**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CA1733  
**Target Population:** Abused and neglected children and their families  
**Fiscal Year:** 2005

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

Amount of Award: $143,000.00  
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ACF Region: 4  
Congressional District Served: 3

**ABSTRACT:**

The Choctaw Children's Advocacy Center operates under the Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS), and organizational entity of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, which is responsible for the program and fiscal operations for six major service programs operated by the Tribe- the Divisions of Social Services, Behavioral Health, Family Emergency Assistance, Food Distribution, Social and Elderly Nutrition Program, and the Choctaw Boys and Girls Club Program.

In 2004, eighty-two percent (87 of 106) of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) cases for child abuse had previously entered the system through Social Service, Behavioral Health, and the Tribal Court systems due to victimization. The cause of the initial entrance into Tribal systems range from previous disclosures of abuse that could not be prosecuted or pursued, domestic violence events, neglect, and injuries or delinquency associated with victimization. The reentrance into Tribal systems illustrate that the current approach to intervention has failed to foster sufficient protective behaviors in parents and caregivers. If
protective behavior could be successfully acquired by non-offending parents and caregivers, CAC could document a reduction of future traumas to children by realizing fewer reoccurrences. The overall goal of Project PONY is to prevent reoccurrences, identify risk factors for revictimization, and foster parental protectiveness. The CAC process to affect this goal will be to document previous victimization, provide intervention services to non-offending parent/caregivers, apply the Family Advocate model to case management, and increase community awareness concerning child abuse.

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