**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  **Grant Number:** 90CA1737  
**Target Population:** Married couples and their families  **Fiscal Year:** 2005  

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

- **Name:** Heritage Community Services, Inc.  
- **Address:** 2810 Ashley Phosphate Rd. Suite B-7  
- **City/State/Zip Code:** Charleston, SC 29418  
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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Amount of Award:** $149,266.00  
- **Program Name:** Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects  
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2005-9/29/2009  
- **ACF Region:** 4  
- **Congressional District Served:** 1  
- **Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

**Organization Description:** The primary mission of Heritage Community Services is family formation outcomes for the adolescent population. Through Federal, state and private foundation funding, their community-based programs reach more than 20,000 teens annually in five states in the Caribbean. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

**Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:** The Home Keepers project helps interested unwed and married parents form healthy marriages, and, in turn, improve child well-being. It is a long-term demonstration project that tests whether lessons learned from The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study and the guidelines offered by the Building Strong Families project have application for the nation's crisis pregnancy centers. Home Keepers has two major components. The first looks at family formation barriers of the couples experience. These may be logistical, cultural, attitudinal or other. The project will identify the barriers through existing literature, and surveys/interviews with prospective participants, and then 'remove' those it can. The second provides a healthy marriage program that provides education, dedicated staff support...
services (including mentoring couples), and the offering of incentives (for program participation) for couples. Educational components utilize programs and curricula currently offered by FOCUS Inc., Marriage Savers®, and a parenting course currently in use by the pregnancy center where services will be offered. Home Keepers will collect data and follow program participants (and their children) throughout the project's life.

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