Bureau Name: Children's Bureau  
Grant Number: 90CO1015  
Target Population: Adoptable children  
Fiscal Year: 2005

GRANTEE INFORMATION:

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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:

Amount of Award: $300,000.00  
Program Name: Adoption Opportunities  
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/30/2010  
ACF Region: 5  
Congressional District Served: 11

ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: Bellefaire JCB is licensed by the state of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) to provide adoption services. With six federal grants over the past ten years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, for various adoption projects, the adoption department has emerged as one of the most multifaceted and effective child placement agencies not only in Ohio, but in the country.  

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: Bellefaire JCB's Project VIP (Voices Impacting Permanency) is an innovative project designed to develop and implement services and supports to improve permanency outcomes for youth who wish to retain contact with family members. The project focuses on five objectives: to replace resistance to with interest in permanency options among youth over age 12 and/or sibling groups in the public child welfare system; to connect youth to adults to promote a range of permanency options, particularly adoption, open adoption, and including guardianship and kinship care; demonstrate an effective permanency planning model in which youth leadership and collaboration
among youth, siblings, other family members, caseworkers, and possible permanency parents are critical components; to evaluate the processes and outcomes of Project VIP to provide an evidence based model for promoting open adoption, and to disseminate information about Project VIP to provide a model for other counties and states seeking effective open adoption programs for youth and sibling groups. Project VIP utilizes a range of strategies to improve and increase permanency outcomes for youth over 12 and/or sibling groups in the public child welfare system. Especially important is the regional initiative that will produce evidence based, youth centered permanency model that includes parent, mentor, child welfare, and legal professional training to improve Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR) permanency outcomes. The innovative features of the project include peer groups and a camp that combine a focus on youth empowerment and openness in adoption, a recruitment plan for VIP mentors that overcomes the challenge of enlisting sufficient numbers of mentors, the VIP Community Chorus, the informal social network activities built into our model of Circles of Support, parent training that invites birth/kinship family members and a VIP Rapid Response Team that will engage with legal system professionals to share information and perspectives in a non-adversarial setting.

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