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Bureau Name: Children's Bureau
Grant Number: 90CO1010
Target Population: Adoptable children
Fiscal Year: 2004

GRANTEE INFORMATION:

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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:

Amount of Award: $399,647.00
Program Name: Adoption Opportunities
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 6
Related Links: 

ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: Consortium for Children (CFC) a non-profit organization, was founded in 1999 with the mission to support and collaborate with public child welfare agencies, families, the court system and other participants in public child welfare systems to promote best practices for the well being of children and families. CFC currently employs a full time staff of 10 and over 375 contract permanency planning mediators throughout California. Over the past four and one-half years, CFC has received over 3,000 public agency permanency planning mediation referrals, successfully reached agreement in 2,800 mediations and helped provide early permanence of over 12,000 California children.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: This demonstration project proposes to use the Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE ©) uniform adoption home study and evaluation methodology to improve adoption practice in eight participating jurisdictions while demonstrating SAFE's suitability as a national model. The goal of SAFE's evaluation model is to eliminate much of the subjectivity and inconsistencies from the home study process. Home studies based on SAFE will
be more uniformly in-depth, objective and reliable. The applicant, Consortium for Children (CFC), has successfully implemented SAFE in five jurisdictions in the United States and in one Canadian province. The project's objectives are to improve the quality of home studies in all participating jurisdictions, increase the number of completed home studies per worker in participating jurisdictions while maintaining or improving case worker professional satisfaction, enable cross-jurisdictional lines among participating jurisdictional via ICPC, improve cooperation between public, private and faith-based agencies using SAFE, and to foster healthy marriages through identification of risk factors sensitive to the stree of adoption and family adjustment.

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