**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO0998  
**Target Population:** Adoptable children

**GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Name of Grantee:** Virginia One Church One Child  
- **Fiscal Year:** 2003  
- **Amount of Award:** $250,000.00  
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities Program  
- **Project Period:** 09/30/2003-09/29/2008  
- **ACF Region:** 3  
- **Congressional District Served:** 3  
- **Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

The National Network of Adoption Advocacy Programs is exploring the One Church One Child (OCOC) model for recruiting families to adopt African American children. Practitioners from One Church One Child, OCOC-modeled organizations, and national adoption organizations are collaborating on this 5-year project. The first year is devoted to building a network and ensuring a strong program base for evaluation and program design. Evidence-based adoption recruitment strategies are being gathered from existing OCOC-modeled organizations to formulate "best practice" program models, disseminate information, and reach out to interested agencies and organizations. The goal is to increase to 32 the number of States using the OCOC model, with emphasis on States that have disproportionate numbers of African American, Hispanic, or other minority children in waiting. Mini-grants will be available to help these organizations build firm foundations. Innovative concepts, such as Peer-to-Peer technical assistance will be used, and practitioners will be trained in evaluation and evidenced-based practices. Network membership in 5 years will be expanded to at least 75 organizations. Organizational capacity will then be built to increase stability, self-sufficiency, and to reduce the numbers of special needs children in care, as well as reducing the length of time to successful placement.

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