**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO1022  
**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:** 9/30/2005-9/29/2010  
- **ACF Region:** 4  
- **Congressional District Served:** 2

**ABSTRACT:**

Established in 1927, Child and Family Tennessee (CFT) is a private, not-for-profit agency that provides child welfare and social services to more than 20,000 residents of East Tennessee annually. The agency specializes in services for vulnerable families and children with three areas of concentration: treatment, advocacy and prevention. Services include residential care for adolescent boys and girls; programs for women and children who live with domestic violence; individual and family counseling; programs for pregnant teens; runaway youth; and services for families in crisis.

Child and Family Tennessee (CFT) is developing, implementing and evaluating new and proven strategies in a new program called Youth OPEN (Youth Options for Permanency and Empowerment Now). The goal of the Youth OPEN project is to introduce a range of permanency options to youth, including adoption, open adoption and permanent guardianship; to empower and support youth to be active advocates in their own permanency planning process; to provide permanency interventions, including mediation and youth peer mentorship; to
increase foster youth leadership; to create communities of support for youth permanency; and to train youth and adults in permanency preparation - in order to increase the number of youth exiting state custody with a permanent family connection. The effectiveness of these strategies will be evaluated by the University of Tennessee, College of Social Work Office of Research and Public Service (SWORPS) and the resulting lessons learned will be disseminated to others to facilitate improvements in permanency practice.

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