Step 6: View Abstracts

**Bureau Name:** Children's Bureau  
**Grant Number:** 90CW1115  
**Target Population:** At-risk children and families

**GRANT INFORMATION:**

- Name of Grantee: Oklahoma Department of Human Services  
- Fiscal Year: 2003  
- Amount of Award: $200,000.00  
- Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families  
- Project Period: 09/30/2003-09/30/2006  
- ACF Region: 6  
- Congressional District Served: 5  
- Related Links:

**ABSTRACT:**

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services will build upon current collaborations with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma State University, and Public Strategies, Inc. to offer marriage education services to targeted adoptive couple populations in a variety of doses and settings, and with differing spectrums of awareness or assessment regarding the couples’ specific needs. In addition, the Department of Human Services will strengthen the services and supports currently offered to adoptive parents. The project will utilize three different approaches for delivery of marriage education services and they include: 1) two retreats for adoptive parents, providing an intensive dose of marriage education services in a couple friendly setting away from the pressures of home life, with additional adoption support services also provided, 2) community-based marriage education workshops and assessment-based enrichment services with adaptive components delivered by personnel specially trained in the needs of adoptive couples, and 3) community-based workshops provided by marriage education providers to the general public, with no special emphasis on the needs of adoptive families. These workshops are currently being provided in Oklahoma as a component of the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative. The findings from this project will benefit state child welfare organizations seeking to develop marriage education services.

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