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Bureau Name: Children's Bureau
Grant Number: 90CO1014
Target Population: Adoptable children
Fiscal Year: 2004

GRANTEE INFORMATION:

Name: You Gotta Believe! The Older Child Adoption & Permanency Movement, Inc.
Address: 1728 Mermaid Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Brooklyn, NY 11224
Principal Contact Person: Patrick O'Brien
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OTHER GRANT INFORMATION:

Amount of Award: $40,000.00
Program Name: Adoption Opportunities
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 8
Related Links:

ABSTRACT:

Organization Description: You Gotta Believe! is a non-profit foster care and adoption agency that limits its practice to finding permanent homes for teens and pre-teens in foster care. The agency has a history and a reputation of developing innovative programs for this specific population.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds: The Permanent Parents for Teens Project will place 100 teenagers in New York City's care who are currently residing in congregate care facilities into homes with permanent parents who will make a lifetime commitment to the teen. In addition, the project expect to "convert over to permanency" 50 traditionally prepared foster parents who have teens in need of permanency living in their homes who they had not previously considered offering a permanent home. The project will complete its mission by utilizing the partnership of New York City's Administration for Children's Services (ACS) and the agency submitting this proposal You Gotta Believe! The Project will accomplish its goals by: (1) Out-stationing Project Staff at fifteen different sites in and around New York City and Westchester County including eight residential treatment centers, six group home operated by

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ACS's Office of Direct Care, and ACS's Office of Youth Development. (2) Accepting the referrals of 200 teens residing in congregate care facilities into the Project to attempt to identify homes for them via an innovative recruitment approach we are calling Permanency Action Recruitment Team (PART) conferences. 200 of these conferences will be conducted over the four years. (3) Conducting 37 nine-week Adopting Older Kids And Youth (A-OKAY) parent preparations courses at two new locations in Harlem and Children’s Village (Westchester) that first train and then certify the prospective families who will come forward for teens in congregate care. (4) Conducting 276 full day staff trainings through out the New York City and Westchester area to staff work with youth in congregate care facilities to instruct them on our innovative approaches to finding permanent homes for teens. (5) Conducting 92 half-day trainings to teens at their monthly Independent Living Life Skills training sessions at many locations throughout the City and Westchester about the importance of permanency. This half-day training will present to the teens attending their Life Skills workshops panels of teens who found homes as teens, as well as families waiting to adopt teens and other families with recently placed teens. (6) Offering 22 four-week mini-OKAY courses to undecided foster parents who have teens in need of permanency living in their homes to help them understand the urgency of finding permanency for that teen.

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