**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
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**GRANT INFORMATION:**

- **Name of Grantee:** Florida Department of Children and Families  
- **Fiscal Year:** 2003  
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- **Program Name:** Promoting Safe & Stable Families  
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- **Congressional District Served:** 2  
- **Related Links:**

**ABSTRACT:**

The objective of Building Local Capacity for Healthy Marriage and Family Formation is to build the capacity of local Florida Department of Children and Families offices to work with mothers and fathers; support Healthy Marriage and Family Formation; and increase the well-being of children in the child welfare system and other children whose parents are struggling to keep their lives on track. Enhanced relationship services, based on proven National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership and Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills curricula, will be provided to parents to promote and support healthy marriage and family formation. Services will be designed to help parents understand the impact of their relationship on their children and to strengthen their existing relationship accordingly. The immediate needs of parents will vary according to their current marital and living situations. If they are married, services will be provided to enhance skills to maintain and enrich the marriage. If they are cohabiting, similar services will be provided; pre-marital counseling will also be available if they choose to make a long-term commitment through marriage. If they are living apart a determination will be made as to the feasibility of providing team parenting services that might lead to more work on relationship skills. The Florida Department of Children and Families will administer the project. The National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership will assist with project oversight and coordinate training and technical assistance. Enhanced relationship services will be provided by Florida Department of Children and Families staff and by Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills trained leaders. All project staff will receive intensive training and support from the National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership and Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills. A local community advisory board will be appointed and collaborative agency linkages will be established for services such as pre-marital counseling, marital therapy, employment assistance, substance abuse, and housing. Project evaluation will be conducted by National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership and lessons learned will be disseminated widely. If the project is successful, more children and their families will enjoy safety, permanency and well-being and there will be...
local staff qualified and available to train others to do similar work.

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