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GRANTEE INFORMATION:

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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:

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ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: Colorado Coalition of Adoptive Families (COCAF) is a private, non-profit statewide advocacy organization specifically operated by and for adoptive parents. COCAF was formed in 1999 by a group of families that desired to increase the amount of information, resources, and advocacy available for adoptive parents and kin families. COCAF reaches approximately 800 adoptive families through its email information system and more than 1000 families through its state-of-the art website.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: COCAF proposes a unique program in post adoption services through collaboration with the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) Child Welfare Division, Dr. Howard Markman, national marriage strengthening educator and researcher, Dr. Richard Delaney, national specialist in special needs adoptions, and the Institute for Families at the University of Denver (IFDU). This demonstration project is focused on two Colorado regions encompassing communities in the North-Central and West-Southwest parts of the State. The North Central cluster is mainly suburban metropolitan and includes Larimer, Boulder, Broomfield and Jefferson counties. The
West-Southwest cluster is primarily mountainous rural communities in Mesa, Montrose, La Plata, and Alamosa counties. Program leadership at the local level will use a team decision-making model that includes an adoptive parent, an adoptions caseworker, a faith-based organization leader, and a marriage educator or adoption-competent therapist. The objective of these local teams is to provide a community-centered, strength-based approach to the enhancement and development of post adoption services in their respective communities. A foundation for services in all communities will be use of the research-based PREP curriculum, a state-of-the-art marriage enrichment tool that will be adapted for use with adoptive parents. Each member of the local teams will be trained in the PREP® curriculum and guided by national experts as they apply PREP® to the unique dynamics of families who have adopted neglected and abused children. There are two primary goals of the Colorado Communities for Adoptive Families project. The first goal is to create self-sustaining, community-based networks of post-adoptive services for families that will decrease adoption disruptions and dissolutions, decrease marital distress and divorce among adoptive parents, and increase marital and family well-being. The second goal is to evaluate project performance and develop tools for disseminating program learning, founded on evidence-based practice, national and state expertise, and solid research.

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