Step 6: View Abstracts

**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  **Grant Number:** 90CA1738

**Target Population:** Married couples and their families  **Fiscal Year:** 2005

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

- **Name:** Starkville School District
- **Address:** 401 Greensboro St.
- **City/State/Zip Code:** Starkville, MS 39759
- **Principal Contact Person:** Joan Buutler
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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Amount of Award:** $146,213.00
- **Program Name:** Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
- **ACF Region:** 4
- **Congressional District Served:** 3

**Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

**Organization Description:** The Starkville School District's Department of Family-Centered Programs provides training for school staff on the identification of maltreatment, special enrichment activities for families, parents and children, as well as public awareness activities.

**Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:** The Starkville School District's Department of Family-Centered Programs will implement a four-year demonstration project. Healthy Marriages/Healthy Kids, to improve child well-being by assisting project participants who choose marriage to develop the skills to form and sustain healthy marriage relationships thereby providing healthy families and nurturing environments for children. The objectives address recruiting and training fifty African American clergy and married couples to be in a marriage bureau and teach marriage education classes in their churches and through the Department of Family-Centered Programs to fifty premarital and married couples, especially those whose children are at-risk of being placed into- or who are already in- the Child Welfare System. Once the volunteers are trained using a nationally known marriage education training program, they will teach marriage
education in their own churches. In addition, they will teach marriage education to Family-Centered clientele, especially those whose children are at risk of being placed or who are already in the Child Welfare System. A Marriage Bureau will be created where community groups and other faith based organizations can obtain clergy or volunteer couples to either speak about or teach marriage classes. Finally, a Marriage Summit will be coordinated each year to reinforce and teach skills necessary for a happy marriage and healthy children. The program will be evaluated using pre- and post- survey instruments, personal interviews and will analyze data collected during programming to measure the extent to which the Healthy Marriages/Healthy Kids Project has achieved its objectives and whether the achievement of the objectives accomplished the overall goals.

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