Bureau Name: Children's Bureau  
Grant Number: 90CO1005  
Target Population: Adoptable children  
Fiscal Year: 2004

GRANTEE INFORMATION:
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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:
Amount of Award: $180,525.00  
Program Name: Adoption Opportunities  
ACF Region: 1  
Congressional District Served: 1

Related Links:

ABSTRACT:
Organization Description: Child & Family Services (CFS) was founded over 150 years ago, making it the oldest children's charitable organization in New Hampshire. CFS' long history of providing child welfare services, including post-adoption services, is backed by current accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Children and Family Services. With office locations across the State and supportive services across the lifespan, CFS has exceptional experience and expertise in developing, implementing, and evaluating innovative projects, programs, and service delivery systems in the post-adoption and marriage education fields.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: In support of the Adoption Opportunities program of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, Child and Family Services of New Hampshire (CFS), in partnership with Casey Family Services of New Hampshire (Casey) and in cooperation with the Division for Children, Youth and Families of the State of New Hampshire, will implement and evaluate the Collaborative Post-Adoption Services Project of New Hampshire (CPAS-NH). CPAS-NH will
employ an innovative strategy to test the hypothesis that comprehensive, wraparound post-adoption services centered on marriage education will improve adoption outcomes, including the safety, permanency, and well-being of adopted children and their families, with approximately 50 foster care adoptive families per project year, up to five years, in Central New Hampshire (Hillsborough and Merrimack Counties) and an estimated 10 foster care adoptive families from Eastern New Hampshire (Rockingham County) for the same time period. With recent legislation leading to a dramatic increase in the number of foster care adoptions, new challenges have been created for state child welfare administrators. Amplifying these challenges is the fact that divorce can be a very real risk after adoption placements, as children can change marriages dramatically. The CPAS-NH project proposal outlines two basic strategies to strengthen foster care families voluntarily requesting preventive or early intervention services after adoption has taken place: an evidence-based marriage-education program, Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP); and a range of post-adoption services. The project’s proposed evaluation mixed design includes within subjects and between subjects design features to support the organization, creation of a manual, and evaluation of key process and outcome evaluation questions.

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