**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO1016  
**Target Population:** Adoptable children  
**Fiscal Year:** 2005

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

- **Name:** New York Council on Adoptable Children  
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  15th Floor  
- **City/State/Zip Code:** New York, NY 10018  
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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:** 2  
- **Congressional District Served:** 14

**ABSTRACT:**

- **Organization Description:** Founded in 1972, the New York Council on Adoptable Children (COAC) is an adoption service agency serving legally freed older and special needs children in the New York City foster care system. Its mission is to insure that as many children as possible are permanently placed with families that will love and care for them. They seek adoptive parents who will adopt children affected by AIDS and other special needs children.

- **Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:** COAC, a 35-year old adoption specialty organization, will implement a new program model that features strong cross-agency collaborations designed to overcome the barriers to open adoption and improve the permanency outcomes of youth age 12 and over in the New York City foster care system. With ACF’s support, the organization will launch The ROAD/E1 Camino (Realizing Open Adoption Dreams/El Camino Hacia Un Futuro Mejor) to engage 96 youth in the process of finding permanent homes for them in the five year grant period. Partners: The New York City Administration for Children's Services, foster care agencies who have custody of the youth, the
media that target the African American and Hispanic community (for outreach to prospective parents), as well as two programs within COAC that will provide wrap-around services to recruit adoptive families and support them in the post-placement period. By raising awareness among youths, their birth families, extended families, kinship networks, and caseworkers - that a permanent family is indeed possible, that open adoption is an option that will allow for continued family contact and by implementing best practices that engage all parties involved, The ROAD/E1 Camino will give youths a new opportunity to achieve permanence. In the five-year period, the project will serve 96 youth and place 68 of them with permanent families. The project will document its procedures, methods and results and provide a final report and workbook to enable replication for the field.

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