**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau
**Grant Number:** 90CO0995
**Target Population:** Adoptable children

**GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Name of Grantee:** Bellfaire Jewish Children's Bureau
- **Fiscal Year:** 2003
- **Amount of Award:** $400,000.00
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities Program
- **Project Period:** 09/30/2003-09/29/2008
- **ACF Region:** 5
- **Congressional District Served:** 14
- **Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

Adoption in Ohio's Heartland (AOH) intensifies efforts to develop a pool of families in rural Ohio who can provide permanency for children waiting in public welfare systems throughout the State. AOH incorporates a range of strategies to bring services to five rural counties (Holmes, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Harrison) to increase the number of available adoptive families, increase the number of children placed, and make available post-placement support. Evaluation is a critical component. The project will be replicated in a second cluster of rural counties in years 4 and 5. The goal is to place a minimum of 235 of Ohio's children in families within five years. Integral to the project is the involvement of local agencies, community leaders, and residents in the planning and evaluation of the project. A rapid response protocol maximizes the potential from inquiries generated from a multi-faceted recruitment campaign. Dual-certification training is culturally sensitive and home studies are strength-based. An Adoptive Family Resource Directory, visits by urban children to the county, visits by prospective rural parents to the city, parent-to-parent mentors, the use of the Internet, post-placement/finalization follow up, marriage education, and church-based adoption recognition ceremonies are other important components of this comprehensive approach.

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