**GRANTEE INFORMATION:**

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**OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Amount of Award:** $300,000.00
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities
- **Project Period:** 9/30/2004-9/29/2009
- **ACF Region:** 10
- **Congressional District Served:** 1

**ABSTRACT:**

The Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW) is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1896. CHSW began by placing orphaned and abandoned children in adoptive family homes as an alternative to institutional care. Today, the agency provides a wide range of prevention, early intervention and treatment services to over 38,000 children and family members each year. Services include family support and education, adoption support, treatment foster care, residential treatment or emotionally disturbed children, mental health services and advocacy. The mission of CHSW is: "to develop healthy children, create strong families, build engaged communities and speak and advocate for children."

**Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:**

Children's Home Society of Washington partners with The Gottman Institute & Washington's Department of Social and Health Services in Pierce County, Washington. SAFE: Strengthening Adoptive Families though Education. Provide marriage education and post-adoption support services to families who have adopted children from the child welfare system. The goal of SAFE is: To improve the quality of post-adoption services to assure positive outcomes for children.
adopted through the child welfare system and their families. The results and benefits expected include: (1) Improved stability of the adoptive placement; (2) Improved strength of the parents’ relationship; (3) Improved school functioning of the child; (4) Demonstrated efficacy of the project services. The project is a synthesis of several research-based practices and programs shown to have positive outcomes, including: The Gottman Institute’s The Art and Science of Love marriage strengthening curriculum, The Kinship Center’s AFTER Adoption Assistance Wraparound Services and the Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center model. By demonstrating the efficacy of providing marriage strengthening services and post-adoption support to these families, we hope to create a pilot that can be replicated throughout Washington and in other states.

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