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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Proposed Program Priorities—ACF/ACYF/RHYP 98-1]

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program: Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 Proposed Program Priorities

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments on proposed Fiscal Year 1998 Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program Priorities for the Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth; the Street Outreach Program for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth; and the Transitional Living Program for Older Homeless Youth.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act requires the Secretary to publish annually, for public comment, a proposed plan specifying priorities the Department will follow in awarding grants and contracts under the Act. The public is urged to provide comments in response to this notice. Suggestions and recommendations will be taken into consideration in development of final priorities. The actual solicitations for grant applications will be published later during Fiscal Year 1998 in the **Federal Register**. No applications for funding should be submitted at this time.

DATES: Closing date for submission of public comments is December 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: James A. Harrell, Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Attention: Family and Youth Services Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Wright, Youth Development Program Specialist, (202) 205-8030.

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces that public comments are being requested on proposed program priorities for Fiscal Year 1998 for the following programs:

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Grant Program (BCP),

which provides financial assistance to local agencies to develop and strengthen services to meet the immediate needs (e.g., outreach, temporary shelter, counseling, and aftercare services) of runaway and homeless youth and their families.

The Street Outreach Program for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth, which provides street-based outreach and education, including treatment, counseling, and information and referral services for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of experiencing sexual abuse.

The Transitional Living Program for Older Homeless Youth (TLP), which supports local agencies which provide long term shelter, life-skill training and support services to homeless youth to assist them in making a smooth transition to self-sufficiency and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

Central to all FYSB programs and activities is a priority that services be delivered through a comprehensive youth development approach. A developmental perspective views adolescence as the passage from the dependence of the child to the independence and self-sufficiency of the adult. The various emotional, intellectual, social and physical changes during this passage are natural, healthy responses to the challenges and opportunities of growing up.

The tasks of youth services providers are seen, thus, not as correcting the problems of troubled youth, but rather as providing for the successive developmental needs of maturing individuals: The psychological need to develop a clear self-identity; the sociological need to be an effective and contributing member of the community; the economic need to prepare for and enter into a career; and the familial needs for sharing, for trusting, for giving and receiving love and commitment. This developmental approach is fundamental to all FYSB programs and activities.

Financial assistance for programs and support efforts discussed below is contingent upon the availability of funds.

a. Basic Center Program Grants

Approximately 65 percent of the Basic Center grants awarded will be non-competing continuation grants and approximately 35 percent will be competitive new awards in Fiscal Year 1998.

Eligible applicants for new awards are current grantees with project periods ending in Fiscal Year 1998 and

otherwise eligible applicants who are not current grantees. The applications will be reviewed by State, and awards will be made during the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1998 (July–September 1998).

b. Transitional Living Program Grants

All potential Fiscal Year 1998 TLP funds will be awarded in the form of continuation grants and as new grants to applicants who competed successfully during Fiscal Year 1997.

It is anticipated that all Fiscal Year 1999 funds will be used to award non-competitive continuation grants. No TLP funds are expected to be available in Fiscal Year 1999 to fund new-start applications. Therefore, there will be no solicitation for competitive new-start TLP applications in Fiscal Year 1998.

c. Street Outreach for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth

Fiscal Year 1998 funds will be used to award new grants to eligible applicants and non-competitive continuation awards to eligible grantees.

d. Support Services for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

(1) National Communications System

In Fiscal Year 1994, a five-year grant was awarded to the National Runaway Switchboard, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois, to operate a National Communications System to assist runaway and homeless youth in communicating with their families and with service providers. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to the grantee in Fiscal Year 1998. The five-year project period will end in Fiscal Year 1999.

(2) Training and Technical Assistance

Part D, Section 342 of the Act authorizes the Department to make grants to statewide and regional nonprofit organizations to provide training and technical assistance (T&TA) to organizations receiving service grants under the Act in order to strengthen programs and enhance the knowledge and skills of youth workers.

The Family and Youth Services Bureau funds ten Cooperative Agreements, one in each Federal Region, to provide T&TA to agencies funded by FYSB. Each Cooperative Agreement is based on the characteristics and different T&TA needs in the respective Region and has a five-year project period that will end in Fiscal Year 1999. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to the ten T&TA grantees in Fiscal Year 1998.

