



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Colleague:

Re: Issuance of Title V Section 510 Abstinence Education Program Grant Awards

As Associate Commissioner, I would like to thank you for your continued efforts to serving youth and helping them to make healthy choices.

The President recently signed into law H.R. 3668, a bill entitled the "TMA, Abstinence Education, and QI Programs Extension Act of 2007," which extends the Section 510 Abstinence Education Program through December 31, 2007. First quarter FY 2008 awards made available by this legislation will be issued on the basis of approved FY 2007 Section 510 Abstinence Education applications.

To receive an award, grantees who participated in the program in FY 2007 must submit a letter confirming that they will continue to operate their approved program in the same manner they operated their program in FY 2007. In those instances where a grantee's plan changes, a brief description of the changes should be attached to the letter. All such changes will be subject to ACF approval. The letter, together with any attachments and the FY 2007 application, will serve as the grantee's temporary application for FY 2008 grant funds. This streamlined process will allow states to receive funds and continue to operate their existing programs.

We recommend that your letters be as brief as possible and that they be signed by the person authorized to apply for grant funds on behalf of the State. The Administration for Children and Families will be unable to issue awards until confirmation letters are received. Please submit all letters and attachments to:

Ms. Annie Miller
Abstinence Education Program Specialist
Administration for Children and Families
Family and Youth Services Bureau
Portals Building, Suite 8428
1250 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20024

Given the time constraints, it is not recommend that you send your letter by regular mail. If you choose to mail your confirmation letter, we encourage you to use express mail. If you have questions you may reach Ms. Miller by e-mail at annie.miller@acf.hhs.gov or by telephone at 202.401.6959.

Information regarding permanent FY 2008 program applications will be forthcoming at a later date.

Thank you for your patience. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Burke Morison".

Karen Burke Morison
Associate Commissioner

Cc: Stanley Koutstaal, Director, Division of Abstinence Education
Manolo Salgueiro, Financial Management Specialist, Office of Grants Management