**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CO1001  
**Target Population:** Adoptable children

**GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Name of Grantee:** Spaulding for Children  
- **Fiscal Year:** 2003  
- **Amount of Award:** $399,530.00  
- **Program Name:** Adoption Opportunities Program  
- **Project Period:** 09/30/2003-09/29/2008  
- **ACF Region:** 6  
- **Congressional District Served:** 14  

**ABSTRACT:**

Spaulding for Children (SFC), a Texas organization that privately coordinates special needs adoptions, is overseeing a 5-year, public/private, collaborative demonstration project called the Rural Adoption Partnership (RAP). It includes the participation of numerous faith-based organizations, three universities, area school districts, several technology-based support services, and myriad county libraries and facilities. SFC is also partnering with 259 Catholic parishes and missions and other religious institutions serving the area. The project will recruit, train, and prepare rural families to adopt a waiting child from State custody. SFC has committed to help underserved families who are often 100 to 150 miles from traditional adoption support services. Since 72 percent of the target population is Hispanic, RAP will use a culturally sensitive approach, delivering services in both Spanish and English. RAP is attempting to remove the barriers of distance and racial composition that have kept traditional adoption and support service providers from reaching the targeted families. Primary objectives are to increase the number of adoptive families in rural areas and establish a support service infrastructure to serve their unmet needs. In 5 years, RAP will create 115 new adoptive families, place 126 waiting children in homes, and will supply ongoing support services to ensure the success of these adoptions.

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