(3) National Clearinghouse on Runaway and Homeless Youth

In Fiscal Year 1997, the Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a five year contract to support a National Clearinghouse on Youth and Families (NCFY). The purpose of the Clearinghouse is to disseminate information to professionals and agencies involved in youth development efforts and/or the delivery of direct services to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. The Clearinghouse collects, maintains and disseminates reports and other materials, identifies areas in which new or additional information is needed, and develops documents and materials relevant to FYSB's mission and the needs of the field. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to the Clearinghouse in Fiscal Year 1998.

(4) Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS)

In Fiscal Year 1997, the Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a three year contract for continued development and implementation of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS) for FYSB programs. The data generated by the system are used to produce reports and information regarding FYSB's programs, including information for required reports to Congress. In Fiscal Year 1998 this effort will receive non-competitive continuation funding.

(5) Monitoring Support for FYSB Programs

The Family and Youth Services Bureau uses a comprehensive monitoring instrument and site visit protocols, including a peer-review component for monitoring runaway and homeless youth programs. In Fiscal Year 1997, the Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a three year contract to provide logistical support for peer review monitoring. In Fiscal Year 1998, this contract will receive non-competitive continuation funding.

6. Conference Logistics and Management Support Contract

In Fiscal Year 1995, the Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a twelve-month contract, with two option years, for logistics and management support. The purpose of the contract is to promote FYSB's comprehensive youth development message by making the arrangements necessary to assemble FYSB's grantees, youth development experts and other youth service providers at meetings, conferences,

workshops and forums. In Fiscal Year 1998, the second year option will be funded to continue this effort.

7. Research Demonstration and Management Initiatives

Section 315 of the Act authorizes the Department to award funds to States, localities, and private entities to carry out research, demonstration, and service projects designed to increase knowledge concerning, and to improve services for, runaway and homeless youth. These activities identify emerging issues and develop and test models which address such issues.

During Fiscal Year 1998, the Family and Youth Services Bureau will continue to:

Support a youth development approach to the provision of services, both from theoretical and practical perspectives;

Pursue the development of youth development performance based indicators and outcome measures as a method of evaluating the effectiveness of youth services;

Explore the potential for successful collaborations among federal government agencies, state governments and local community based youth services organizations, including the funding of possible pilot demonstration efforts;

Continue to work in partnership with Regional Offices around the review and assessment of grant applications and the development and implementation of FYSB program efforts, and

Continue to make sure that funding for programs will occur in a timely manner by publishing this Notice, as well as the final priorities in the **Federal Register**, as early in the Fiscal Year as possible.

We welcome specific comments and suggestions on these proposed program priorities.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 93.623, Runaway and Homeless Youth Program; Number 93.657, Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth; and Number 93.557, Street Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth.)

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James A. Harrell,

Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 97N-0399]

Helen A. Ballack Co. et al.; Withdrawal of Approval of 61 New Drug Applications, 8 Abbreviated Antibiotic Applications, and 36 Abbreviated New Drug Applications; Correction

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is correcting a notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** of September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50387). The document announced the withdrawal of approval of 61 new drug applications (NDA's), 8 abbreviated antibiotic applications (AADA's), and 36 abbreviated new drug applications (ANDA's). The document inadvertently withdrew approval of NDA 19-339 for Heparin Sodium in 5% Dextrose Injection in CR3 Flexible Container held by Abbott Laboratories, D-389 Bldg. AP30, 200 Abbott Park Rd., Abbott Park, IL 60064-3537. This document confirms that approval of NDA 19-339 is still in effect, and that the withdrawal of approval of the NDA was in error.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Olivia A. Pritzlaff, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-7), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-594-2041.

In FR Doc. 97-25369, appearing at page 50387 in the **Federal Register** of Thursday, September 25, 1997, the following correction is made: On page 50388, in the table, the entry for NDA 19-339 is removed.

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Janet Woodcock,

Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Public Health Service****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

Part C (Centers for Disease Control And Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and