**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO1003  
**Target Population:** Adoptable children  
**Fiscal Year:** 2004

**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**
- **Name:** DePelchin Children's Center  
- **Address:** 4950 Memorial Dr.  
- **City/State/Zip Code:** Houston, TX 77007  
- **Principal Contact Person:** Jane Harding  
- **Telephone Number:** 713-802-7733

**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**
- **Amount of Award:** $299,970.00  
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities  
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2004-9/29/2009  
- **ACF Region:** 6  
- **Congressional District Served:** 18

**ABSTRACT:**

**Organization Description:** DePelchin Children's Center (DCC), a private, nonsectarian United Way agency, has served the greater Houston area for more than 110 years. DCC offer programs and interventions designed to empower children, adolescents, and their families, and their communities with the resources necessary for healthy family functioning. DCC offers a wide range of therapeutic, prevention, and intervention services.

**Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:** The proposed project seeks to build resilience and strengthen marital and family functioning among adoptive families by establishing healthy connections: (1) cohesive marital relationships; (2) positive family relationships; (3) broad support networks; and (4) therapeutic expertise. Approach-Service components include (l) quarterly Fun Days, the critical entry point for families, promoting early engagement in services; (2) four cycles of a marriage education classes using the effective Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP), interwoven with the Educational Network for Adoption-Building Lasting Environments (ENABLE) curriculum will be offered annually. Concurrently, children will participate in related social-emotional educational...
and skill-development groups; (3) Office and home-based therapy services will draw upon interventions that address the loss and grief issues impacting the child and family system; (4) Financial assistance for respite services will be offered; (5) Training for therapists on techniques, skills and promising approaches to work with adoptive families. In addition, therapists will assist families to identify and outline a network of support providers. Results/Benefits: The proposed project will benefit adoptive children, their families, the applicant agency, therapists and the professional field. Through social-interactional learning, children will be better able to communicate and connect with family members. Through early engagement, families will be strengthened, and will avert and/or minimize the impact of stress-producing events. The project will enable DCC and its collaborative partner, Family Services Center, to integrate marriage education and adoption issues to develop resilience among adoptive families. The creation of an adoption-specific marriage education curriculum, a replication manual, conference presentations, and the dissemination of evaluation findings will inform the professional field on the effectiveness of the approach.

ACF CONTACT INFORMATION:

Federal Project Officer: Lasandra Brown
Telephone Number: 202-205-8549
Email Address: lasandra.brown@acf.hhs.gov

(To revise this search, go back to Steps 1-2, 3, 4, 5)