

Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)
Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families:

**HEALTHY MARRIAGES AND RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD: THE
NAMPA COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this program, located in the Nampa, ID, area, is to improve child support outcomes (e.g., paternity establishment, child support order establishment, and child support payment), and to improve the operation of the child support program, primarily for couples with children or who are expecting children. The project aims at creating a better community attitude toward marriage, and provides training for marriage skills to couples with children.

A major focus of this program is to recruit couples through the paternity establishment process in hospitals, through the IV-A, IV-D and Food Stamps programs, faith-based organizations, and other sources, in order to provide marriage skills for married couples or couples intending to marry, and to enhance the relationship between married couples and their children.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

PROJECT PERIOD: June 7, 2003 to September 30, 2008

FUNDING:

Federal: \$554,400
Private: \$285,600
Total: \$840,000