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Preface

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), organized under the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is pleased to introduce this Fiscal Year 2003 edition of its Compendium of Funded Discretionary Grants.

ACF is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. ACF programs aim to achieve the following:

" families and individuals empowered to increase their own economic independence and productivity;

" strong, healthy, supportive communities that have a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children;

" partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, American Indian tribes, Native communities, states, and Congress that enable solutions which transcend traditional agency boundaries;

" services planned, reformed, and integrated to improve needed access; and

" a strong commitment to working with people with developmental disabilities, refugees, and migrants to address their needs, strengths, and abilities.

The grantees included in this Compendium all submitted applications in response to various Discretionary Grant Announcements listed in the Federal Register. Each application was reviewed by a panel of experts according to the criteria described in the announcement, and awarded grants from one of the following three bureaus located within ACYF: The Children's Bureau, The Child Care Bureau and The Family and Youth Services Bureau.

Program Acronyms

AGENCY

HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

ADMINISTRATION

ACF	Administration for Children and Families
ACYF	Administration on Children, Youth and Families

BUREAU

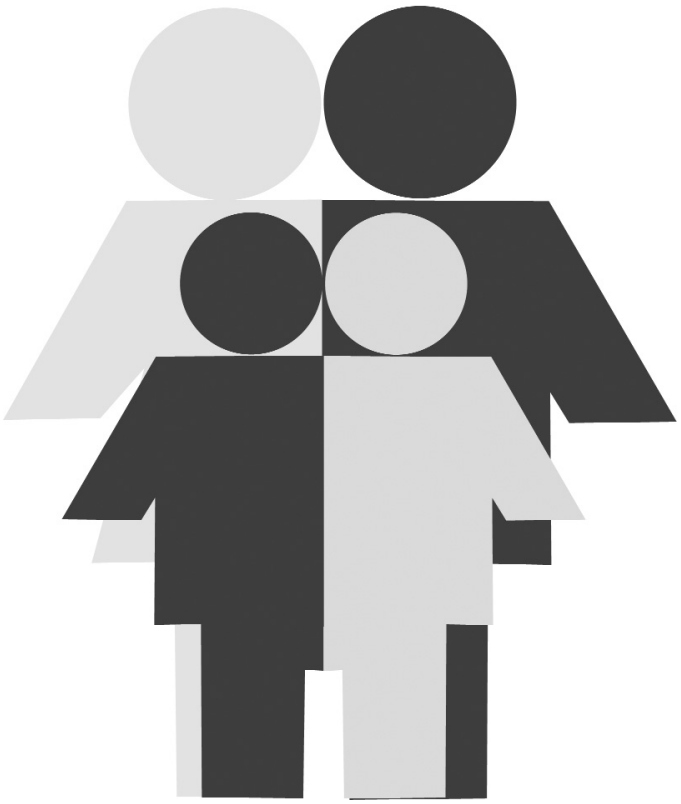
CB	Children's Bureau
CCB	Child Care Bureau
FYSB	Family and Youth Services Bureau

PROGRAM

AO	Adoption Opportunities Program
BCP	Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth
CAN	Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
CCR	Child Care Research and Evaluation
CCEE-RC	Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (Previously known as Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive - CCRA)
CCRS	Child Care Research Scholars
PSF	Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
CWT	Child Welfare Training Project Activities
ELOA	Early Learning Opportunities Act
CCPT	Evaluation of Promising Model Approaches and Delivery Approaches to Child Care Provider Training
MCP	Mentoring Children of Prisoners
PSSF	Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program
SOP	Street Outreach Program
SLCP	Youth Development State Collaboration

OTHER RELATED TERMS

CAPTA	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CCDF	Child Care and Development Fund
FR	Federal Register
FY	Fiscal Year
JJDPA	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
RHYA	Runaway and Homeless Youth Act



Children's Bureau

The Children's Bureau

The Children's Bureau (CB) is the oldest federal agency for children and is located within the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. It is responsible for assisting States in the delivery of child welfare services - services designed to protect children and strengthen families. With an annual budget of over $6.7 billion, the CB works with State and local agencies to develop programs that focus on preventing the abuse of children in troubled families, protecting children from abuse, and finding permanent placement for those who cannot safely return to their homes.

The Bureau seeks to provide for the safety, permanency, and well being of children through leadership, support for necessary services, and productive partnerships with States, Tribes and communities. It provides grants to operate a range of child welfare services including child protective services (child abuse and neglect) family preservation and support, foster care, adoption and independent living. In addition, the agency makes major investments in staff training, technology and innovative programs.

The Children's Bureau administers eight State grant programs and seven discretionary grant programs. The State grant programs have their own legislatively mandated matching requirements and formulas for allocation and all require that the funds go to and be administered only by the State child welfare agency or, in some programs, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations. The State agency can have agreements and contracts with other public agencies and with private agencies for the provision of appropriate services. In the discretionary programs, the Administration for Children and Families policy requires a match from the grantees for all discretionary grant projects other than research.

The Children's Bureau's Discretionary Grant Programs

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

The Adoption Opportunities program eliminates barriers to adoption and helps to find permanent families for children who would benefit by adoption, particularly children with special needs. The seven major program areas, as mandated by the legislation, are: (1) the development and implementation of a national adoption and foster care data gathering and analysis system; (2) the development and implementation of a national adoption information exchange system; (3) the development and implementation of an adoption training and technical assistance program; (4) increasing the placements in adoptive families of minority children who are in foster care and have the goal of adoption with a special emphasis on recruitment of minority families; and (5) post-legal adoption services for families who have adopted children with special needs; (6) study the nature, scope, and effects of placement of children in kinship care arrangements, pre-adoptive, or adoptive homes; and (7) study the efficacy of States contracting with public and private nonprofit agencies (including community-based and other organizations).

In FY 2003, grantees will be awarded in the following priority areas: Adoptive Placements for Children in Foster Care; Projects To Improve Recruitment of Adoptive Parents in Rural Communities; Developing a National Network of Adoption Advocacy Programs; and Administration of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS

Since 1974, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) [USC 5105] has funded discretionary research, evaluation and assistance activities designed to provide information needed to better protect children from abuse or neglect and to improve the well-being of abused or neglected children.

Title II of CAPTA, the Community-Based Family Resource and Support Grants program, specifically supports State efforts to develop, operate, expand and enhance a network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs that coordinate resources among existing education, vocational rehabilitation, disability, respite care, health, mental health, job readiness, self-sufficiency, child and family development, community action, Head Start, child care, child abuse and neglect prevention, juvenile justice, domestic violence prevention and intervention, housing, and other human service organizations within the State and to foster an understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse populations in order to be effective in preventing and treating child abuse and neglect.

Funds from CAPTA support research and demonstration projects on the causes, prevention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. FY 2003 awards will be designated for Fellowships

for University-Based Doctoral Candidates and Faculty for Investigator-Initiated Research in Child Abuse and Neglect and Improving Child Welfare Outcomes through Systems of Care.

CHILD WELFARE RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The Child Welfare Research and Demonstration program strengthens the family as the primary agent responsible for the developmental needs of children and youth. The Administration for Children, Youth and Families funds research, demonstration, dissemination, utilization and technical assistance activities in four basic areas: child welfare, child care, youth development, and child and family development. The resources budgeted for these four areas address the needs and problems confronting some of the most vulnerable children and families in the country: children in foster care, children in need of adoptive homes, children from poor families who require child care, and vulnerable youth who are runaways or homeless. Grants and contracts are awarded to public and private, non-profit agencies, including State and local governments, universities, and voluntary agencies.

CHILD WELFARE TRAINING PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The Child Welfare Services Training program awards grants to public and private non-profit institutions of higher education to develop and improve education and training programs and resources for child welfare service providers. These grants upgrade the skills and qualifications of child welfare workers through their participation, full-time or part-time, in programs focused specifically on child welfare services. Discretionary grants are awarded to public and private non-profit institutions of higher learning to develop and improve education/training programs and resources for child welfare service providers.

FY 2003 funding will be in the areas of Professional Education for Public Child Welfare Practitioners; Training for Effective Child Welfare Practice in Rural Communities; Developing Models of Effective Child Welfare Staff Recruitment and Retention Training; Training for Healthy Marriage and Family Formation; and National Evaluation of Child Welfare Training Grants.

PROMOTING SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM

The primary goals of Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) are to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents, by adoption or by another permanent living arrangement. The programs include: family support, family preservation, time-limited family reunification and adoption promotion and support services.

The services are designed to help State child welfare agencies and eligible Indian tribes establish and operate integrated, preventive family preservation services and community-

based family support services for families at risk or in crisis. Most grant funds go directly to State governments or certain eligible Indian tribes for expenditure in accordance with their 5-year plans. Other grant funds are set aside for nationally-funded evaluation, research, and training and technical assistance projects. In addition, State courts receive grants to improve foster care and adoption proceedings.

PSSF services are based on several key principles. The welfare and safety of children and of all family members should be maintained while strengthening and preserving the family. It is advantageous for the family as a whole to receive services which identify and enhance its strengths while meeting individual and family needs. Services should be easily accessible, often delivered in the home or in community-based settings, and they should respect cultural and community differences. In addition, they should be flexible, responsive to real family needs, and linked to other supports and services outside the child welfare system. Services should involve community organizations and residents, including parents, in their design and delivery. They should be intensive enough to keep children safe and meet family needs, varying between preventive and crisis services.

FY 2003 awards will focus on the following priority areas: Replication of Demonstrated Effective Programs in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect; Evaluations of Existing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs; Evaluations of Existing Family Support, Family Preservation, Reunification, or Adoption Promotion and Support Programs; and Projects to Develop Programs to Strengthen Marriages.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0994

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Virginia Department of Social Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 3

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To achieve permanent homes for children in Virginia's foster care system, under the Rural Adoptive Family Initiative (RAFI), resource families from rural areas are being aggressively recruited, trained, and supported. The service model includes a collaborative effort among the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Virginia One Church One Child Program, which is dedicated to recruiting African American families, and the Center for Adoption Support and Education, which is an independent post-adoption services agency. Demographic and census information about rural communities allows the project to conduct effective recruitment that focuses on the types of children available from the child welfare system. Professional marketing strategies ensure recruitment efforts targeted toward the appropriate populations. Families receive effective training to be prepared for the special needs of the children. Training is provided through CRAFFT, Virginia's current training system for resource families. Local social services workers also receive technical assistance in making matches and providing post-placement services. RAFI is hiring, training, and supervising mental health therapists in identified rural areas, providing training for school personnel on adoption-related issues, and training resource family and mental health professionals in educational advocacy.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0997

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 6

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The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc. (CHS) is implementing Building Bridges - Recruiting Rural Adoptive Parents. CHS recognizes the need for recruiting adoptive parents because10,371 children are languishing in North Carolina's foster care system, of which only 5,068 have a plan for adoption. By collaborating with the Departments of Social Services (DSS), East Carolina University School of Social Work (ECU), the faith-based community, the CHS African American Advisory Council, and NC Kids, CHS will increase the number of adoptive parents in rural communities of eastern and southeastern North Carolina. The project is demonstrating that an innovative public-private partnership model can reduce barriers to adoption. Primary objectives and goals for the 5-year initiative are to: place 300 foster care children in permanent adoptive homes over 5 years, increase first-time, adoption-related inquiries by 20 percent in the first year, conduct 36 informational meetings to change public attitudes about foster care adoption, schedule 50 percent more Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) training sessions, provide DSS with a Waiting Families Profile Book quarterly, provide ongoing training to strengthen families and assist adopted children moving from urban to rural communities, and give post-adoption services to support families with adoptive placements.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO1000

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Professional Association of Treatment Homes, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 1

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SPAN (the Special Parent Adoption Network) has the ultimate objective of motivating families in the rural communities in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin to adopt special needs children. SPAN is reducing barriers to support resources and knowledge (including cultural understanding), isolation, and geographic distance in rural communities. SPAN is reaching targeted populations (such as American Indian) by weaving together communities, including the partnership of each State's department of human services adoption agencies. The needs of the child are at the heart of the approach. The Professional Association of Treatment Homes (PATH), Inc., is committed to helping each child find a permanent family. PATH brings together the adoptive family, the family's community, and the services of SPAN and other service providers to surround the child with support and cultural connections. SPAN enlists community leaders to create a support system for each child and family. SPAN is reaching a targeted audience in rural areas with an innovative regional communications spectrum of print ads, radio, television, the Internet, and a toll-free line. The project hopes to bring to fruition a 50 percent increase in rural adoptions in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin over 5 years.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0996

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: The Adoption Exchange

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 3

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The Rural Adoption Cooperative (RAC) is a collaboration among The Adoption Exchange and its partners: Child Welfare League of America, Utah Foster Care Foundation, Adoption Alliance, and the States of Colorado, Utah, and South Dakota. It is targeting underserved rural populations to develop a pool of approved families who will welcome waiting children into their homes, giving them stability, security, and permanent families. Project objectives include: 1) Recruit adoptive families in rural communities; 2) Provide culturally sensitive pre-adoption training, home studies, and support throughout the adoption process; 3) Match recruited families with waiting children; 4) Provide post-adoption support to families who receive placement of a waiting child; 5) Conduct an outcome-based evaluation of the project and disseminate the results and lessons learned; 6) Develop a continuation plan as each targeted community ends 3 years of grant funding/services; and 7) Transition successful project elements nationally. Local task forces of key stakeholders identify needs and service gaps and address issues unique to each community. A Border States Agreement between Colorado and Utah will minimize the barriers to adoption that sociopolitical boundaries impose. Support for pre- and post-adoptive families will be provided by Adoption Coaches, cluster support groups, Rural Adoption Roundups, local lending libraries, a post-adoption Website, and newsletters.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0988

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Georgia Department of Human Resources

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $350,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 5

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The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), a unit of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, (DHR) is implementing a relative adoption program in collaboration with Roots, planting seeds to secure our future, Inc. (Roots) to improve adoption outcomes for children in relative placements in Fulton and DeKalb counties, Georgia who have a non-reunification court order with the plan for adoption. The goals are: 1) to build on evidence-based research that relatives can and will adopt if provided with appropriate information and support services; 2) to develop a model of relative care services responsive to the cultural and socioeconomic conditions in these urban communities; and 3) to facilitate 30 relative families in successfully filing petitions to adopt. To achieve these goals, DFCS is partnering with Roots to identify children with a non-reunification court order who are placed with relatives; conducting initial home assessments on 60 relative care families; establishing Family Group Conferences to bring about collaboration in identifying the family's strengths and needs; identifying resources to support relative caregivers; providing case management services to 40 families; assisting 30 relative families with filing petitions to adopt and receiving relative adoption subsidies; and sharing findings with other service providers, researchers, and policymakers.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0999

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Association of Administration of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $199,965

