Bureau Name: Children's Bureau
Grant Number: 90CO1019
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
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 1, 2, 7, 8, 9

ABSTRACT:
Organization Description: Kidsave International, Inc. is a volunteer-driven organization that is working to move older children out of orphanages and foster care and into permanent, loving families. Kidsave helps older children without parents meet people who often end up adopting, mentoring or staying connected to them. Kidsave is working to find families for children living in foster care who have no adoptive families. Their Weekend Miracles programs are in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles County, CA.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: Project Adopt Older Kids! (A-OK!) seeks to identify people to adopt or become guardians of and mentors youth twelve and older who have refused adoption at least in part because they think they would not be able to retain relationships with some members of their birth family or others in their life. Our partners are the Los Angeles County Department of Child and Family Services and the District of Colombia's Child and Family Services Agency. The team members will conduct thorough research of a child's biological family and friends (mining of cases), followed by a meeting and discussions among family, friends, and the youth to see if someone might adopt or become a guardian for the youth. For those where
permanency cannot be achieved by this meansthe project staff will recruit families through Kidsave’s Weekend Miracles program. The Weekend Miracles program is based on a family visit model where youth experience a series of weekend visits with screened and trained host families who draw on their circle of friends to help the child find a family. Personal advocacy is augmented by media coverage, and community partnership development, thus creating greater exposure for the youth, community participation and energy around children in need. Partnerships will be developed with local organizations to expand the network for recruiting families and increase advocacy for the kids. Youth will receive preparation through social workers as well as the Kidsave Support Group. Part of their preparation will be teaching them how to advocate for themselves. Support will also be provided to birth parents to help them allow their child to be adopted. A-OK will be evaluated by a team from UCLA and the University of North Carolina.

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