Bureau Name: Children's Bureau  
Grant Number: 90CO1017  
Target Population: Adoptable children  
Fiscal Year: 2005

GRANTEE INFORMATION:
- Name: Family Builders by Adoption
- Address: 528 Grand Ave.
- City/State/Zip Code: Oakland, CA 94610
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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: 9
- Congressional District Served: 9

Related Links:

ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: The Family Builders by Adoption Organization, based in Alameda County, CA has recruited and developed adoptive families for children and youth with special needs in public agency foster care for over 29 years. It is a private, non-profit organization that was originally founded in 1976 to develop families for severely disabled children in institutionalized care. Believing all children and youth are adoptable, Family Builders by Adoption prepares families to succeed in handling the challenges of adopting children and youth with a wide range of special needs.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: The project addresses the needs of youth who emancipate from foster care without permanent family connections. The Family Builders and Alameda County Social Services Agency are publically and privately collaborating to establish open adoptions and other permanence for 200 youth who will otherwise exit care without permanence. The Project has five objectives. The first is to prepare youth for a positive transition into an adoptive family that will support the youth's attachment to and contact with members of the youth's family of origin. The second is to prepare, support and sustain permanent families to
understand and address the issues which are unique to open adoption. The third objective is to prepare, support and sustain families of origin. The fourth objective is to evaluate the process and outcomes of these strategies and models, and the fifth objective is to disseminate information learned from this project to encourage other locations to develop open adoption and permanency programs for youth. The project is based on our shared belief that every youth is entitled to leave foster care with a permanent family relationship that supports his or her connections to the family of origin, and that it is possible to develop such a relationship for each youth. The primary outcome of this innovative project will be the timely intervention and establishment of open adoptions and permanence for 200 youth in Alameda County prior to their emancipation from foster care in Alameda County during the next five years.

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