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

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The Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (AAICAMA) facilitates the administration of and advocates for the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA). The Compact is the mechanism that ensures coordination of medical and post-adoption services in interstate adoption cases. By providing substantive guarantees and workable procedures for interstate cooperation, ICAMA prevents geographic barriers that may delay or deny the provision of medical assistance and post-adoption services. The Association provides ongoing administrative, legal, and technical assistance, education and training, and distribution of materials on practice and policy issues concerning special needs adoption to professionals and parents. The ultimate goal of this project is to build State and local child welfare agencies' capacity to achieve timely permanency for children awaiting adoption by removing geographic barriers to adoption. AAICAMA is: (1) developing strong partnerships to mediate interjurisdictional issues and remove geographic barriers; (2) improving States' collection and use of interstate data to improve policy and practice; (3) improving the overall administration of ICAMA and its coordination with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC); and (4) developing educational tools and providing technical assistance to adoption professionals and adoptive parents to improve access to services for special needs children.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0990

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Independent Adoption Center, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $399,996

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 1

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The project is implementing a 5-year demonstration project aimed at Recruiting Rural Parents for Indian Children (RRPIC) in the northern and southern regions of California using a culturally sensitive and sustainable parent recruitment service system for Indian children awaiting adoption. Most tribes are situated in rural areas of counties that also have large urban populations, such as San Diego, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Kern. Parents are either Indian or tribally approved for adoption of Indian children. Goals are to recruit 800 Indian parents to secure 160 adoptions involving 240 parents. The project is evaluating this effort to provide formative and outcome information on the value of the recruiting techniques used, client satisfaction, and information on the services needed by pre- and post-adoptive parents in rural areas, those currently available, and those needing to be made available. Quarterly data on county-level recruitment outcomes for 2 years prior to project recruitment provides a basis for analysis of project outcomes. Qualitative process methods will be completed annually for program needs assessments, feedback, and improvement. Brief questionnaires will assess parent, child, and family adjustments throughout adoption placements and post-finalization. The project's combined practice and research anticipates a 30 percent increase in rural parent recruitment matches with Indian children over 5 years.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0984

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Minnesota Department of Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $350,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 4

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services Adoption and Guardianship Unit oversees The Homecoming Project: Adult-Youth Partnerships for Permanence. Since 1996, Minnesota has been successful in increasing the total number of adoptions of children under State guardianship through general, targeted, and child-specific recruitment efforts, but has been less successful in finalizing adoptions for children ages 13 to 17. The Homecoming Project acknowledges that teenagers are cognitively, developmentally, and emotionally distinct from younger children and that unique recruitment efforts are needed to locate permanent adoptive families for them. Adolescents must participate in cultivating their own recruitment plans to mature into healthy adults. The goals of the project are: (1) to increase the rate and frequency of adoptions for teenagers under State guardianship, and (2) to strengthen youths' connectedness to caring adults and the larger community. Research-based principles of positive youth development are incorporated into each step of adoption recruitment. While the goal of the project is first and foremost to place teens in adoptive families, another important goal is to assist adolescents to develop connections with caring adults, to provide them with healthy relationships throughout their lives.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0989

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: State of Connecticut Department of Children & Families

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $350,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

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The Connecticut State Department of Children and Families (DCF) is implementing the Helping to Achieve Permanent Placements for Youth (HAPPY) Program in collaboration with the Village for Families & Children, Inc. and Hartford's Foster Care and Adoption Collaborative (FCAC), a highly successful faith-based recruitment/retention project. The goal is to achieve adoptive placements or subsidized guardianships for 40 children per year in foster care in the Hartford Region of Connecticut. Children referred to the program fall into three categories: 1) children just entering foster care, 2) children residing in kin foster care for several months, and 3) children in non-kin foster placements for whom searches for kin resource families have been unsuccessful. The project is training and licensing 30 adoptive families annually to maintain stable, safe, and healthy permanent placements. The initiative includes a new and intensive effort to locate and support kin to serve as permanent families. Kin, foster parent, and child involvement in decision-making is considered key and is supported during assessment, preparation, and planning meetings (referred to as family conferences). Investigative activities are undertaken as soon as the child is placed in foster care. Once families are identified, support services help eliminate barriers to permanency, including employment and housing issues, marital stresses, substance abuse, and mental and physical health problems.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0987

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Massachusetts Department of Social Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $350,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 10

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The Massachusetts Department of Social Services, working in partnership with Massachusetts Families for Kids, takes a systemic approach to finding adoptive and lifelong family connections for 125 youth in foster care. The model focuses on the older child and youth population to help ensure permanence for those who have been in placement the longest, and for whom the system is least likely to view as a priority. The model brings together seven innovative, youth-centered, family-focused strategies aimed at achieving success with older children and youth: Community of Care Review, Family Consultation Team (FCT), Specialized Youth Preparation, Specialized Parent Preparation, Youth Mentors, and Child-Specific Recruitment Strategies. These strategies have never been used together in a coordinated program focused on permanency for older children and youth, which provides a unique evaluation opportunity for permanency outcomes and to see the impact of a coordinated strategy. The project will work to institutionalize this approach as "best practice" with all older children and youth in foster care and will contribute many casework tools for dissemination. The project will contribute new options for achieving adoptive and lifelong family ties and will make new casework methods available for a population that has long been outside the mainstream of permanency planning efforts.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0983

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: New Jersey Department of Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $350,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 4

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The New Jersey Department of Human Services seeks to increase adoptions for foster children by demonstrating that high quality retention services are essential to permanent placements. The Lean on Me - Partners in Adoption project recognizes that older-child adoption is the "road less traveled" for most prospective parents. Companionship, support, and guidance offered by a caring adoption community are needed to ease the family transition and increase adoptions for waiting children. Through a public/private partnership in which the Office of Adoption Operations collaborates with Catholic Charities, the project seeks to double the rate of approved adoptive families referred to the Adoption Exchange. Collaboration with Robin's Nest—an innovative family-service organization—is showing that early service provision increases finalizations and stops the cycle of disruptions so common in foster care. The agencies are developing a community model of family recruitment and retention at the grassroots level based on existing research and client need. An evaluation is examining which program elements are most effective, which will be published, with recommendations on recruitment programs for adoptive families. Two significant benefits are expected: An increase in legal finalizations; and a significant increase in approved adoptive families for New Jersey children in need of adoption.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0995

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Bellfaire Jewish Children's Bureau

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 14

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Adoption in Ohio's Heartland (AOH) intensifies efforts to develop a pool of families in rural Ohio who can provide permanency for children waiting in public welfare systems throughout the State. AOH incorporates a range of strategies to bring services to five rural counties (Holmes, Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Harrison) to increase the number of available adoptive families, increase the number of children placed, and make available post-placement support. Evaluation is a critical component. The project will be replicated in a second cluster of rural counties in years 4 and 5. The goal is to place a minimum of 235 of Ohio's children in families within five years. Integral to the project is the involvement of local agencies, community leaders, and residents in the planning and evaluation of the project. A rapid response protocol maximizes the potential from inquiries generated from a multi-faceted recruitment campaign. Dual-certification training is culturally sensitive and home studies are strength-based. An Adoptive Family Resource Directory, visits by urban children to the county, visits by prospective rural parents to the city, parent-to-parent mentors, the use of the Internet, post-placement/finalization follow up, marriage education, and church-based adoption recognition ceremonies are other important components of this comprehensive approach.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0991

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Northeast Ohio Adoption Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 6

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Northeast Ohio Adoption Services (NOAS) is implementing an innovative Rural Targeted Community Outreach (RTCO) program. Long-term outcomes include a strengthened sense of community support for waiting children and adoptive families, an increase in the number of adoptive parents from rural communities, and a decrease in the length of time children wait. By applying social marketing and community organizing theory/practice to the problem, and by building community capacity to conduct targeted outreach efforts, NOAS will demonstrate a radically different approach for recruiting new adoptive families. As rural capacity for adoption increases, more children will be adopted more quickly than at present. A comprehensive evaluation of the program and detailed reports of project activities and products will document new learning that will be easily replicable by other local, State, and national public or private agencies to build the capacity to place children in permanent families more quickly. Dissemination of evidence-based findings, results, and products will occur through the use of a Web-site, presentations, articles, publications, and a "toolbox" of materials.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0986

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Arkansas Department of Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $348,549

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 4

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The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services is overseeing Adoption Services Coalitions: Building Community Support for Children Needing Families. The Adoption Services Coalition includes members who have banded together to fulfill a common commitment: finding permanent homes for all children in foster care who are legally free for adoption. The project is testing Adoption Services Coalitions as a model for involving communities in the recruitment and retention of adoptive parents for children in foster care. The objectives are designed to lead to the achievement of these goals: To develop and support 10 Adoption Services Coalitions across the State; to develop video clips of waiting children and post them on the Web, as well as Websites of prospective adoptive parents to assist with matching; to support recruitment activities of Adoption Services Coalitions at general, targeted, and specific levels; to build the capacities of private adoption agencies to support adoptions of children in foster care; to provide support services to current and prospective adoptive families; to develop Practices That Work booklets for project dissemination; and to rigorously evaluate the model.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO1001

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Spaulding for Children

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $399,530

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 14

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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.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0992

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Another Choice for Black Children, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 1

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Another Choice for Black Children, North Carolina's first black adoption agency, was started in an urban area of North Carolina in 1995. The agency found homes for 500 children and has less than a 1 percent disruption rate. They are now replicating the original successful program in 10 northeastern rural counties. The overriding goal is to recruit 450 families and place 150 children in permanent homes during the 5-year project by: 1) Establishing an African American Adoption and Foster Care Resource Center to give the project a presence in the community; 2) Developing and maintaining strong community councils composed of adoptive and foster parents, children in foster care, community leaders, and other concerned citizens, to serve as a link between the community and agency; 3) Developing a comprehensive media and public information campaign targeted to this population that includes public official tours; 4) Developing a specialized recruitment program, including videoconferences and organizing the Adoption Love Train and flexible parent training; and 5) Replicating the programs operating in the urban counties to support and retain families in the process.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0985

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Maine Department of Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $350,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 2

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The purpose of this demonstration project, Creating Adoption Placements Through Relationships (CAPTR), is to create and enhance adoptive placements for children who have languished in the State foster care system. This 5-year initiative serves 45 children and their families each year. Maine's Department of Human Services works in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Child and Family Services, Casey Family Services, Inc., and the University of Southern Maine to provide services in three locations in Maine and Connecticut. The intervention has two main components: Implementation of a family team conference model to develop a family-centered, strengths-based, individualized plan for each child; and provision of clinical services and therapeutic supports to facilitate attachments between the child and the family or caregiver(s). Casey Family Services clinicians provide services that include: family/individual counseling, recreational activities, and support groups for parents and children. The project evaluation design includes: tracking progress for each child in terms of expected outcomes; identifying beliefs about and evidence for the causal mechanisms that promote or inhibit change; describing the context of the intervention; and identifying the content of the intervention. An Advisory Committee consisting of young adults who have transitioned from the State foster care system will provide review and feedback.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0998

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Virginia One Church One Child

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $250,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 3

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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.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0993

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: Lund Family Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $399,976

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

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Lund Family Center, Vermont's largest private adoption agency, in collaboration with SRS, Vermont's Protective Services agency, is developing a comprehensive, research-based marketing and recruitment effort to find homes for Vermont's waiting children. Project goals include: Ensure adoptive families for all children in Vermont who are waiting to be adopted; ensure that adoptive families and children have the support they need to thrive; assist other rural communities with replication of this project; and develop the capacity in Vermont to continue the project after funding ends. The project attempts to give the public a simplified, effective message to help children in need of permanence. They provide families with the information they need to make the best match and provide training, support, and coordinated services. The goal is to provide seamless adoption services so that families will have the supports they need in the easiest and most effective way possible and to have permanence for Vermont's children as early as possible. The pilot program is running in two diverse rural Vermont communities and will later be replicated in other parts of Vermont. This effort will help other Vermont communities and give the project an opportunity to test the effectiveness of the replication materials before out-of-State replication occurs.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CO0982

Target Population: Adoptable children

Name of Grantee: California Department of Social Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $350,000

Program Name: Adoption Opportunities Program

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 4

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The California Department of Social Services is overseeing the Destination Family - Youth Permanency Project, a multi-county public/private collaboration to ensure permanent families for foster children, ages 11-18. The objective is that no child from project counties will age out of the foster care system without a permanent family connection. Collaborating organizations are the California Department of Social Services, Sierra Adoption Services (the lead agency), Sacramento County DHHS, Nevada County Human Services Agency, CDSS Sacramento District Adoption Office, and Stanford Home for Children. The project will provide permanency services to 190 youth and will put in place a process built on permanency-focused values, beliefs, and methodology. Program elements include: training and providing technical assistance for partner agencies; addressing systems and personal barriers; developing tools to help teens consider permanence and prepare them for family living; providing extensive case reviews and consultation with youth to identify potential family connections; providing extended family group conferencing to identify potentially permanent connections; preparing permanent families; and where existing connections cannot be found, engaging in youth-specific recruitment. A range of post-adoption services will also be provided. A comprehensive evaluation will ensure program fidelity, document the effectiveness of project activities, and provide dissemination materials to allow for replication of successful strategies.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1722

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: The Research Foundation of SUNY

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,567

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 02

Congressional District Served: 21

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The School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, State University of New York, is conducting investigator-initiated research in child abuse and neglect. The faculty study, proposed by Smith and Videka, is using the considerable service data available in National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW) to assess the effects of formal and informal support networks on subsequent child welfare outcomes among families having a maltreatment allegation. The Kenaley dissertation study is using the multi-wave data on family context and child outcomes to assess the moderating effects of family functioning and support on sexual abuse outcomes and possible gender differences in these effects. These two studies are being conducted within a doctoral student seminar sponsored by the University at Albany. Hence, the projects will spawn additional studies and contribute to training in child abuse and neglect research. The remaining two studies involve original data collection. The Davis study is a quantitative study of racial identify formation and outcomes in youth placed in kinship and non-kinship foster care. The qualitative study by Bundy-Fazioli involves in-depth interviews with child welfare practitioners and their clients to explore how power differences affect case planning, decision-making, and empowerment practice in response to child abuse and neglect.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1714

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: New York City Administration for Children's Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $498,834

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 8

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The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) in New York City is developing a system of care to serve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children from the Bedford- Stuyvesant community. The target population is families of infants who are the subject of a substantiated report of maltreatment. In addition, the system of care will serve children who have been in foster care since infancy. From enrollment through age 4, participants will receive a continuum of services to address the primary risks associated with maltreatment and placement in foster care (safety and permanency) as well as the developmental needs of the target population (well-being). The community-based continuum will include health care and well-baby services, parent education, substance abuse, traditional preventive services, foster care (when dictated by safety concerns), a range of aftercare and post-adoption services, and services designed to address school readiness. To build family assets, the system of care will also address the needs of mothers and fathers. The theory applied is that developmentally oriented services are easier to match to the needs of clients with an individualized plan of services. The evaluation will measure changes in: child/family outcomes (safety, permanency, and well-being), system structure, and community response.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1713

