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The national office of Circle of Parents announces the availability of ten (10) \$50,000 grants for the period September 30, 2008 to September 29, 2009. These grants are available in the states of Colorado, Florida, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin. Two grants of \$50,000 each will be awarded per state.

These funds will be used to increase the capacity of local community or faith-based home visitation programs to provide support and education that promotes responsible parenting among expectant and new fathers. It is our intent to fund a diversity of programs that represent urban, rural and suburban populations.

The home visiting program must be either: 1) affiliated with a national model and be currently certified or credentialed by the national office of that program model; or 2) federally-funded and authorized to provide the program model.

Applicants must also demonstrate collaboration with domestic violence programs and other key services that meet the relevant needs of new and expectant fathers. Applicants must also commit to integrating the Responsible Fatherhood program into the state Circle of Parents State Member Organization, participate in training and technical assistance offered through the national and state Circle of Parents office and participate in data collection and project evaluation.

Applicants must submit the completed application and supporting documents no later than 5:00 pm (central), Tuesday, August 27, 2008. Applicants will be notified no later than September 19, 2008.

For more information about this grant opportunity, contact one of the state Circle of Parents state contacts listed or Karen Schrader, Training & Technical Assistance Manager, Circle of Parents at circleofparents@northstate.net.

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