**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO0982  
**Target Population:** Adoptable children

**GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Name of Grantee:** California Department of Social Services  
- **Fiscal Year:** 2003  
- **Amount of Award:** $350,000.00  
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities Program  
- **Project Period:** 09/30/2003-09/29/2008  
- **ACF Region:** 9  
- **Congressional District Served:** 4  
- **Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

The California Department of Social Services is overseeing the Destination Family - Youth Permanency Project, a multi-county public/private collaboration to ensure permanent families for foster children, ages 11-18. The objective is that no child from project counties will age out of the foster care system without a permanent family connection. Collaborating organizations are the California Department of Social Services, Sierra Adoption Services (the lead agency), Sacramento County DHHS, Nevada County Human Services Agency, CDSS Sacramento District Adoption Office, and Stanford Home for Children. The project will provide permanency services to 190 youth and will put in place a process built on permanency-focused values, beliefs, and methodology. Program elements include: training and providing technical assistance for partner agencies; addressing systems and personal barriers; developing tools to help teens consider permanence and prepare them for family living; providing extensive case reviews and consultation with youth to identify potential family connections; providing extended family group conferencing to identify potentially permanent connections; preparing permanent families; and where existing connections cannot be found, engaging in youth-specific recruitment. A range of post-adoption services will also be provided. A comprehensive evaluation will ensure program fidelity, document the effectiveness of project activities, and provide dissemination materials to allow for replication of successful strategies.

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