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Contra Costa County Employment & Health Services Department

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $498,893

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 7

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Under the System of Care Planning and Policy Council, the multi-jurisdictional oversight body for the Children's Mental Health SOC (Spirit of Caring), Contra Costa County (CCC) is developing and implementing the Family-to-Family System of Care (F2F). It is an evidence-based model for Child Welfare Service reform and service delivery that utilizes a neighborhood, consumer-driven Team Decision Making (TDM) approach. It will be linked to existing wraparound services and flexible funding to ensure a seamless system of care. A geographically targeted F2F for children prior to removal from home began in 2002 and is being enhanced and expanded to serve children and families throughout the county who are entering Emergency Shelter Care (ESC) and assessed to be at risk for repeated placement failure; transitional-age youth who have not participated in independent living skills services; and youth who are jointly supervised by CFS, Juvenile Probation, or Children's Mental Health. To help ensure cultural competence, the system will emphasize active involvement of the family and members of the community, strength-based assessments, and a program to recruit and hire former consumers to serve on the TDMs. Linkages to wraparound services and a flexible fund help ensure that children and families receive the individually tailored services they need.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1728

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $105,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 7

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The Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois is supporting investigator-initiated research projects by faculty and doctoral candidates who demonstrate serious interest in and commitment to issues of child maltreatment. They are cultivating an academic infrastructure, strengthening university-based capacity for child abuse and neglect research, and encouraging doctoral-level students and faculty to pursue careers in child abuse and neglect research. The faculty project includes a pilot study that builds on research funded by the Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) and lays the groundwork for a larger-scale study application. All of the projects are coordinated by the faculty member who is conducting the pilot study and is the principal investigator for a Children's Bureau OCAN project. In addition to completion of two NIH/ACYF/foundation research applications, a doctoral dissertation proposal, and two dissertations related to prevention or treatment of child abuse and neglect, each fellow will submit at least one manuscript for journal publication, will present the results of their studies at a forum convened by the Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research and the Jane Addams College of Social Work Ph.D. program, and will submit proposals to national or regional conferences to disseminate a pilot study results.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1721

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: The Regents of the University of California

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $105,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 14

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The University Of California, Irvine is conducting research in four important areas related to child abuse and neglect. The first study will provide information about children's general knowledge of child protective services (CPS), understanding of dependency court, and understanding of their own cases. The sample includes 160 4-, 6-, and 8-year-olds, half of whom were removed from their homes because of maltreatment. A second study is examining differences in children of varying ethnic backgrounds and their willingness to reveal abuse and stick to their reports over time. The study will conduct secondary analyses on a data set of 400 children who experienced sexual abuse, substantiated by CPS. A third study is examining the understanding of fantasy and reality in 80 4- to 8-year-olds, half of whom were maltreated. These reality and fantasy discrimination abilities have implications for children's competency assessments in legal settings. The fourth study is examining attachment, relationships, and adjustment in foster care adolescents during the transition to independence. This longitudinal study is using data from 200 adolescents who will be followed from age 17 to 18 as they transition out of care. It will assess adolescents' relationships to their foster parents as mediators of adolescent functioning during this age-out period.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1726

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $130,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 12

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The University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. is conducting the following studies: Measuring Validity and Reliability of Instruments and Theory Supporting Child Welfare Worker Retention; Child Welfare Worker Perceptions in the Court System; and Grandparent Caregivers of Children in Child Welfare. The first study, using a statewide sample of 1,423 child welfare workers, is developing and validating an empirically driven theoretical model of personal and organizational factors contributing to child welfare employee retention. Structural Equations Modeling and Hierarchical Linear Modeling are being used to answer the research questions. The second study is exploring the reliability and validity of the Human Caring Inventory-Social Work (HCI-SW), building on the correlation between human caring and retention. New items will be developed to improve the internal reliability of the HCI-SW. The third study's primary objective is to create a comprehensive measure of organizational culture for use in public child welfare settings. The fourth study focuses on the perception of child welfare workers in the court system by the judicial system and is developing strategies to build a positive perception of CW workers. The fifth study is analyzing a 6000-family dataset that compares grandparent caregivers in the child welfare system with those not caring for their grandchildren, across variables such as depression, parenting, and social support.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1723

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: University of Maryland, Baltimore

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $130,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 7

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The University Of Maryland Baltimore is conducting research on child abuse and neglect through four projects that focus on different aspects of child maltreatment, including: 1) client satisfaction of foster parents who have received services from a local department of social services compared with those receiving services from a child welfare managed care entity; 2) identification of personal and interpersonal factors that contribute to the resiliency of young adults who have left out-of-home care; 3) examination of the effectiveness of providing enhanced risk assessment training for department of social services employees; and 4) predictors of language development for children and youth who are in out-of-home care. In combination, the four projects will contribute to policy, research, and practice in the area of child maltreatment and child welfare, especially as it applies to large urban jurisdictions that primarily serve minority populations.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1715

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Jefferson County

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $497,898

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

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Jefferson County, Colorado is developing a system of care approach capable of responding to child welfare outcomes, developing community capacity to meet the needs of children and families, and increasing cultural competency in the system and the community. The approach will be grounded in best practices; a thorough assessment of strengths, liabilities, and opportunities in both the system and the community; and cultural profiles of the county's minority groups. Developed through an interagency planning process, the systems of care approach will continue the county's history of interagency planning processes and provide resources to implement a true collaborative project. In partnership with Colorado State University, the approach will be evaluated at four levels: individual, community, system, and policy. Innovative techniques, such as cognitive mapping, will be utilized to build understanding of communities and track the progress of the project. Capacity building through interagency training, technology, and mentoring processes will support a fundamental shift in organizational culture leading to a permanent and stable systems of care approach.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1709

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 17

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The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare will provide a demonstration project for plans underway to reorganize services in Pennsylvania to support its' long-standing commitment to family integrity and community living for children and youth. The Department convened and charged the Children's Cabinet, Children's Commission, and Children's Services Work Group to develop a statewide plan that moves aggressively toward implementing sustainable county-based system of care. The project will directly support the maintenance or restoration of community living for 25 youth currently, in or at immanent risk for out-of-community placement by expanding and enhancing child welfare practices. It will address outstanding issues of permanency for these youth by developing a practice model that builds on Family Group Conferencing and integrates tools and technologies from Community Connections for Families, as a system of care for children with severe emotional disturbance. The project will provide a direct link with statewide system reform as a prototype for developing system of care practices across child-service systems.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1719

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: The University of Minnesota

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $130,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 5

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This University of Minnesota project provides fellowships for four doctoral students and one faculty member to conduct research addressing critical issues in child abuse and neglect. The doctoral students are undertaking dissertations that will aid in understanding: (1) cross-cultural issues in child maltreatment, comparing African immigrants with non-immigrants; (2) the role of social support as a protective factor in early childhood with the University of Minnesota Longitudinal Study data; (3) the potential impact of child welfare supervisors' practices on outcomes for children; and (4) local child welfare agency policies regarding working with clients with disabilities. The faculty member's research explores statistical modeling of child welfare case typologies through cluster analysis and examines the potential for refining standards for expectable outcomes by case type. A follow up to this exploratory analysis will be conducted in ensuing years to determine how the previously identified child, family, and case clusters interact with services delivered to the families to predict case outcomes.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1720

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Northern Illinois University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $80,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 14

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The Child Physical Abuse (CPA) Research Fellowships: A Program of Research Examining Automatic Information Processes in High-Risk Parents at Northern Illinois University are based on recent theory suggesting that automatic processes that occur without intention outside the parents' awareness may underlie cycles of negative thoughts and feelings that develop during physically abusive parenting situations. Little consideration is currently given to automatic processes in existing CPA prevention programs. Thus, parents may successfully master knowledge and skills taught, only to find that their behaviors are guided automatically by habitual information processing patterns during difficult moments in parenting. This research is examining how automatic information processing may vary as a function of CPA risk. In the first study, a cued recall paradigm examines whether high-, compared to low-, risk parents are more likely to automatically encode child behaviors as hostile. In the second and third studies, priming techniques are used to examine whether increased accessibility of aggression-related information structures impacts interpretations and response selection in high-risk parents. Findings may help clarify the role of automatic processing in CPA risk and underscore the need to attend to automatic processes in interventions that seek to reduce CPA risk.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1718

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $205,214

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

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The NSCAW-Children's Bureau Project at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is providing fellowships for doctoral candidates and faculty for studies designed to improve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children who have experienced child maltreatment. The studies are examining co-occurrence of child maltreatment types; co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment; impacts of child welfare services on children's safety, permanency, and well-being; child safety and permanency outcomes at a very young age; and the explanation of birth characteristics and county context on differences in child abuse rates and CWS outcomes. Four quantitative methods that are rarely employed in child welfare research are being developed. Instructional materials are being developed to describe the analysis of child welfare data using methods needed to address issues common to the field. Presentations will include: (1) the use of marginal corrections in the analysis of event history data when siblings are involved; (2) uses of propensity score analysis and Heckman's nonexperimental approach to adjust for the selection of children and families into different levels of service; (3) the comparison of methods for the analysis of change scores in program evaluation; and (4) the use of growth curve modeling to test for change across points in time.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1717

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Clark County Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $499,530

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 1

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The goal of the Caring Communities Demonstration Project in Clark County, Nevada is to use a community-based Systems of Care (SOC) approach to improve the safety, permanency and well-being of children living with kin caregivers. The objectives are to: (1) Increase placements of children with kin when they must be removed from their homes; (2) increase the safety of children living with kin; (3) improve physical and mental health of children living with kin; (4) increase stability of placements with kin; (5) increase timely permanency for children living with kin; and (6) increase the capacity of kin caregivers to care for the children living with them. Child and family needs will be addressed more effectively by conducting early assessments, involving parents and kin in developing case plans that identify both a primary and alternate permanency plan, and linking children, families, and kin caregivers to culturally/linguistically competent community-based services. Kin Care Coordinators (KCC) are located at each of five community-based Neighborhood Family Service Centers. They recruit, train, and sustain a diverse network of volunteer kin care mentors, with prior experience as caregivers, to provide home-based support to new caregivers and assist mentors to facilitate orientation and support groups for kin caregivers.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1724

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $129,368

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 5

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The Fellowships for University-Based Doctoral Candidates and Faculty for Investigator-Initiated Research in Child Abuse and Neglect Service Areas are based out of the University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. This project includes five child abuse and neglect research studies. Study 1 is examining the relationship among the multiple federally mandated permanency outcome measures for public child welfare. The objective of Study 2 is to discern which factors most affect child welfare workers' and judges' determinations to return a child to his or her family or to seek an alternative permanency arrangement. Study 3 is analyzing the permanency outcomes of families with children in foster care who are receiving alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment and intensive community-based case management services through an integrated service delivery network. Study 4 is examining the dynamics of recurrence of child abuse and neglect by analyzing administrative data. Study 5 is developing and testing the reliability and validity of a scoring procedure for eco-maps, making accessible to child abuse and neglect researchers important data from an extensively used clinical assessment tool. The studies are expected to contribute significant new findings on permanency outcomes, permanency decision-making, predictors of recurrence, and assessment of family social support.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1725

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Brandeis University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $160,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

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This Brandeis University study is analyzing data on the claims Early Intervention (EI) providers make for payment for developmental services delivered to children and families who are involved with child protective services at three pilot sites for the Massachusetts Early Childhood Linkage Initiative. EI is Massachusetts' system for delivering developmental services to children ages birth to 3 under Part C of the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. These data will be compared with data on children and families served by EI, administered by the Department of Public Health, who are not involved with the Department of Social Services, the child protective services agency in Massachusetts. The study is analyzing the types, duration, intensity, and costs of the EI services provided at the Massachusetts Early Childhood Linkage Initiative pilot sites. On the basis of these data, the study will develop an estimate of the impact on the EI system of statewide implementation of referrals of all children under age 3 with newly opened Department of Social Services cases. The projection of the impacts of statewide implementation will be shared with executive and legislative policymakers in Massachusetts and ultimately, at the Federal level.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1727

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $80,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 2

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The University of Pennsylvania Child Welfare Scholars Program incorporates three individual projects, each designed to improve understanding of social issues affecting children at risk of abuse and neglect or in foster care. The first examines the reaction of urban parents to the removal of children from their families and their perception of services under ASFA. The study addresses this gap in information for the purpose of improving practice and training and stimulating additional research. The second project is delineating the nature and exposure of children to domestic violence by conducting secondary analyses of archival data collected by police officers in the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland. Currently, there are no scientifically credible national prevalence data on what constitutes domestic violence and child exposure to it, nor are there ways to verify that the violence and the exposure occurred. The third project focuses on school readiness among children in foster care. Early childhood research shows that formal early childhood learning experiences serve a protective function for young children at risk for poor school outcomes. This study examines the impact of these learning experiences on the early school success of children who have had out-of-home placement experiences prior to kindergarten.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1710

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: State of Oregon

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $500,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 5

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The Oregon Department of Human Services is creating a comprehensive System of Care for child welfare in six counties, with a focus on permanency goals for children in out-of-home care with a plan for reunification, as well as youth who currently have a planned long-term alternative living arrangement (other than adoption, guardianship, or reunification). The anticipated outcomes are improved permanency and reduced likelihood of re-abuse or re¬-entry into care for children served.

