

**HHSC TO HOST HEARINGS ON FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS****Public Input Needed on State Uses of TANF, Social Services Block Grant,
Title X (Public Health Services Act), and Maternal and Child Health Block Grant**

In the upcoming weeks, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will co-host hearings with other state agencies in **Houston, El Paso, Fort Worth, and Edinburg** on agencies' plans for using various federal block grants. In particular, the agencies will be seeking input on the state's use of

- the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, which can support an array of services for low-income families;
- the Title XX Social Services Block Grant, which helps pay for programs ranging from family violence services to community care for elders and persons with disabilities,
- the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, which funds vital prenatal and preventive care, as well as care for children with special health care needs; and,
- Title X of the Public Health Services Act, which provides funding for comprehensive family planning services.

In addition to testimony on these block grants, comments are welcome on state program and funding priorities across all health and human services issues. The hearings are required by law before agencies can finish their budget requests for the next legislative budget period (fiscal 2002 and 2003). Interested parties can also submit comments in writing. The hearing schedule is listed below, along with additional resources about the individual federal block grants.

For more information and analyses about these block grants see the following links:

Title XX/Social Services Block Grant:

Center for Public Policy Priorities:

<http://www.cppp.org/products/policyanalysis/titlxx.html>

Coalition for Human Needs:

<http://www.chn.org/titlxx/>

Alliance for Children and Families

<http://www.alliance1.org/facts-March24f.asp>

The FY 2000 Title XX Intended Use Report may be obtained by calling DHS, (512) 438-3056.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block GrantCPPP: <http://www.cppp.org/products/policypages/91-110/91-110html/PP95.html>

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities:

<http://www.cbpp.org/3-30-00wel.htm>

Center for Law and Social Policy:

<http://www.clasp.org/>

Federal:

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/news/welfare/index.html>**Title X/Public Health Services**Federal: <http://www.hhs.gov/progorg/opa/titlxx/ofp.html>

Texas Department of Health:

<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/women/famsrc.stm#TitleX>**Title V/Maternal and Child Health Block Grant**Federal: <http://www.mchdata.net/>

Texas Department of Health:

<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/mch/inform.htm#TitleV>**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE****April 11, 2000, 5 PM – Houston**

Power Center, 12401 S. Post Oak

April 20, 2000, 12:30 PM – El PasoRegion 19 Education Service Center, Tierra Del Sol
Conference room, 6611 Boeing Drive**April 25, 2000, 5 PM – Fort Worth**Botanic Gardens and Conservatory Auditorium,
3220 N. Botanic Gardens Drive**April 27, 2000, 1:30 PM – Edinburg**Tropical Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation
(MHMR), 1901 South 24th Street