and places as it shall determine necessary or convenient to perform its duties. Meet at the call of the chairperson, the Director or the Governor;

(e) Approve and maintain minutes of its meetings;

(f) Conform to the standards and requirements prescribed by the state accounting officer pursuant to Chapter 5B of Title 50;

(g) Provide regular advice and counsel to the Director, using the combined expertise and experience of its members to enable the office to carry out its statutory duties;

(h) Carry out such duties of the office as may be required by federal law or regulation so as to enable the state to receive and disburse federal funds for child abuse prevention and treatment and juvenile delinquency prevention and treatment.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-3-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Organization" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Subject 96-2-4. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS.

Rule 96-2-4-.01. Functions and Powers.

§49-5-132. Governor's Office for Children and Families established; funding; duties and responsibilities.

(1) There is established the Governor's Office for Children and Families which shall be assigned to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes.

(2) The Office shall be the successor entity to the Children and Youth Coordinating Council and to the Children's Trust Fund Commission and shall assume the continuing responsibilities, duties, rights, staff, contracts, debts, liabilities, and authorities of those bodies, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

(3) The Office may accept federal funds granted by Congress or executive order for the purposes of the fund as well as gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations. The acceptance and use of federal funds does not commit state funds and does not place an obligation upon the General Assembly to continue the purposes for which the federal funds are made available. All funds received in the manner described in this code section shall be transmitted to the director of the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services for deposit in the fund to be disbursed as other moneys in such fund.

(4) The Office is further vested with authority to carry out the following duties and responsibilities in consultation with the board:

(a) To carry out the prevention and community-based service programs as provided for in Part 2 of this article;

(b) To carry out the duties relating to mentoring as provided for in Part 3 of this article;

(c) To cooperate with and secure cooperation of every department, agency, or instrumentality in the state government or its political subdivisions in the furtherance of the purposes of this article;

(d) To prepare, publish, and disseminate fundamental child-related information of a descriptive and analytical nature to all components of the children's service system of this state, including, but not limited to, the juvenile justice system;

(e) To serve as a statewide clearinghouse for child-related information and research;

(f) In coordination and cooperation with all components of the children's service systems of this state, to develop legislative proposals and executive policy proposals reflective of the priorities of the entire child-related systems of this state, including, but not limited to, child abuse injury prevention, treatment, and juvenile justice systems;

(g) To serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor on issues impacting the children's service systems of this state;

(h) To coordinate high-visibility, child-related research projects and studies with a statewide impact when those studies and projects cross traditional system component lines;

(i) To provide for the interaction, communication, and coordination of all components of the children's service systems of this state and to provide assistance in establishing statewide goals and standards in the system;

(j) To provide for the effective coordination and communication between providers of children and youth services, including pediatrics, health, mental health, business and industry, and all components of social services, education, and educational services;

(k) To encourage and facilitate the establishment of local commissions or coalitions on children and youth and to facilitate the involvement of communities in providing services for their children and youth;

(l) To review and develop an integrated state plan for services provided to children and youth in this state through state programs;

(m) To provide technical assistance and consultation to members of the board and local governments, particularly those involved in providing services to their children and youth;

(n) To facilitate elimination of unnecessary or duplicative efforts, programs, and services; and

(o) To do any and all things necessary and proper to enable it to perform wholly and adequately its duties and to exercise the authority granted to it.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-4-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Functions and Powers" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-4-.02. Grant Administration.

(1) **Application**.

(a) GOCF Funding Sources. The agency shall prepare and submit applications according to prescribed federal, state and private guidelines that sustain dollars or enhance services for children and families with the approval and signature of the Director

(b) SUB-AWARDS. GOCF shall receive applications for sub-awards from the local community to include government, school systems and non-profits.

(2) **Request for Proposal**. A request for proposal consistent with the prescribed grant guidelines will detail the grant program, application deadline, eligibility, priorities, procedures for sub-grant application and review process. The agency will disseminate announcements on listserv, as well as post the RFP on the agency website.

(3) **Office Approval**. Recommendations for grant award approvals, denials, or disqualifications are made by the Application Review Team appointed by the Director. Once the recommendations are made, they are presented to the Director by the Application Review Team Lead for final approval. The approved grant award may include special program conditions and/or budget conditions.

(4) **Advisory Board Review**. The Advisory Board will have the opportunity to review, comment, and make suggestions on any recommendation for award at the board meeting closest to the intended grant award date.

(5) **Governor's Approval**. The Director will forward the sub-grant awards to the Governor for review and approval.

(6) **Notice of Award**. Upon approval, GOCF shall forward to each sub-grantee a Notice of Award and Grant Award Agreement signed by the Director, which will outline terms and conditions, as well as desired program and financial reporting requirements.