Oregon's System of Care is building on ongoing efforts to plan services collaboratively with family members; building service plans based on strengths and needs, rather than deficits of children and families; and individualizing services, utilizing flexible funding. The project will adapt and test approaches developed in the field of children's mental health to create a more comprehensive System of Care that will significantly advance practice reform in Oregon. Key principles incorporated in this project include: A statewide and local interagency network and community-based continuum of care to wrap services around children and families as they are reunified or when permanency decisions are being made; family-centered meetings to ensure that planning processes, services, and service delivery models are based on family preferences; and permanency coaches to assist in the planning process.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1716

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $444,446

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 2

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This Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services project will enable the State of Kansas to implement two important and interrelated initiatives to improve the child welfare service delivery system. The first is to continue the research and planning activities that have begun in Kansas to develop Systems of Care for child welfare in communities statewide. The second is to fully implement the concept of "family-centered practice" with the use of "family meetings" as the primary method of working with the families and children who come to the attention of child welfare and juvenile justice in the local community. The goal is to develop sustainable Systems of Care statewide that will increase positive outcomes for children, families, and communities. It will support communities learning lessons from each other in developing family-focused, community-based, culturally competent and strengths-based service delivery systems. A community service needs assessment for both in-home services and placement in the local community will be developed from which the community can design a System of Care service plan. A Family Meetings service delivery design will be developed and implemented to complement the System of Care for each community.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1711

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $500,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 13

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The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is demonstrating that Systems of Care principles, traditionally seen in the context of service delivery for children with behavioral health needs, can be successfully applied to a child welfare setting. This approach is helping to address issues such as a limited array of services, inconsistent partnering with families served, lack of coordination and collaboration between service providers, and failure to engage community supports. Using Systems of Care principles, the three departments of social services respond to reports of child abuse, neglect, or dependency. The DSS engages the family using family-centered practice in assessing the family around child safety issues and in developing a services agreement through a team meeting that includes the family, community agency partners, and others involved with the family. In-home services are redesigned to enhance the strengths of families and address their needs in neighborhood, home-based, and community settings. As a result of the project, the three counties will build an infrastructure to support families, work collaboratively with community organizations, and engage families in planning for supports for their own families, and in participating as partners in community collaborative groups. Findings from the project will be used in the development of statewide services.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CA1712

Target Population: Abused or neglected children and their families

Name of Grantee: Native American Training Institute

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $500,000

Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Activities

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

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The Native American Training Institute (NATI) is a non-profit organization chartered by the Three Affiliated Tribes in North Dakota. Since 1996, NATI has developed numerous training curricula and provided technical assistance in the area of child and family services. The Medicine Moon Initiative will develop Systems of Care focused on improved outcomes for children in four reservation systems. The Initiative will help to increase effective tribal partnering with the State and develop linkages with State agencies that that will increase service access and development for Indian children and families. Goals and objectives are: to create a system of care utilizing the wraparound process with the integration of Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) measures in critical components of child welfare practice; training of the four tribes in the CFSR process, with technical assistance in implementation; an institutionalized planning process involving State and Tribal professionals in the Systems of Care movement; creation of an adequate management information system (MIS) and training in data entry for Medicaid reporting; a culturally competent assessment process; improved safety and permanency outcomes for Indian children; and the institution of quality assurance monitors utilizing Systems of Care, CFSR, and wraparound fidelity monitors.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1107

Target Population: Abused or Neglected Children

Name of Grantee: University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 6

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The University of Kentucky Research Foundation is evaluating Fathers and Children Together (FACT), a prison-based parenting program recognized as innovative by the U.S. Office on Child Abuse and Neglect in the Emerging Practices in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect project. A Scientist-Manager-Practitioner (SMP) model incorporates standardized and newly developed measures into a systematic assessment of the program's resources, procedures and processes, and outcomes. The assessment will enable FACT to highlight program strengths, identify service barriers, and evaluate both costs and successes of efforts to increase supporting factors for positive parenting and reduce risk factors for child abuse in this group of fathers. Six program goals are translated into nine hypotheses that are being tested using multiple research methodologies (quasi-experimental, pre-experimental, and non-experimental) to determine whether the program's components (parent education classes, father/child visitation, storybook project, parent advisory team) are effective in increasing the father's knowledge and use of parenting skills, empathy with children, recognition of the importance of the role of fathers, and understanding of how life experiences effect parenting. Some of the benefits will include an emphasis on the relationship between program costs and outcomes in child abuse prevention programs and a greater understanding of the complexities facing families with an incarcerated father.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1123

Target Population: Abused or Neglected Children

Name of Grantee: Special Service for Groups

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $175,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 33

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Special Service for Groups (SSG) is a private, non-profit human service agency that is multi-service, multi-ethnic, and dedicated to providing models for social service delivery and community self-sufficiency. The Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Centers (APCTC) provide high quality, culturally competent mental health services in the Los Angeles area. APCTC programs include: children and adult outpatient services, school-based programs, family support services, adult day rehabilitation, community outreach, case management, and vocational rehabilitation. SSG's Child Abuse and Neglect Project for Cambodian and Korean Families in Los Angeles demonstration project offers community-based, culturally and linguistically appropriate family support services to at-risk, poverty/low income Cambodian and Korean families in Los Angeles. The target population is monolingual or has limited English speaking abilities. For Year 1, the overall goal is to develop an implementation plan for a 4-year replication of the Family Connections (University of Maryland) child abuse and neglect prevention model. The project is forming a research team and steering committee; building on a coalition of public and private service providers, key staff, and community gatekeepers; and conducting a community needs assessment. Staff members are developing communication and training schedules with 'Family Connections'/Center for Families to prepare for replication of the model.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1104

Target Population: Abused or Neglected Children

Name of Grantee: National Exchange Club Foundation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $199,483

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 9

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This National Exchange Club Foundation evaluation is performing a randomized trial to examine the effect of parent aides in preventing the recurrence of child abuse and neglect. Parent aides are nationally defined as "trained, professionally supervised individuals, volunteer or paid, who assist parents under stress and those whose children are at risk of abuse or neglect." Parent aide programs as a subset of home visitation are frequently cited as either "best practice" or "promising" prevention programs. However, no research has randomly compared parent aides to a control group using a sample large enough to be significant. In this study, using observational and testing tools, 183 families in Alamance, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties of North Carolina with parent aides are being studied with regard to recurrence of abuse and progress in lowering risk to children. Using already recorded data from 672 served families, a multivariate analysis will report features of successful and unsuccessful parent aide intervention. As there are currently no publications on parent aide intervention, this research will be valuable in deciding whether such programs can be a key tool in secondary and tertiary prevention for the millions of families involved in abuse each year.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1113

Target Population: At Risk Families

Name of Grantee: County of Orange

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 47

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The County of Orange, Social Services Agency (SSA) Project to Develop Programs to Strengthen Marriages represents a collaborative effort among public CWS, FBOs, CBOs and University partners. The project addresses the Family Preservation Services goal of assuring children's safety within the home and preserving intact families in which children have been maltreated. The goals are: 1) to successfully implement the marriage skills-building course called Relationship Enhancement (RE) into the child welfare system in the county, specifically targeting English-speaking and Spanish-speaking populations; 2) to implement RE in a way that benefits these families and demonstrates effectiveness; 3) to implement RE in such a way that this program can be expanded to serve other county families; and 4) to allow for replication in other child welfare systems. The RE Program is a marriage skills-training educational program, backed by extensive research, that has demonstrated its effectiveness across a broad range of marital situations. The four most important outcomes sought are: more stable family environments, improved family functioning, shorter lengths of stay among FMNC families, and increased child safety as seen by reduced incidences of child abuse. A quasi-experimental evaluation design is being used with a pre-post test design and comparison groups.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1126

Target Population: Abused or Neglected Children

Name of Grantee: University of Maryland, Baltimore

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $175,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 7

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The University of Maryland, Baltimore - Center for Families will replicate the deemed effective Family Connections program with intergenerational families who are at risk for neglect and compare the relative and cost effectiveness of no treatment versus 3-month intervention, 6-month intervention, or 6-month intervention enhanced with legal and health services. 200 eligible families will be randomly assigned to either no treatment or one of three Family Connection intervention groups. Social work services will be provided by MSW interns at Family Connections, health services will be delivered by the University's School of Nursing, and legal services will be provided by the University's Law School interns. In addition, a community advisory committee, research team, and administrative team will provide technical assistance; advise about the final selection of measures and the collection of cost data; confirm data analyses plans; provide input to procedures for ensuring the fidelity of program implementation; and ensure the accomplishment of all goals, objectives, and tasks. Repeated measures, cost effectiveness, and cost-benefit analyses will be used to compare risk and protective factors and outcomes for all groups at 12 months following entry into the program. It is hypothesized that families that receive any Family Connection intervention will have greater change over time in risk and protective factors than families that receive no intervention. It is further predicted that the enhanced intervention will more likely lead to child safety, well-being, and permanency outcomes than any other intervention combination. Information about process and outcomes will be provided on a project web site throughout the 60-month project implementation.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1110

Target Population: At Risk Families

Name of Grantee: Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

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The Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project in cooperation with the National Resource Center for Respite and Crisis Care Services (ARCH) in Yolo, Sacramento, and Placer counties, California is evaluating a potentially effective strategy for strengthening families and reducing child maltreatment and foster care placements through "crisis respite." Offered by "crisis nursery" programs, it is provided in emergency situations at any time of the day or night for families when no other safe child care options are available. Although there is some research supporting the efficacy of crisis respite as a prevention service, more is needed to fully understand its contribution to family preservation. This evaluation project has three primary goals: 1) to determine the relationship between crisis respite and the incidence of child abuse and neglect; 2) to determine the relationship between crisis respite and out-of-home placement; and 3) to identify differences in outcomes between crisis respite as a primary prevention strategy and as a secondary prevention strategy. Three groups of families are being tracked: (a) families with open Child Protective Services (CPS) cases in counties with no crisis respite available, (b) crisis respite recipients with histories of abuse and neglect, and (c) crisis respite recipients with no history of abuse and neglect. Each group is being tracked for substantiated reports of abuse and neglect and days in foster care

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1106

Target Population: Abused or Neglected Children

Name of Grantee: Orlando Regional Healthcare

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $154,615

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 8

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Orlando Regional Healthcare will determine the impact of the social marketing campaign on parenting behaviors and child maltreatment in a community targeted for high child maltreatment rates. The evaluation will involve surveying approximately 1,000 parents using established and newly developed measures of knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to parenting, before and after the implementation of a positive parenting, child abuse prevention social marketing campaign. In addition, the rate of child maltreatment will be measured pre-, mid-, and post-campaign implementation, as will indicators of exposure to the campaign. Similar measures will be administered in a comparison community which is demographically similar to the targeted community but will receive no exposure to the social marketing campaign. Efforts will also be made to assess the impact of contextual variables such as concurrent implementation of a broader community campaign aimed at improving support for children and families on a sociopolitical level and the presence of other parent education or support efforts in the targeted and comparison communities. The results of this study will provide a replicable paradigm for measuring campaign effectiveness on individual, community, and societal levels as well as contribute to the research literature on social marketing as a viable and effective child abuse prevention strategy.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1119

Target Population: At Risk Families

Name of Grantee: Florida Department of Children and Families

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $181,566

Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

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The Florida Marriage and Family Research Institute at the University of Central Florida is administering the research, education, and intervention program, Stronger Marriages and Stronger Families, through the UCF Academy for Teaching, Learning and Leadership and affiliated with the Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute. The Institute will function through the Community Counseling Center in conjunction with the Counselor Education Program in the Department of Child, Family and Community Sciences. The Clinic trains counselors at the master's and doctoral level and provides certification in marriage and family therapy and play therapy. The Institute will serve and expand upon the client base of the Clinic and tap the knowledge and training of the College faculty. The aim of the Institute is to strengthen existing marriage and couple relationships to create healthy couples and healthy families. This will be accomplished by providing research and training for social service agency staff in the public, private non-profits, and faith-based community organizations, while providing direct services to couples and families as a means of establishing best evidence-based practices for service delivery and training. The Institute will disseminate information through on-site, train-the-trainers workshops, conferences for statewide partners, and publications on best practices for improving marriage and couple relationships.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0101

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $390,003

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Vicki Moore

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will oversee a project to contribute to the development of a well-trained, competent, and stable child welfare workforce in western North Carolina by extending the North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative, an agency-university partnership, to the Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) Program at Western Carolina University. Focusing on the eleven counties in western North Carolina Region A, Western Carolina University will recruit and select current Department of Social Services employees to participate in the Collaborative. Each of these Child Welfare Scholars will receive a stipend of $3000 per semester for up to four semesters while enrolled in the program. Upon graduation, each Scholar will be obligated to provide one year of service at a Department of Social Services in a Region A county for each year he or she received support. The Western Carolina University social work curriculum will integrate core child welfare competencies adopted by the North Carolina Division of Social Services and, upon graduation, Scholars will satisfy the North Carolina Child Welfare Preservice training requirement and will be recognized as fully-qualified for social work positions in child welfare. Teaching methods are both didactic and experiential including a specialized child welfare course, a one-semester field placement, and skill-based workshops. Project objectives are to: recruit and support current Department of Social Services staff who wish to earn a BSW degree and require that these participants work one year in child welfare services in a Region A county for each year they receive support; strengthen the BSW curriculum content related to child welfare and provide a competency-based child welfare professional education; establish linkages with local Indian Child Welfare agencies and recruit Native American students to the Collaborative at Western Carolina University; and identify best practice strategies for recruiting and educating staff employed in rural counties.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0123

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Louisville Research Foundations, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $213,755

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 3

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The University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc. project goals are to develop a competency-based training curriculum on healthy marriage and family formation specific to child welfare, and through the training of this curriculum to enhance the state child welfare organization's capacity to provide healthy marriage and family formation services. This curriculum will be developed in partnership with faith-based organizations, the child welfare agency, and other community representatives. After field-testing, this project will provide competency-based training for 50 child welfare teams (supervisors and workers), managers, and representatives of faith-based organizations. Faith-based representatives will be engaged in the training process through Kentucky's community collaboration model for child welfare (Comprehensive Family Services), in which teams invite representatives from their own communities to participate. The training plan will build upon this team's previous research findings related to learner readiness and management support to maximize training transfer and to overcome potential attitude barriers to this curriculum. This training will be evaluated through four research studies: training evaluation surveys, intervention fidelity check, client functioning assessment, and statewide client outcome data. Following the completion of this training and evaluation, the training program will continue through Kentucky's Credit for Learning Program, and the team will work collaboratively with faith-based organizations to conduct a public awareness campaign to engage families in the community in healthy marriage and family formation services. The anticipated benefits of this project include the development of a healthy marriage and family formation curriculum specific to child welfare, development of an integrated training plan and training reinforcement tools, increase in knowledge and skills of child welfare workers, engagement of community partners, dissemination of marriage and family information and services through the public awareness campaign, and the prevention of child maltreatment through the strengthening of marriages and families.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0097

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Illinois State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $81,241

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2007

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 11

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The Illinois State University's Project: Developing Professional Careers in Child Welfare will prepare MSW students for professional careers in agencies through completion of a child and family concentration at a public university. Applicants for the program will complete a self-assessment program based on efforts by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to determine if a child welfare career is a good fit. Students selected for the program will be placed in carefully developed field placement sites that are committed to providing professional education and training based the teaching approach known as cognitive apprenticeship. Field placements will be accompanied by a specialized seminar that focused exclusively on child welfare issues. Principle objectives of the project include:

- To enhance social work education's ability to better prepare graduate social work students child welfare careers;
- To develop a stronger working relationship with the public child welfare agency and purchase-of-service child welfare agencies;
- To facilitate traineeship recipients' placement and acceptance of regular employment in child welfare;
- To work more collaboratively with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to incorporate child welfare competencies into our MSW curriculum;
- To explore the option of offering graduate course work in the Chicago area; and
- To partner trainees with experienced practitioners and faculty in presenting continuing education workshops on topics of interest to the child welfare community.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0108

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $1,333,618

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-6/30/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Vicki Moore

