**Bureau Name:** Children’s Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO1002  
**Target Population:** Adoptable children  
**Fiscal Year:** 2004

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

- **Name:** Bethany Christian Services, Inc.  
- **Address:** 15 Dunwoody Park  
- **City/State/Zip Code:** Atlanta, GA 30338  
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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Amount of Award:** $299,995.00  
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities  
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2004-9/29/2009  
- **ACF Region:** 4  
- **Congressional District Served:** 4

**ABSTRACT:**

- **Organization Description:** Bethany’s capacity to develop and deliver high-quality services is demonstrated by the agency’s 60 years of experience in serving abused, neglected, and displaced children. Founded in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1944, Bethany Christian Services is a multi-service, child and family service agency that operates a nationwide network of 75 offices in 30 states. The Post-Adoption, marital enrichment services of this proposal will be delivered to families in Georgia through Bethany’s office located in Atlanta, Georgia and its branch office located in Columbus, Georgia (starting in year 3). Bethany has been providing child welfare and adoption services in Georgia since 1989 and currently employs a staff of 36 people who served 448 children and families in 2003 alone.

- **Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:** Bethany Christian Services of Georgia proposes to establish the R.E.A.P. Project ("Relationship Enhancement for Adoptive Parents") which will be based on the nationally recognized curriculum known as "Couples Relationship Enhancement Program (RE)." The vision is to develop an evidence-based, replicable, post-adoption and marriage enrichment model whose overarching
goal is to enhance positive adoption outcomes and build healthy adoptive families by strengthening the marriage relationships of couples who adopt older, special needs children. Bethany's REAP project will consist of 3 goals: (1) Provide curriculum-based enrichment training for 1,200 adoptive couples in 5 years to strengthen marriages and adoptions; (2) Develop a continuum of post-curriculum enrichment opportunities for adoptive parents (case-management, couple support groups, quarterly enrichment seminars, linkages to community events, crisis management and referral); and (3) integrate "preventive marital enrichment" into the State's adoption system to increase awareness that the marital health an integral part of successfully adopting older, special needs children (pre-adoptive training, worker training, an educational video, and marriage resources). The project targets services for families living in the 11 county area of metro-Atlanta, Georgia, and a 46 county predominately rural area surrounding Columbus, GA, starting in year 3. The REAP project will be implemented through partnerships with the National Institute of Relationship Enhancement, GA Dep't of Family and Children's Services, GA Center for Adoption Resources, One Church One Child, and an independent project evaluator.

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