**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CB0144  
**Target Population:** Drug-exposed and HIV/AIDS exposed children and families  
**Fiscal Year:** 2004

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

- **Name:** Austin Families, Inc. dba Family Connections  
- **Address:** 825 E. 53 1/2 St.  
  Building E-101  
- **City/State/Zip Code:** Austin, TX 78751  
- **Principal Contact Person:** Louanne Aponte  
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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Amount of Award:** $450,000.00  
- **Program Name:** Abandoned Infant Projects  
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2004-9/29/2008  
- **ACF Region:** 6  
- **Congressional District Served:** 10

**ABSTRACT:**

**Organization Description:** The Family Connections program provides information, education, and resources to individuals such as parents, caregivers, teachers and others in the larger community who have a great influence on children. This assists in the promotion of family strengthening and cohesiveness.

**Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:** The Collaboration to Reduce the Abandonment & Deliver Local Education and Supports (CRADLES) Project serves Austin infants who are at high risk of being abandoned by mothers who are HIV positive and/or have substance abuse problems. The project identifies and addresses issues through the service delivery of prenatal education, prenatal mentoring and counseling, in-hospital screening, assessment and engagement, post-partum and prenatal follow-up, parenting skills training, and counseling and case management.

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