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will enhance the capacity of child welfare workers to serve families in rural communities by developing The Rural Child Welfare Success Method, a three-part intervention comprised of a multi-module, competency-based training course for rural child welfare supervisors and line workers, a series of agency and community engagement dialogues, and a series of summits for rural child welfare professionals. This combination of approaches will help social workers develop the knowledge and skills they need to identify and build on the strengths of rural families and communities to achieve child safety, permanence, and well-being. This project will be conducted in partnership with 14 rural North Carolina counties: seven from the Southern Highlands of the Appalachian Mountains and seven from northeastern North Carolina's coastal plain. Working with these specific North Carolina counties will enable this project to create educational products and strategies that will be useful to rural child welfare practitioners in the Southeast and across the country. Project objectives include: identifying and capturing success stories from child welfare practitioners and the rural families they serve for use in curriculum development and community outreach efforts; developing a training curriculum for rural child welfare supervisors and line workers; conducting specialized cross-training for child welfare agencies and their community partners; using community engagement dialogues and state and rural child welfare summits to galvanize rural communities around the tasks of achieving child safety, permanence, and well-being; and evaluating and disseminating project findings and lessons learned to leading child welfare and social work journals. The client outcomes used to assess The Rural Child Welfare Success Method include child safety, child permanence, and well-being. Project activities will be conducted in child welfare agencies in North Carolina. Project products include a multi-module curriculum, tools for conducting agency and community engagement dialogues, a guide for helping States develop rural child welfare outreach strategies, proceedings from state and national summits, annual evaluation reports, and related articles and publications.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0110

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: San Diego State University Foundation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $267,541

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 53

Principal Contact Person: Dr. Anita Harbert

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The San Diego State University Foundation's project will improve the outcomes of rural Native American foster youth. This will be accomplished through the development and implementation of two comprehensive, competency-based collaborative training programs, one for frontline staff, and the other for supervisory child welfare staff. The training will be developed with input from a variety of Native American voices, including youth, tribal leaders, frontline workers, and professionals. The training will provide participants with a solid understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act, unique challenges associated with working with rural populations, the importance of operating from a position of cultural competency, the importance of collaboration, the fundamental components of the youth development philosophy, the developmental tasks of normal adolescents, challenges youth face, and assessment. Training will occur locally, and throughout the State of California. A particular emphasis will be placed on recruiting trainers of Native American descent. In addition, Social Work students across the State of California will also be trained. Communities will be offered technical assistance to aid them as they work to build collaboratives and implement the training. Pre- post-tests (knowledge surveys) will be conducted for each training, demographic and consumer satisfaction data will also be collected. In addition, information about the curricula will be distributed across the State, and all materials will be available via the World Wide Web.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0122

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $266,667

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Sandra Spears

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Telephone of Grantee: 303-871-4174

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Institute for Families of the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work will oversee an innovative collaboration with Learning Systems Group, distinguished University of Denver marriage researcher Dr. Howard Markman, national marriage strengthening experts and three western states (Colorado, Wyoming, and Kansas) to: 1) develop, test, implement, evaluate, and disseminate a competency-based training program to enhance worker, supervisor and administrative capacity to address healthy marriage and family formation as a means of achieving safety, permanency and well-being outcomes for children and families; and 2) identify and promote systemic responses to barriers to transfer of this training to practice The primary objectives of the proposed project are to develop a skills-based curriculum that is both comprehensive and creative, applicable across states, and capable of integration into existing child welfare and social work curriculum. The curriculum will be built around ten identified objectives related to thoughtful selection of content and delivery methods, recruitment of diverse audiences, comprehensive field testing and evaluation, the engagement of key policy makers, and dissemination efforts to promote practice change. The collective curriculum will be comprised of a two-day core training and twelve advanced workshops in special populations and practice issues of particular relevance The five-year plan includes training 300 frontline workers, supervisors and administrators, as well as community and faith-based service providers across four western states. Given the lack of training in this area, the project partners look forward to considerable benefits of staff development. Children and families will benefit from applied understanding of healthy marriage and family-formation concepts. The child welfare system will benefit from the focus on eliminating systemic barriers to promoting healthy marriages and families.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0118

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Fordham University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $189,697

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 16

Principal Contact Person:

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

Fordham University's project will deliver curricula and management consultation based on research findings that identify factors associated with the recruitment and retention of bachelor and master's level staff. The three primary objectives of this project are to: improve recruitment and increase retention of casework and supervisory staff by providing training that promotes self-efficacy, organizational commitment, recognition for accomplishment, and social support to the agency's managers and supervisors; to support transfer of learning from the classroom to the work site by providing consultation/technical assistance to managers to identify and implement organizational changes that reflect best practices in recruitment and retention; and to strengthen the relationship between a public child welfare agency and a university providing undergraduate and graduate programs in social work (Fordham). The primary result and benefit to be derived will be the development of a competency-based training curriculum for public agency child welfare managers and supervisors in order to enhance their ability to recruit and retain staff, thereby promoting both the well-being of staff and the children and families they serve.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CY0117

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Denver (Colorado Seminary)

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $266,667

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Sandra Spears

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Telephone of Grantee: 303-871-4174

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The University of Denver will partner with American Humane and the project sites to positively change recruitment and retention practices in child welfare. The Western Regional Recruitment and Retention Project will develop new models for training child welfare agencies on recruitment and retention. The project will serve four states located in the greater Rocky Mountain Region: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming. The project goal is to develop a comprehensive training model for effective recruitment and retention that attends to the shared and unique characteristics of different communities/ agencies and is adaptable for states, counties, and communities. To achieve this goal, individual strategic training plans will be developed and implemented for each project site. Results and resources will be published in Strategies Matrix Approach for Recruitment and Retention Training Manual. The curricula will focus on topics including marketing child welfare careers, cultivating individual and organizational learning and improving child welfare's image, intra-agency communication, teamwork, supervisory skills, and employee satisfaction. The expected project outcomes are: increased quality and quantity of applicants; increased retention of qualified staff; and curricula and models for practice and policy. Project goals to achieve these outcomes are: 1) develop recruitment and retention strategies based upon specific conditions and develop accompanying training curricula based on those strategies; 2). field test the Strategies Matrix Approach for Recruitment and Retention Training Manual; 3) implement training plans with project sites; 4) Evaluate recruitment and retention training and effectiveness of strategies; and 5) disseminate products from the project.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0114

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $1,333,335

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Vicki Moore

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Telephone of Grantee: 919-962-4673

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The intent of this proposed project with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is to develop, field test, implement, evaluate, and disseminate integrated, evidence-based resources and a curriculum model that will improve the ability of public child welfare supervisors and managers to recruit, select, and retain a competent and committed child welfare workforce. Project goals are to: increase the ability of county agencies to recruit a favorable pool of candidates for child welfare positions by developing a recruitment toolkit; increase the ability of child welfare managers and supervisors to select qualified child welfare staff by developing a competency-based selection process; increase the likelihood that child welfare workers will remain employed with the agency because of increased skills and behaviors on the part of supervisors and managers that impact retention; and disseminate an integrated, evidence-based model of resources and curriculum that will significantly increase recruitment, selection and retention of public child welfare staff. The resources and curriculum will be field tested in two North Carolina sites and delivered to supervisors, managers, and directors in 17 North Carolina counties. A rigorous quasi-experimental evaluation will compare outcomes within each of the trained counties before and after training and with outcomes in 17 comparison counties. A more competent and stable child welfare workforce is one projected benefit of this proposed project for those agencies that incorporate the resources and curriculum into agency activities. Ultimately, children and families will benefit, since low staff turnover is a factor in improved outcomes for children and families.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0098

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of South Carolina

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $81,249

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2007

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Pam Bond

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

University of South Carolina in collaboration with South Carolina Department of Social Services and the Center for Child and Family Studies will oversee and direct the traineeships of selected students in the full-time Masters of Social Work program in exchange for their commitment to work in the South Carolina Department of Social Services child welfare for a specified period after graduation. Students will become certified during the program and thus be ready to assume a caseload at graduation. Priority can be given to students from specific groups (e.g., Spanish speakers) if needed. The project director will act as faculty liaison, facilitate monthly best-practice seminars, and teach a college elective in child welfare. Expected primary benefits of the project will be increased professionalism of public child welfare practice, new academic focus on public child welfare, and a model for cost-effective agency-university collaboration in professional training.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CY0096

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Michigan State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $84,433

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2007

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Gary Anderson

Address of Grantee: 301 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824

Telephone of Grantee: 517-355-7515

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Michigan State University School of Social Work will create a Masters of Social Work (MSW) traineeship program to educate and recruit eight MSW students yearly for careers in public child welfare. Building on core graduate courses with relevance for child welfare, trainees will enroll in a child welfare specialization designed to address child welfare worker competencies. This specialization will include a focused child welfare practice course, a child advocacy seminar with family law students, and select electives. This academic content and field work will especially address three challenges for public child welfare: (1) the legal knowledge and court skills required for child welfare practice; (2) the cultural knowledge and competency required for effective practice; and (3) knowledge and skills to address the health and mental health of children and families. All trainees will have a child welfare field placement with a field instructor, dedicated field liaison conducting field seminars, and academic advisor. A workshop series targeting child welfare challenges will be developed to wrap around the classroom and field education experiences. Special features of this traineeship include: (1) a focus on interdisciplinary perspectives through the seminar with law students and forums with medical students preparing for pediatric and primary care; (2) a series of conversations with alumni of the child welfare system so that the trainee educational experience is informed by former children and youth from the child welfare system; and (3) a dedicated virtual community will be created for trainees (and graduates) to enrich their educational experience and provide post-graduate support, strengthen networking and mentoring, provide ongoing feedback to the School, and assist with evaluation and career planning.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0106

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Maine

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $145,098

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2004

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Gail Werrbach

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The University of Maine School of Social Work in collaboration with the University of Maine at Presque Isle Department of Social Work will establish a three-year project to provide a significant and critical training needed both in the State of Maine and nationally through the expansion and development, implementation, evaluation, and institutionalization of competency-based Tribal Child Welfare curriculum for Native American Bachelor of Social Work students in the State of Maine. Using innovative and targeted recruitment strategies, a total of eight Native American students will be selected for the Bachelors of Social Work or Masters of Social Work program at the University of Maine School of Social Work or the Bachelors of Social Work program at the University of Maine at Presque Isle Department of Social Work. The eight Indian Child Welfare trainees will be supported through three years of their respective programs. The existing social work programs will be revised to provide the Indian Child Welfare trainees, as well as other social work students, with the knowledge and skill necessary to achieve excellence in public and Tribal child welfare services in the state.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0107

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Washington

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $406,250

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2004-3/29/2009

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Tesa Evans-Campbell

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The University of Washington's Building on Strengths project is an initiative to recruit and educate Bachelors of Social Work and Masters of Social Work students of Native American heritage who are committed to careers in public Indian child welfare. The project has six major aims: to provide financial support to eleven Native American students committed to completing Bachelors of Social Work and Masters of Social Work degrees and working in public child welfare upon graduation; develop and implement culturally relevant curriculum for effective child welfare practice with Native families; develop and implement strategies to recruit and retain more Native social work students committed to careers in Indian child welfare; hold an annual institute for project students, faculty, and community members; partner with Native communities, agencies, and other schools of social work to support ongoing Indian Child Welfare training and education in the Pacific Northwest region; and evaluate and disseminate the results of this project to other states and educational institutions.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0104

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Wisconsin—Green Bay

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,724

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Jefrey Selner

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Telephone of Grantee: 920-465-2001

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The University of Wisconsin – Green Bay's Social Work Professional Program (Bachelors of Social Work) or their Collaborative Masters of Social Work Program, which is a joint project of the University of Wisconsin's Green Bay and Oshkosh campuses will support American Indian child welfare staff and Tribal members as they complete their degrees. Project activities are designed to improve curriculum content in the Indian Child Welfare arena. This curriculum utilizes a competency-based approach; project activities will strengthen these competencies in the child welfare and Indian child welfare areas. The project also reflects efforts to intensify and redirect the program's already strong relationships with Tribal child welfare administrators and staff. The program already has Tribal membership on both its Advisory and Diversity Advisory Committees and participates in numerous meetings and activities in which Tribal members provide direction or have input. However, this grant improves on these efforts by using Tribal members as cultural guides and consultants for faculty and students, by meeting more regularly at locations they select, and by relying on Indian Child Welfare staff to articulate and direct joint efforts to improve services. Ultimately, project activities have as their aim the improvement of American Indian Child Welfare services in Tribal communities. To achieve this aim, the project relies on the sharing of knowledge and expertise of Tribal child welfare staff and other Tribal members with program faculty and students. This collaboration will result in the development, implementation and evaluation of projects Tribal members have identified as significant for the improved care of vulnerable children and their families. Tribal child welfare professionals have already indicated that one key issue concerns enhancing knowledge and practice in Indian child welfare among non-Indian child welfare staff.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0100

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Nazareth College of Rochester

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $540,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 29

Principal Contact Person: Virginia David

Address of Grantee: 4234 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14618

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Nazareth College of Rochester, State University of New York at Brockport in collaboration with the Rochester Institute of Technology and Monroe County Department of Human and Health Services, Division of Social Services will create The Public Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership to increase the number of Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) and Masters of Social Work (MSW) practitioners committed to working in child welfare with the knowledge, values, and skills necessary to respond to the complex problems confronting children and families receiving services and interventions. The Partnership will train students for work in public child welfare utilizing existing accredited BSW and MSW strengths based, generalist curriculum coupled with child welfare coursework, a child welfare field practicum, and on-site academic and professional advisement. The curriculum will be offered to Partnership students in evenings and on weekends in order to accommodate many students' need for flexible scheduling. The student population for the Partnership will consist of individuals already familiar with the functioning of Monroe County Department of Human and Health Services, but in need of further education in order to augment skills and advance into child welfare positions allowing them to pursue a career in public child welfare. At least 20-24 students will participate in the project during the funding period; and, by the end of the project 16 to 18 of the students will graduate with a BSW or MSW.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0102

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Trustees of Boston University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $74,971

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/1/2003-8/31/2008

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Mary E. Collins, PhD.

Address of Grantee: 881 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215

Telephone of Grantee: 617-353-4612

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Trustees of Boston University will design a training project for public child welfare staff members who are seeking a Masters of Social Work (MSW) and who have a primary interest in serving adolescents and their families. Working with the Boston University School of Social Work and the Massachusetts Department of Social Services, the collaborative will provide specialized training via: a monthly integrative seminar, adolescent-focused field placements, a specified series of courses and assignments, and targeted faculty advising. This implemented project will result in: 1) Department of Social Services workers with greater knowledge in youth-focused practice (e.g., youth development principles, adolescent/young adult transition issues, cultural issues for youth in care); 2) Department of Social Services workers with increased positive attitudes toward adolescents; 3) Department of Social Services workers with enhanced skills in child welfare practice with youth (e.g., engaging youth, connecting youth to community resources, collaborating with community partners); 4) a cadre of Department of Social Services workers with specialized knowledge in adolescent issues and credentials (MSW degree and child welfare/adolescent-specialization certificate) to provide long-term leadership within the Department of Social Services; and 5) materials and evaluation data to facilitate replication of the model in other schools of social work.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0119

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Syracuse University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $180,917

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 25

Principal Contact Person: Keith Alford, PhD.

