**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO1021  
**Target Population:** Adoptable children  
**Fiscal Year:** 2005

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

- **Name:** Adoptions Unlimited, Inc.  
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  Suite 800  
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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Amount of Award:** $278,170.00  
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities  
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2005-9/30/2010  
- **ACF Region:** 5  
- **Congressional District Served:** 1

**Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

**Organization Description:** Adoptions Unlimited, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to finding and supporting adoptive families for children in need of permanent homes. The organization also operates two other programs-The Recruitment Response Team for Illinois, a partnership with the Adoption Exchange Association and AdoptUSKids, and the Infant Adoption Training Initiative in Illinois, a partnership with Spaulding for Children.

**Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:** The overall goal of the Family Connections Project is to increase youth connection and permanency via a model that educates youth, families, child welfare professionals, and court personnel about openness in permanency; mediates open permanency arrangements; and assists youth in addressing emotional issues that impact permanency and well-being. The objectives of the project are: to conduct a thorough needs assessment on the barriers and strategies that impact openness, to educate workers, foster/pre-adoptive parents, court personnel, and youth about the benefits of open permanency arrangements, to mediate open...
permanency arrangements which promote contact between youth and relatives or significant others, to address emotional issues that impact permanency and well-being, and to disseminate knowledge gained from the project throughout the state. The model makes use of many established structures of the child welfare system, augmenting them and training workers to provide these functions in a way that can be continued after grant funding ends and which can be replicated in other states. Foster youth will steer the project in conjunction with adoptive parents, birth parents, and professionals through service on the advisory workgroup and by providing input on curriculum design and model implementation.

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