Bureau Name: Children's Bureau
Grant Number: 90CO1008
Target Population: Drug-exposed and HIV/AIDS exposed children and families
Fiscal Year: 2004

GRANTEE INFORMATION:

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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:

Amount of Award: $289,093.00
Program Name: Adoption Opportunities
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 2

Related Links:

ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) is one of the oldest and largest statewide agencies providing services for children and families. Founded in 1902 as an orphanage in Jacksonville, CHS has grown to 14 divisions through Florida to become the state's premier private child welfare agency. From adoption assistance and child abuse and neglect prevention to providing emergency care for children and family counseling, CHS offers many different services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: This demonstration project will implement and evaluate a 12-session in-home Gottman Based Marriage Strengthening Program delivered to current adoptive families of a special needs child in District 2B, Florida. The goals of the Gottman Program are to strengthen and preserve adoptive families, to strengthen and support healthy marriages, to strengthen and support safety, permanency and well-being for adopted special needs children and to provide marriage strengthening for adoptive families in addition to other post adoptive services. The following program objectives will be used as indicative that the above-mentioned program goals have been achieved.
achieved and will be measured by appropriate assessment tools. There will be an increased satisfaction in the relationships between adoptive couples, an increase in parenting skills between adoptive couples, reduction in destructive conflict between adoptive couples, improvement between the caregiver/child relationships, reduction in child's/caregiver's behavioral, mental, and physical health problems, increase in social supports and community connections of adoptive couples. This program will be administered through Children's Home Society that currently is the sole provider for this population in District 2B, Florida. Participants will be recruited from three socio-culturally diverse urban and rural counties. This program will be added to the routine post adoptive services: prevention of adoption disruption, crisis intervention, and case management. Approximately 90 couples will be recruited during each project year for the first four years. During the first year formative evaluation will guide program implementation and feasibility, in the second, third, fourth and fifth years, a quasi-experimental design will be used to determine program effectiveness. Outcome data will be collected for the five-year grant period.

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