Address of Grantee: Office of Sponsored Programs, 113 Bowne Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244

Telephone of Grantee: 315-443-5550

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Syracuse University's Healthy Marriage and Family Formation Training Project will develop curricula and provide training for child welfare agency staff so they can address marriage and family issues effectively, with the goal of improving outcomes for children. Working through an inter-professional coalition of academic departments and child welfare agencies, the project team will 1) identify current best practices that can be adapted to fit the specialized needs of the child welfare client population, 2) field-test and disseminate a competency-based curriculum, 3) provide training to 33 graduate students as part of an academic program leading to a Master's degree in Social Work, Child and Family Studies or Marriage and Family Therapy, 4) deliver continuing education workshops for 100 to 150 additional employees of regional child welfare agencies, 5) disseminate training materials and information through various media. Expected benefits include the availability of appropriate training and cohorts of effectively trained professionals; increased availability and accessibility of healthy marriage and family formation services to the targeted population; and, ultimately, a higher rate of healthy marriages and families and a lower rate of child abuse and neglect for persons in the child welfare system. The University brings to this project a unique inter-professional collaboration of three departments within the College of Human Services and Health Professions: the School of Social Work, the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Department of Child and Family Studies. Together these departments offer enormous breadth and depth in research, evaluation, teaching, and clinical expertise plus strong collaborative ties with regional child welfare agencies. They also have a strong commitment to ensuring that issues of diversity and cultural competency are infused throughout their curricula, and are highly experienced in delivering specialized education and training in the areas of marriage, family, child welfare, and social work.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0105

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: The Regents of the University of Minnesota

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $81,250

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Karen Preston

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Federal Project Officer:

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The Regents of the University of Minnesota's will oversee the American Indian Family Preservation Training Project (AIFPTP) aimed to address the need for more culturally competent social service practitioners within the field of public/tribal welfare. The University of Minnesota Duluth's Department of Social Work will work to reach this goal through meeting its objectives of recruiting American Indian Masters of Social Work students; developing and implementing a curriculum specifically for American Indian students focusing on Family Preservation, providing students with resources concerning tribal/cultural knowledge as well as a field experience working directly with tribal communities; providing culturally appropriate student support to advance retention and attrition rates; and building upon relationships with public and tribal agencies throughout the region to form supportive networks. The primary curricula approach for this project will involve a series of seminars addressing American Indian social systems focusing on the child, teen, adult, family, and community; a field experience that will complement the academic experience involving a mentorship with a community resource person such as an elder; and a literature review focusing on American Indian Family Preservation and best practice. Integrated into The University's Masters of Social Work program, the curricula will draw awareness towards the development of culturally competent academic standards. The expected results or benefits will be the development and integration of a culturally competent curriculum focusing on American Indian Family Preservation that will effectively prepare students to practice within the public/tribal child welfare field.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0124

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Trustees of Boston University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $349,478

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Mary E. Collins, PhD.

Address of Grantee: 881 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 14618

Telephone of Grantee: 617-353-4612

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Trustees of Boston University will oversee a team of seven faculty members from the Boston University School of Social Work, experienced in research and program evaluation, who will evaluate the federally-funded Child Welfare Training Grant Program, particularly the training initiative for Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care through the Independent Living Program. This evaluation will have two parts: (1) A Cross-site Evaluation of Nine Grantees (including surveying project staff, their child welfare collaborators, and trainees' supervisors; assessing training materials and products; and conducting a secondary analysis of sites' evaluation data), and (2) Three National Studies on the Value of Training Interventions for the child welfare and social work education fields (including completing a comprehensive literature review, and surveying child welfare administrators and deans of schools of social work). Attention to youth outcomes will occur through methods such as gathering prospective data at each site, contacting participants' supervisors, and developing logic models to examine underlying assumptions about the links between training activities, immediate training outcomes, and long-term youth outcomes. Both the Children's Bureau and the grantees will be collaborators; methods to enhance collaboration include the design of the grantee kick-off meeting, grantee checks on evaluation conclusions, and joint decisions on dissemination audiences and forums. Dissemination products will be three journal articles, monographs for the Children's Bureau including recommendations for future funding initiatives, and a Training Evaluation Outcomes Template for future grantees. The project team has expertise in program evaluation, evaluation of training, provision of training in child welfare settings, and broad dissemination of research findings. The proposed project meets and moves beyond the requirements of the Children's Bureau by proposing a more macro, national evaluation dimension that provides information from child welfare state agencies and schools of social work on their experiences with, and their perceptions of, the impact of this type of federal training initiative.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0113

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Michigan State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $265,347

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Gary Anderson

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Telephone of Grantee: 517-355-7515

Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

Michigan State University, in partnership with the Family Independence Agency and the Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies, will create a curriculum and training initiative targeting recruitment and retention of child welfare staff. Guided by a diverse Advisory Committee, the curriculum will be created and presented in modules to facilitate participation and integration of learning. Key content areas will address inspirational connections to a child welfare mission, supervisory skills and support, organizational communication strategies, developing a learning environment, strategies for employee decision-making and input, and other factors that contribute to a positive work environment that will attract and retain qualified workers. The training will target supervisors and managers as their role in recruitment and retention is critical. The curriculum will highlight diversity and cultural competency within the workplace and community. To learn lessons that inform curriculum revisions, and to ground and test curriculum strategies, this project will develop at least three demonstration community-based agency-University partnerships. In these partnerships, the training and implementation of supervisory and administrative strategies will take place in the agency. This unique learning feature provides a special opportunity to assure learning, collaboration, and positive outcomes. The training project will also include the creation of virtual training communities so that supervisors and others who have participated in the project remain connected to each other, to additional learning resources, and to the project for follow through, follow up, and evaluation.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0112

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Southern Maine

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $265,948

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-10/1/2004

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Freda Bernotavicz

Address of Grantee: PO Box 9300, 96 Falmouth St., Portland, ME 04104

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The University of Southern Maine will create a project to increase the recruitment and retention of competent child welfare staff through the development and implementation of a comprehensive, research-based and practical training model. The project objectives are to develop a framework and plan for recruitment and retention in a child welfare agency; to design a comprehensive curriculum, training model and plan combining academic credit, on-the-job experience and mentoring; to the implement the training model statewide in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont; to administer and evaluate the process; and to disseminate information regionally and nationally. The project's model will include well-coordinated strategies and approaches to address recruitment, retention, and organizational issues that impact the transfer of learning. In addition, learning interventions will be designed and presented to increase workforce management capacity at all levels.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0109

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Sonoma State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $266,866

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 6

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

Sonoma State University's RURAL project (Resources to address the unique needs of rural communities for Availability/accessibility of Local services) will provide statewide training/technical assistance in California. The project goals are to create and disseminate a field-tested, competency-based training curriculum to enhance frontline/supervisory staff capacity to provide effective, high quality child welfare services in rural California by managing barriers to service access, strengthening families, improving access to faith-based and community resources, and partnering with State, local and tribal governments. Sonoma State University will identify the key topics for training through a literature review, sample survey of current rural workers, advice from key expert consultants, and consultation with the California Welfare Directors' Association Rural Child Welfare Directors committee. Topics for follow-up seminars will be chosen from needs expressed by participants in their 3-month post-training survey. The RURAL project expects to result in improved practice. This will be determined by sending a questionnaire to participants 3 months after completion of a workshop or seminar to ask the extent to which they have implemented the new strategies.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0127

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Southwest Missouri State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $262,592

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Mary Ann Jennings

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

Southwest Missouri State University will develop and conduct the Missouri Training Program for Rural Child Welfare Workers (MTP) to prepare frontline child welfare workers and supervisors to serve the unique needs of people living in rural counties. A total of 33 counties comprise the Southwest Region of the Missouri Division of Family Services and are located in the central, west central, southwest, and south central parts of the state. For purposes of the project, 31 of the 33 counties are recognized as rural counties and will be the focus of the project. The program will focus on four goals that directly address the purpose of the priority area -to develop, field test, revise, implement, evaluate, and disseminate a field-tested, competency-based training and curriculum to prepare frontline workers and supervisors to provide effective child welfare services in rural communities. The goals of the program are to develop, implement, and evaluate competency-based training program for child welfare workers and supervisors in 33 rural counties in Missouri; to improve the direct (i.e., with children and families) and indirect (i.e., with communities and other agencies) skills/competencies of the Southwest Region rural child welfare workers and supervisors; to develop relationships with community members and leaders and other related agencies (including faith-based organizations) to increase resource development and collaborative activities; and to increase awareness of and access to child welfare services in 31 rural Missouri counties. The University will collaborate with the Community Partnerships of the Ozarks, a non-profit organization working with rural communities for prevention programs, and the Missouri Division of Family Services to achieve the projects goals and prepare frontline child welfare workers and supervisors to improve their delivery of services and lessen the risk of harm to children and families in rural communities.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0125

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Portland State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $266,667

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Caleb F. Heppner

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Federal Project Officer:

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Portland State University will partner with Oregon's Department of Human Services, Children, Adults, and Families, and the Family & Youth Services Training Academy at the University of Alaska at Anchorage to create a plan and curricula to train over the life of the grant 418 rural child welfare workers and 400 foster parents and community partners to better understand and implement effective practice to provide for the safety, permanency and well-being of rural children and families. Project objectives include training rural child welfare workers in rural Oregon and Alaska in: (1) practice adaptations for implementation in rural communities; (2) practice skills necessary to implement key elements of their state's Program Improvement Plan (PIP) to meet the goals of the CFSR in a rural setting; (3) strategies and skills necessary to build and support community involvement in rural child welfare practice and policy development; and (4) strategies and skills to build and/or enhance effective training relationships and communication with the Tribes and native communities in rural areas of Oregon and Alaska.

The Partnership's approach to implementing this Project includes: (1) convening rural child welfare staff and community partners to identify rural child welfare practice needs; (2) developing a competency-based curriculum designed to cross-train child welfare workers, supervisors and community partners in rural child welfare needs; (3) delivering that curriculum both on-site and online; (4) evaluating the results of the training to demonstrate the relationship between effective training and CFSR-focused rural child welfare practice; and (5) dissemination of findings to inform national understanding of successful child welfare practice adaptation in rural communities.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0103

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $76,971

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 3

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. in collaboration with the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare proposes to support professional education for American Indian students committed to working in child welfare. Objectives of the Native American Scholars Project are: 1) to enhance child welfare service delivery by providing educational traineeships to Native American social work students; 2) to develop a competency-based field model that exposes social work students to the tribal/ state agency, and family preservation, foster care and adoption providers involved in the delivery of child welfare services to Indigenous families; and 3) to enhance child welfare service delivery to Native American families through the infusion of a strengths-oriented cultural competency model into social work curriculum. The program will fund seven Bachelors of Social Work or Masters of Social Work students each of the five years for a total of 14-35 students (depending upon the mix of students funded for one or two years). The proposed initiative incorporates: an advisory board; special outreach efforts; academic mentorships; a competency-based field model; culturally based, strengths-oriented coursework; statewide expansion and postgraduate support and tracking. Along with curriculum enhancements, this project will produce a cadre of social workers who have advanced knowledge and skills in culturally competent practice with Native American families.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0111

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: The University of Iowa

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $266,667

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 2

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The University of Iowa School of Social Work will collaborate with the Iowa Department of Human Services to develop, field test, implement, evaluate, and disseminate a comprehensive training program to enhance recruitment and retention of qualified and committed public child welfare employees. The project has three goals, each with specific objectives: 1) to measurably improve the Department of Human Services' capacity for recruitment and retention of qualified employees; 2) to enhance the University and Department of Human Services partnership to measurably increase and sustain professionally educated social workers in the University; and 3) to improve recruitment and retention in public child welfare agencies nationally, through varied dissemination activities. Our approach is collaborative and comprehensive, and builds on ecological, social exchange, empowerment, and structural perspectives on employees in organizations. All University administrators, supervisors, and line workers, are involved in this project. The comprehensive approach will develop the partnership to create a unifying organizational vision and engage employees at all levels in embracing that vision, improve communication and supports across positions, and focus particular attention on supervisors by training them in supervisory skills and practicing those skills through team-building training between supervisors and their line workers. The partnership will also recruit and mentor a diverse group of diverse students with an interest in public child welfare, to engage them in the public agency change process, and to provide varied educational opportunities and assistance in job placement. The key benefits of this project include developing and documenting a whole agency approach to improving recruitment and retention, producing and disseminating two distinct but complementary curricula to improve child welfare recruitment and retention; making the training and evaluation results widely available through printed and electronic means, as well as through training opportunities, and increasing the number of public child welfare workers who are professionally educated in social work.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0121

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Forest Institute of Professional Psychology

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $252,935

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Dr. Jennifer Baker

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Forest Institute of Professional Psychology and its partners, Southwest Missouri State University and the Southern Region Division of Family Services, propose to develop the Healthy Marriage and Family Program. The primary objective of this project is to develop, implement, and institutionalize a competency-based curriculum to train child welfare staff enabling effective services to clients in need of assistance in healthy family formation. The program will expand the knowledge and skills of child welfare staff to address the needs of low-income residents initially in eight counties in the Ozarks region of Missouri. The Program will consist of two phases. The first will include formal training in Prevention and Relationship Enhancement and associated concepts of healthy family formation. The second phase mentoring trainees as they provide marriage and family formation services to their clients. This phase also includes Professional Development opportunities via focus group sessions, a web site providing "best practices," and a Bulletin Board to exchange information. The Program will create a network of government, community, and faith-based organizations to assist in addressing the needs of the clients of child welfare workers. The Division of Family Services is committed to integrating this program into the training of new employees and professional development of their child welfare workers and supervisors.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0099

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Adelphi University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $74,666

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 4

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Adelphi University's School of Social Work aims to increase retention of knowledgeable, competent, and experienced line staff in child protective services in a large, urban, public child welfare agency by (1) increasing staff competence in applying knowledge to practice, (2) increasing workers' sense of self-efficacy in managing the demands of such work and, (3) increasing workers' job satisfaction and commitment to child welfare practice. To accomplish these goals, the program will develop and implement a child welfare-focused curriculum within the Master's of Social Work (MSW) program at the Adelphi University School of Social Work for selected trainees from New York City's Administration for Children's Services child protective service workforce, as well as to other Adelphi MSW students engaged in child welfare practice. The curriculum, comprised of six courses specifically designed to increase competency in child welfare practice, includes a case-based seminar to assist students with integrating knowledge and applying it in their practice; a capstone course to allow students to integrate child welfare practice, policy, and research in a final project; and an annual conference to engage former trainees in organizing and presenting on critical child welfare practice issues to an audience of their peers.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0115

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: The Regents of the University of Michigan