(7) **Administrative Grants.** Grants that are not required by the funding source to go through the RFP process and are issued through direct internal protocols according to grant regulations upon the approval of the Director.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-4-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Grant Administration" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-4-.03. Post-award Administration.

(1) **Grant Monitoring**. GOCF may monitor sub-grant programs through financial and programmatic monitoring of initial and adjusted budgets; review of requests for expenditure; performance-based outcomes; evaluation of compliance with administrative, financial and programmatic guidelines by utilizing desk review and on-site reviews; and evaluation of program performance in achievement of outcomes.

(2) **Reporting**. GOCF is responsible for reporting data and information required as a condition of accepting a federal grant award. The reporting requirements are then passed through to GOCF sub-grantees as a condition of the grant agreement and are reported through program and financial reports to GOCF. These reports may include financial reports of expenditures, cash match funds, and program income; individual progress reports that compile sub-grantee program activities; programmatic reports detailing the use of funds during a particular time period; and statistical and summary reports of program performance. A sub-grantee that does not meet reporting requirements may be subject to a reduction in, or termination of, funding.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-4-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Post-Award Administration" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Subject 96-2-5. NOTICE OF GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY OFFICE.

Rule 96-2-5-.01. Byrne JAG - ARRA Grant.

Provides funding to support a range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. This funding will enhance the law enforcement response to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Byrne JAG - ARRA Grant" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October

10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.02. Caring Communities - System of Care.

Provides funding to local communities to create a more integrated and comprehensive SOC that will improve child and family well-being. The grant funds programs that target the Governor's Results Areas: Educated, Healthy, Safe and Growing.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.02
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Caring Communities SOC" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.03. Community Strategies - System of Care.

Provides funding to local communities to support existing and or emerging systems of care frameworks. The grant funds programs that specifically target one of the Governor's Results Area.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.03
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Community Strategies SOC" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.04. Community - Based Child Abuse Prevention.

Supports a range of community-based, prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate).

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.04
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.05. Juvemile Accountability Block Grant.

Provides funds for technical expertise to juvenile courts throughout the State of Georgia. The majority of funds from this grant are specifically designated for the purpose of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges in the State of Georgia.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.05
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010;

effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.06. Juvenile Justice Title V Prevention Grants.

Title V provides grants to county governments that focus on reducing risks and enhancing protective factors to prevent youth at risk of becoming delinquent from entering the juvenile justice system.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.06
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Juvenile Justice Title V Prevention Grants" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.07. Juvenile Justice Title II Formula Grants.

This program supports efforts in planning, establishing, operating, coordinating and evaluating projects for the development of more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency and programs to improve the juvenile justice system.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.07
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Juvenile Justice Title II Formula Grants" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.08. Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant (EUDL).

This program supports and enhances the efforts to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.08
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant (EUDL)" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.09. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

The purposes of TANF are to provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their homes; end the dependency of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage; prevent and reduce the incidences of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. This funding provides a service delivery system for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.09
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Rule 96-2-5-.10. State Grant Programs.

State funds are used to support various programs that support children and families throughout the State of Georgia. This includes prevention, identified critical needs, and other SOC-based initiatives.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-5-.10
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "State Grant Programs" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.

Subject 96-2-6. ADOPTION OF RULES.

Rule 96-2-6-.01. Adoption of Rules.

(1) **Right of Petition Established.** Any interested person may petition the Office requesting the promulgation of a rule or the amendment or repeal of a rule already in force, as contemplated in the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act. (O.C.G.A. § 50-13-1)

(2) **Form of Petition.** Each such petition should be filed with the Office in writing and state the following:

(a) The name and address of the petitioner;

(b) The full text of the rule requested to be amended or repealed, or the full text of the rule desired to be promulgated;

(c) A paragraph statement of the reason(s) such rule should be amended, repealed or promulgated, including a statement of all pertinent and existing facts as to the petitioner's interest in the matter; and

(d) Citations of legal authorities, if any, which authorize, support or require the action requested by the petitioner. The petition must be verified under oath, by or in proper behalf of the petitioner.

(3) **Proceeding on Petition.** Upon receipt of the petition, the Chairperson of the Board or Director of the Office shall give the petition due consideration and present it to the Board for determination. Within 60 days after receipt of a petition, the Board shall inform the petitioner by mail of the decision reached, and may either decline to take the action

requested, stating its reasons for so declining, or initiate rulemaking in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-13-1).

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 96-2-6-.01
Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 49-5-132.
History. Original Rule entitled "Adoption of Rules" adopted. Filed September 20, 2010; effective October 10, 2010.