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 14

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The University of Michigan School of Social Work will collaborate with the Michigan Family Independence Agency (FIA) to develop curricula aimed at impacting the child welfare workforce crisis, specifically improving worker recruitment and retention. Curriculum materials will be piloted in Michigan, then refined and infused into the Michigan Child Welfare Institute training materials and the Child Welfare Specialist Master's of Social Work curriculum. The curriculum will be based on recruitment and retention literature in child welfare, human services management, business, and information from focus groups and will target the diversity of the child welfare population and recruitment and retention of culturally competent child welfare staff. The curriculum will address areas needing improvement in Michigan and nationally, as identified by Child and Family Services Reviews. In addition, technical assistance on implementing recruitment and retention strategies will be offered to the FIA. The training will be delivered seven times in various Michigan sites to multiple-level groups of staff and across public/private domains. The training will be evaluated, assessing its impact on knowledge acquisition, knowledge retention, individual and agency change, and on recruitment and retention.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0116

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: The Research Foundation of SUNY

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 21

Principal Contact Person: Mary McCarthy

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Federal Project Officer: Ruthenia Hopkins

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The Research Foundation of the State University of New York (SUNY) will field test, evaluate, and disseminate a comprehensive, research-supported training model. This model is tailored to New York State's state-supervised and county-administered system. Two of the four project goals target training and training-induced improvements in representative demonstration sites. In each site, project staff will train administrators, supervisors, and staff developers to build managerial and organizational capacity and support cross-role, training design, and implementation teams. Training facilitators will train teams to use a turnover prevention inventory, research briefs on recruitment and retention, and implement an improvement model recommended by New York State. As agency training proceeds, the project will include faculty consultants serving as linkage agents with Bachelor's of Social Work and Master's of Social Work programs. Lastly, the project will participate in dissemination-oriented networking and partnerships, which will be facilitated by the New York State Social Work Education Consortium.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0120

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: The Research Foundation of SUNY

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 21

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The University of Albany School of Social Welfare, in collaboration with the New York State Office for Children and Family Services, the Social Work Education Consortium, and the Center for Human Services Research is implementing Expanding the Family Circle: Child Welfare Training on Healthy Marriage and Family Formation. The project reflects the school's effort to help the State improve outcomes for children and families by launching a competency-based curriculum development and training plan that promotes family-centered practice; incorporates healthy marriage, family formation, and father involvement into child welfare practice; and is culturally competent in its application to diverse populations in the State. The effort is drawing on the research knowledge and practice wisdom of many individuals to develop a curriculum and training plan that can be implemented across the State and sustained over time. It is also drawing on the rich literature that has guided child welfare practice over time, including the deepening understanding of family violence and ongoing research into family interventions. By the completion of the project, the School intends to contribute important information to child welfare practice and disseminate this information through a conference and written resources, including an edited volume.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CT0126

Target Population: Child welfare professionals

Name of Grantee: Southwest Texas State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $198,614

Program Name: Child Welfare Services Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 14

Principal Contact Person: Ted Watkins

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Federal Project Officer: Ruthenia Hopkins

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Southwest Texas State University is implementing Training for Effective Child Welfare Practice in Rural Communities to prepare professionals for public sector work. The project will develop and deliver a Master of Social Work program to qualified Child Protective Service workers in rural areas of Texas. The program will use Web-based technology, classroom instruction via interactive television, video-teleconferencing, electronic chat rooms and discussion groups, and electronic library resources access. It will be supplemented by intensive in-person workshops. Students will complete the MSW degree requirements on part-time basis while maintaining their CPS employment. The goals are to increase the number of child welfare workers in rural Texas; increase pre-service and in-service training content on effective rural child welfare practices; develop a model MSW curriculum that is directly relevant to effective child welfare practice in rural communities; develop and maintain service planning partnerships between the University, the local child welfare agencies, and rural community participants; and contribute to the knowledge base of delivering education for effective rural child welfare practice. The first cohort of the project will be a minimum of 20 CPS workers and supervisors in rural Texas regions. Benefits will be realized in the areas of policy, practice, and theory development.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1120

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Child and Family Tennessee

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,150

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/1/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

Child and Family Tennessee will replicate critical components of the Family Connections program for at-risk families living in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Program is a family-centered, community-based, psychosocial early intervention program in Baltimore, Maryland's Empowerment Zone. The Program has a proven track record of meeting children's needs while preventing neglect and abuse and will mentor Child and Family Tennessee's replication project. The Knoxville replication project will serve at-risk families living within the Empowerment Zone. The program will provide emergency assistance, family assessment, social support, home and community-based family interventions. Home visits, telephone contacts, case management, referral, parenting education and support groups, advocacy and community collaboration will be tools to help families and their children. The services will be customized to help families meet their basic needs while reducing the risk of abuse and neglect for their children. Currently, Child and Family Tennessee offer nine programs in the Empowerment Zone, with six programs having facilities in the Zone. With Child and Family Tennessee's existing programs and community resources, a referral system will be in place for the replication project. The program will serve approximately 100 families during the four-year implementation phase. The University of Tennessee College of Social Work will be a project partner.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: At-Risk Children and Families

Target Population: NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Name of Grantee: 2003

Fiscal Year: $200,000

Amount of Award: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Program Name: 10/1/2003-9/30/2006

Project Period: 2

ACF Region: 21

Congressional District Served:

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Federal Project Officer:

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The NYS Office of Children and Family Services will continue New York State's evaluation of Healthy Families New York, a paraprofessional home visiting program to prevent child maltreatment. Evaluation goals are to assess program impact on child maltreatment and related risk factors and make evidence-based recommendations for policy and practice changes. Interviews have been conducted at baseline and at one and two year follow-up. The current funding request is to complete an enhanced third-year follow-up and to analyze all data. Healthy Families New York is modeled after Healthy Families America, the most widely disseminated home visitation program in the nation. Among evaluations of Healthy Families America, the current study of Healthy Families New York is of unprecedented quality and scope. It includes nearly, 1200 participants in three regions of the state, making it the largest randomized trial of the Healthy Families model ever conducted. Interviews already conducted have been extensive, focusing on parenting practices and a range of risk factors for child maltreatment. Year 3 data collection will include similar interviews, plus videotaped observations of parent-child interactions using validated protocols for data collection and coding. To date, no other randomized trial of the Healthy Families model of home visitation has conducted such a rigorous assessment of program outcomes. The experimental design will allow us to make definitive statements about program effectiveness. Data analyses will look not only at overall program effects, but will also involve identifying subgroups most likely to benefit from the program. Finally, articles and research reports will emphasize the implications that the findings have for policy decisions and practice. Given the national investment in HFA and the needs of policy-makers and practitioners for credible, relevant evaluation results, failure to continue this evaluation would amount to a major lost opportunity for the child welfare community to benefit from this rare study of the HFA model.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1128

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $199,033

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 3

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Federal Project Officer:

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The Washington State Dept. of Social & Health Services oversees the Family Reunification and Stabilization Services provided as part of either intensive or less-intensive programs of family preservation. This evaluation will develop a comprehensive picture of referral to Family Reunification and Stabilization Services; the programs' clients; and their needs, services, outcomes, and potentials for improvement of Family Reunification and Stabilization Services. This will be done both descriptively and with predictive modeling to identify family and case characteristics and service elements associated with success or failure of reunification, over four years of services. We will use extensive information collected in the course of pre-existing initiatives, along with administrative data and interviews with social workers and therapists, to compare families who are and are not referred to the Family Reunification and Stabilization Services (and subgroups with different outcomes), and the Family Reunification and Stabilization Services' families with children in placement for relatively short or long periods of time. We will evaluate the effectiveness of the Family Reunification and Stabilization Services, identify the conditions of successful reunifications, describe linkages between client needs and the mix of services provided, examine mechanisms of effectiveness in terms of family functioning, and make recommendations for improvements to Family Reunification and Stabilization Services and supporting public child welfare services. We expect as a result of this evaluation to provide important new insights into the workings of family reunification programs and to inform the development of more effective approaches to reunification services both in Washington and nationwide.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1122

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: DePelchin Children's Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $183,737

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/1/2003-8/31/2008

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 18

Principal Contact Person: Jane Harding, PhD.

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The DePelchin Children's Center will replicate the program Family Connections, of The Center for Families at the University of Maryland School of Social Work in Baltimore. The Center will also offer consultation and mentoring throughout the implementation and evaluation. It targets families with children aged 5-14 at-risk of neglect in Dickinson, Texas, with an expected 48 families served per year. Project will meet the basic needs of children and families by enabling them to maintain housing that is physically safe and have adequate food. Emotional well-being will be enhanced through increased self-efficacy and social competence in the family. There is to be an increase in positive discipline and expressiveness, parent empathy, and appropriate expectations of children. There is to be a decrease in children's problem behavior and parent/caregiver risk factors such as substance abuse, depression and stress. Parental capacity to provide appropriate psychological and physical care will be improved along with a decrease in substantiated CPS neglect reports. The evaluation design is similar to O-FC with families randomly assigned to one of four service interventions for either 3 or 9 months. Screening/assessment, emergency and concrete assistance, advocacy/linkage, individual and family therapy, one-on-one parenting education, respite services, and family outings address community needs relating to family and cognitive dysfunction, unmet material need, social isolation, and a lack of social support. Among other benefits there will be a decrease in risk and increase in protective factors among families, decrease in child maltreatment in the community, and benefits to CPS.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1111

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: The Research Foundation of SUNY

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $194,196

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 21

Principal Contact Person: Lunn Videka

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Federal Project Officer:

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The Research Foundation of SUNY will oversee the evaluation of the New York State collocation model, a state policy initiative designed to address parental substance abuse problems among families in the child welfare system. The collocation programs place substance abuse specialists in local child welfare offices to facilitate early identification and treatment compliance of substance abusing parents. The goals of the collocation program are to decrease foster care placements due to substance abuse issues, reduce repeat indicated CPS reports of families with substance abuse involvement, reduce the length of stay in out-of-home care, if foster care is deemed necessary, and increase family reunifications from foster care placements. The collocation programs show great potential as an effective approach to the co-occurring problems of parental substance abuse and child maltreatment. The project will study four programs - two in New York City serving largely minority populations and two in upstate New York serving predominantly rural, white populations. The project employs both implementation and outcome studies. The implementation study will use interviews, focus groups, and programs statistics to understand the process and practices of the programs. The outcome study adopts a quasi-experimental design using a comparison group as the control. Data for the outcome study will be collected through a review of case files of the families using a case record extraction form. The evaluation will identify factors for successful implementation and assess the effectiveness of the collocation programs. Findings from this evaluation will be used to provide feedback to service providers in the child welfare and substance abuse treatment systems and to state policy makers to further refine the model, if necessary. The project will advance knowledge in the field with new insights into the promising yet largely unexamined model of collocation.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1124

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Respite Care of San Antonio, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $1,764,025

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 3/1/2003-8/31/2008

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 20

Principal Contact Person: Bert Pfiester

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Federal Project Officer:

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Respite Care of San Antonio in collaboration with Any Baby Can will replicate Family Connections in San Antonio Texas. The population currently served by the collaborating agencies and that will be targeted by the new project are children with significant developmental disabilities and/ or special health care needs and their families. The project is named Together in Strength: Community Support for Families of Special Children. The Project will provide community-based services that will assess family needs and strengths, address urgent needs, guide families in accessing care and resources for their children, assist families in assembling both formal and informal circles of support, link families to an array of wraparound services, provide neighborhood site-based support services, and provide planned and emergency respite care. The goal of the project is that families facing the challenge of raising children with disabilities will have the resources and support they need to provide nurturing care for all their children within a stable family environment. Respite Care of San Antonio has a 15-year history of providing relief services to families caring for a child with developmental disabilities. The agency's mission is to strengthen and stabilize the family, prevent child abuse and prevent or delay institutionalization. Family Connections provides home-based services, emergency and concrete assistance to families, access to community resources and advocacy. Together in Strength will demonstrate that this comprehensive, community-based evidence-based program can be successfully replicated, with enhancements to meet the needs of children with disabilities and their families.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1109

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Children's Services Society of Wisconsin

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $193,094

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 4

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The Children's Service Society of Wisconsin will oversee the Post Adoption Resource Centers evaluation study to determine the effectiveness of the Post Adoption Resource Centers used in the state of Wisconsin as the model of post adoption services. The study will employ a mixed method design to study the possible positive impact on high risk, special needs adoptive children and their families. Wisconsin special needs children adopted at age six or older after January 1, 2002 will be the population of study. The study will use the Level of Care Need ratings completed prior to a child's adoption, and used by the State of Wisconsin to set the supplemental rate for the family, as the initial study score for the child. This score will also be used to divide the population of children into three equal groupings: high level of care, medium level of care and low level of care. An equal number of participants will be randomly drawn from the high and low levels of care need groupings. Two year(s) post adoption; the study will use a semi-structured qualitative phone interview with the primary adoptive parent to gather information on the level of Post Adoption Resource Centers' services used by the family, and the current child and parent/family's level of functioning. During the same phone interview, the parent will be asked to complete five standardized instruments that also give measures on the child's and the parent/family's current level of functioning. The study hypothesizes that 1) a family's level of Post Adoption Resource Centers' use will have a positive effect on their qualitative report of current functioning and on their standardized scores of current functioning, and 2) that this effect will be greatest for families with younger children and for the families with children in the high level of need grouping.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1115

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 5

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Federal Project Officer:

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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.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1116

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 1

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Federal Project Officer:

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The project objectives for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services are to increase by 50 percent the number of people living in the Omaha Enterprise Community that are aware of the benefits of living in a stable and healthy marriage and where services can be accessed to receive assistance in this area; to increase by 450 the number of couples living in the Omaha Enterprise Community that complete an individualized, strengths-based marriage preparation program that leads them to move to marriage; and to increase by 20 percent the number of children living in the Omaha Enterprise Community who are raised by both parents in a stable and healthy marriage. The initiative will differ from most current initiatives. It will be available to couples eligible for welfare benefits but it will not be limited to them. It will be comprehensive and practical: over a minimum of six months it will include an inventory, a mentor couple experience, skill-building and education related to the couple's own issues and general knowledge about and practice in the elements related to healthy marriages. It will seek to provide time and processes for integration of what is being learned and will have as a goal to provide both the invitation and the requisite knowledge and skills to make decisions about the relationship. The expected results include fifty percent increase in community awareness regarding the benefits of living in a healthy marriage and the resources available for marriage preparation and support; 450 couples (150 each year) complete the program, with a minimum 25 percent learning gain and an 85 percent satisfaction rate; and twenty percent increase in the number of children in the target area raised by two parents in a healthy, stable marriage.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1127

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Black Family Development, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $222,592

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 14

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Federal Project Officer:

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Black Family Development, Inc. will replicate the Family Connections evidence based child abuse and neglect prevention program in two high-risk Wayne County communities, Detroit and Highland Park, and test the Family Connections program component's effectiveness within these settings. This replication project is a cooperative venture between Black Family Development, Inc., the University of Maryland, and the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services. Black Family Development, Inc. believes the proposed replication design and cost analysis outcomes will contribute to the Children's Bureau's pursuit of promising programs that expand the knowledge base about effective strategies in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1121

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Children's Institute International

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $1,750,000

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 31

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Federal Project Officer:

Telephone of Federal Project Officer:

The Children's Institute International will conduct a randomized field trial utilizing a pre/post/follow up design to evaluate outcomes and identify best practices by: 1) replicating and evaluating the University of Maryland, Baltimore Family Connections program; 2) extending the model by serving high risk families with children from birth to age three in Los Angeles; 3) comparing critical elements of the Family Connections program to Project Stable Home at Children's Institute International, which shares the goals of the Baltimore model but addresses them in very different ways; and 4) including a control group that receives only a 20-week parent education class. We anticipate the results of the project will benefit children, caregivers, communities, and the child welfare field by identifying which elements of each program have been empirically demonstrated to be effective in the reduction of risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect, as well as the increase in protective factors that are associated with the prevention of maltreatment.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1108

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: University of South California

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $199,361

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 33

Principal Contact Person: Devon Brooks, PhD.

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The project that will be carried out by The School of Social Work at the University of Southern California is an evaluation of the Consolidated Homestudy Program, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. The Consolidated Homestudy Program is an innovative program that supports this type of "concurrent planning." It is designed to increase adoptions of foster children in need of permanency and decrease time to permanency by streamlining recruitment, training, licensing, and placement activities. Findings from the evaluation will offer insights into more effective approaches to the delivery of adoption promotion and support services for children who cannot be safely reunified with birth families. The Consolidated Homestudy Program evaluation will consist of both outcome and process components. The quantitative outcome evaluation, using administrative data on children in foster care over a five-year period, will compare permanency outcomes for children targeted by the program with those of children receiving traditional services, and factors associated with these outcomes. The Consolidated Homestudy Program outcomes, including time to completion of the homestudy process, size of the adoptive parent pool, and adoptive parent satisfaction will also be assessed. The qualitative process evaluation will focus on program characteristics, including program implementation, barriers to successful implementation, and strategies for overcoming them, as well as program processes, including worker decision-making and foster and adoptive parent recruitment.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: At-Risk Children and Families

Target Population: Any Baby Can of Austin, Inc.

Name of Grantee: 2003

Fiscal Year: $188,412

Amount of Award: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Program Name: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

Project Period: 6

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served:

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Federal Project Officer:

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This evaluation employs a Time Series with Non-Equivalent Comparison Group design to identify and contrast/compare the outcomes and impacts of a Healthy & Fair Start project and three antecedent child maltreatment prevention projects implemented by Any Baby Can at Austin, Inc. Prospective evaluation of the current Healthy & Fair Start prevention approach (2003-2006) is linked to retrospective analysis of the approaches of the Parent-Child Project (1979-1986), Pro-Family Project (1987-1993), and an earlier iteration of Healthy & Fair Start (1994-2002), all of which were implemented in the same or similar neighborhoods of the same community by this organization. A range of variables representing participants demographic, (pre-intervention) risk and protective factor status, (neighborhood/community) context factors, extent of participation and the service delivery characteristics of each iteration's intervention approach are measured longitudinally over the 27-year period to determine the strength and direction of the relationship between child maltreatment outcomes and these factors, using the following model: Participants' demographic characteristics plus service delivery system characteristics plus participation in services plus community/neighborhood context characteristics plus unexplained variation equal outcomes. Outcomes of interest include number and timing of substantiated reports of child maltreatment for participants, as well as post-intervention measures of child maltreatment risk and protective (resilience) factors. This effort will track both processes and outcomes associated with implementation of the interventions using a range of quantitative and qualitative methods and providing both formative and summative feedback to guide implementation of the current Healthy & Fair Start project. Within the implementation period of interest, some 2,500 families have received services theoretically linked to child abuse and neglect prevention. This evaluation proposes to secure empirical evidence of the extent to which these approaches achieved that goal.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1118

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: State of Louisiana Department of Social Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $600,000

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 6

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The State of Louisiana Dept. of Social Services in collaboration with the Louisiana's Family Resource Centers will provide the opportunity to add a healthy marriage/strengthening relationship component to their menu of services, thus strengthening parental relationships and promoting healthier marriages/enhanced relationships for adult caregivers in fragile families throughout Louisiana. Targeted are families served by the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services and FINS programs. The vision is to adapt and provide the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, and a collection of supplemental intervention tools to the Center's service providers so as to increase their effectiveness in helping adults in fragile families strengthen their significant relationships, resulting in safer home environments for their children. It is expected that 1,080 families statewide will be positively affected by this initiative over the three-year grant period. In doing so, data will be collected and analyzed to assess performance outcomes using control groups of those who received the services through group settings as opposed to those through in-home one-on-one, and those using supplemental materials as compared to those using only Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program materials.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1125

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Youth Health Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $194,444

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 2

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Youth Health Service, Inc. will replicate, with rural families, the core elements of a demonstrated effective program, The Family Connections Program of Baltimore, Maryland. Core interventions to be replicated are: 1) home-based family prevention interventions by professional social workers, 2) emergency assistance, 3) social support services including parenting education and parent-child interaction group services, and 4) advocacy and community collaboration. There are two main themes of the project's evaluation: 1) client compliance using survival analysis, and 2) change in risk factors, protective factors and maltreatment outcomes such as care giver's depressive symptoms, alcohol use, drug use, functioning, parenting stress, parent attitudes toward change, parenting attitudes, parenting competence, level of perceived social support, family functioning, and various measures of child safety and child well-being.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1117

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Florida Department of Children and Families

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

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The Florida Department of Children and Families in collaboration with Big Bend Community Based Care and local experts will strengthen marriages and relationships of cohabitating couples with children and assist in providing parenting resources available to the children of the participating couples. The project is estimated to serve approximately 96 families with children each year (for a project total of 288 families). Participating family members will entail both voluntary and mandated participation. Services will use theories and approaches developed by John Gottman to provide in-home supports, services and counseling for participating families who reside in the Northwest Panhandle area of Florida, known as Department of Children and Families Sub-district 2B, a predominately rural and economically depressed area. The goals of the project are to strengthen and preserve the family, build upon the family's strengths while meeting individual and family needs, and serve the family in an easily accessible manner that respects the cultural and community needs of each family. Stepping-stones or landmarks toward achieving these overall goals include the following measurable objectives: increase satisfaction in the relationships among married couples and cohabitating couples, as measured by appropriately identified assessment tools; increase in the social supports and community connections of married couples and cohabitating couples; increase parenting skills among married couples and cohabitating couples; reduce conflict among the married or cohabitating couple; improve the caregiver/child relationships; reduce the child's behavioral, mental, and physical health problems; reduce the caregiver's behavioral, mental, and physical health problems; and reduce the incidents of child abuse and neglect by participating couples. In addition, process measures will be used to document program implementation and ensure fidelity to Gottman's research-based principles.

Bureau Name: Children's Bureau

Grant Number: 90CW1114

Target Population: At-Risk Children and Families

Name of Grantee: Florida Department of Children and Families

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Promoting Safe & Stable Families

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

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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.

Child Care Bureau

The Child Care Bureau

The Child Care Bureau is dedicated to enhancing the quality, affordability, and availability of child care for all families. The Child Care Bureau administers federal funds to states, territories, and tribes to assist low-income families in accessing quality child care for children when the parents work or participate in education or training.

Organizationally, CCB is located within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, which is part of the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. At the time of its founding in 1995, the Federal Register identified the activities of the Bureau as including:

- Advising the Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families on issues regarding child care programs;
- Developing legislative, regulatory and budgetary proposals;
- Presenting operational planning objectives and initiatives related to child care to the Office of the Commissioner;
- Providing leadership and coordination for child care within the Administration for Children and Families; and
- Establishing linkages with other agencies on child care issues, including agencies within HHS, relevant agencies across the federal, state, local governments, tribal governments, and non-government organizations at the federal, state, and local levels.

With the passage of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform Act), CCB began administering the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) (also known as the Child Care and Development Block Grant). CCB tracks States' implementation of CCDF and identifies trends, program achievements, and best practices.

CCB's three prong approach to support low-income working families through child care financial assistance and promote children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and afterschool programs is accomplished by 1) supporting States in establishing child care policies and programs that take advantage of the flexibility that CCDF offers and that respond to the needs of children and families; 2) funding policy-related research and evaluation and disseminating findings that document emerging trends in the child care field and encourage evidence-based practices; and 3) offering a variety of technical assistance and professional development projects that target the needs of State, Territorial, and Tribal CCDF staff.

The Child Care Bureau's Discretionary Grant Programs

CHILD CARE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Child care research and evaluation are critical to understanding child care and its implications for children and families. Under Federal legislation governing welfare and child care, States have the opportunity to craft programs suited to their citizens; however, they are also faced with unprecedented challenges in meeting the needs of low-income, under-served, and other vulnerable populations. Public agencies are increasingly under pressure to use their child care dollars as effectively as possible and to demonstrate how their investments are making a difference in the lives of families with children.

A significant amount of child care research is currently being conducted with support from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and other funding agencies. Starting in 1995, the CCB has funded research projects under diverse research priorities, including collaborative partnerships between policy makers, practitioners, and researchers; field initiated child care research projects; research scholars; state research and data capacity projects; and other grants addressing child care policy issues. These projects are providing State and cross-State information on child care needs, utilization patterns and outcomes for low-income families.

The Child Care Bureau's research agenda supports activities that have the potential to provide information and data to guide child care services, inform policy debates, and assist in developing solutions to complex child care issues. The goal of the Child Care Bureau's research agenda is to improve our capacity to respond to questions of immediate concern to policy makers, strengthen the child care research infrastructure, and increase knowledge. The Bureau is particularly concerned about the efficacy of child care policies and programs in providing positive outcomes for children and helping low-income families obtain and retain work.

The Bureau's research agenda is broadly construed, with projects engaged in a wide variety of studies related to the following sets of issues:

- The child care needs, decision-making processes, utilization patterns, and outcomes for low-income families, including welfare recipients, those moving from welfare to work, and the working poor;
- The child care opportunities and constraints which affect low- income families and children under differing child care policies, changing State and local child care systems, and emerging market conditions;
- Child care quality, costs and outcomes, particularly for low-income children and families;
- Child care workforce characteristics and needs for professional development and training;
- Population variations and their implications for child care demand, supply, and outcomes; and
- State child care policy variations and their effects.

Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (previously known as the Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive)

The Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (CCEE-RC) is the national research knowledge management system of the Child Care Bureau. After a three-year developmental stage, the Child Care Bureau awarded one cooperative agreement to support the operational and expansion phases of the project including:

(1) Operating a state-of-the-art, web-based child care and early education research database with ongoing development of background content, ready access to data sets for secondary analysis, technical assistance for contributors and users, strong linkages with other archives and information systems, and ongoing synthesis of data into useful information and knowledge.

(2) Promoting collaboration and partnership building for child care and early education research and policy analysis to facilitate information-sharing and use of research findings by researchers, policy makers, and other key stakeholders.

(3) Developing and providing technical assistance to assist data contributors, technical analysts, and end users of research information.

(4) Making sound child care research findings available to researchers, policy-makers and the public in accessible language and formats.

(5) Encouraging the use of research-based information by policy makers, practitioners, providers, parents, and others with an interest in child care and early education issues.

Evaluation of Promising Models & Delivery Approaches to Child Care Provider Training

The purpose of this project is to evaluate training models and alternative delivery approaches that show promise for improving the knowledge, skill and performance of family child care and entry-level center child care providers and early care and education teachers.

Two cooperative agreements under this priority area will support a multi-year research initiative to design, implement, manage, and coordinate the evaluation of child care provider training models under varying conditions. The training models include one or more focal areas such as supporting children's development in specific domains, promoting positive outcomes in linguistically or culturally diverse populations, or managing children's behavior. The models will be tested in different geographic locations; among providers of differing social, economic, educational, and cultural characteristics; and with providers who serve children and families with special characteristics and needs.

Child Care Research Scholars

Child Care Research Scholar grants provide support for doctoral candidates in conducting dissertation research on child care issues under the auspices of the Child Care Bureau and the educational institution in which the student is enrolled. This priority is intended to strengthen the child care research infrastructure by supporting the development of researchers with a grasp of child care research and its implications for policies and programs. Dissertation

research under this priority must support the Bureau's research agenda including addressing important questions about child care that have implications to families and children. The student is expected to gain experience and expertise in theories and methods related to child care, child development, early childhood education, child care program administration, or child care policy.

EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ACT

The Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) was passed by Congress to award grants to States to enable them to increase, support, expand and better coordinate early learning opportunities for children and their families through local community organizations. The Act provides that if the amount appropriated for this program in any fiscal year is less than $150 million, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall award grants on a competitive basis directly to Local Councils. HHS is administering the program under this special provision in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003. Grants will be awarded to Local Councils that can best assess their community needs and create a plan to facilitate the development of community-based systems and collaborative service delivery models.

The purposes of the Act are to:

- Increase the availability of voluntary programs, services, and activities that support early childhood development, increase parent effectiveness, and promote the learning readiness of young children so that they enter school ready to learn;
- support parents, child care providers, and caregivers who want to incorporate early learning activities into the daily lives of young children;
- remove barriers to the provision of an accessible system of early childhood learning programs in communities throughout the United States;
- increase the availability and affordability of professional development activities and compensation for caregivers and child care providers; and
- facilitate the development of community-based systems of collaborative service delivery models characterized by resource sharing, linkages between appropriate supports, and local planning for services.

FY 2003 grantees will promote enhancing early childhood literacy as part of their approved project. Approved ELOA projects must also include two or more of the following activities: promoting effective parenting; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness; developing linkages among early learning programs and health care services for young children; increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs; increasing access to existing early learning programs by expanding the days or times that young children are served, by expanding the number served, or by improving the affordability of the programs for low-income families; improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers; and removing ancillary barriers to early learning, including transportation difficulties and absence of programs during nontraditional work times.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0056

Target Population: Child care providers and caregivers

Name of Grantee: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $1,500,000

Program Name: Evaluation of Promising Models & Delivery Approaches to Child Care Provider Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2007

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

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This study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is evaluating an assessment-based, individualized onsite consultation model of child care provider training with a special emphasis on family child care, including license-exempt care. The Partnerships for Inclusion (PFI) model consists of two main components: the widely used assessment tools that index quality (ITERS, ECERS, FDCRS) by Harms, Clifford, and Cryer; and the theory-based, collaborative, problem-solving model of consultation developed by Wesley and proven effective in two studies of quality enhancement (Palsha & Wesley, 1998; Wesley, 1994). A strength of the PFI model is that consultants are able to tailor the technical assistance they offer to the unique needs and varied work environments of the provider (i.e. those with literacy or ESL issues, those new to child care, low-income and rural settings). Delivery of the model to entry-level providers will be accomplished through partnerships with two to five local or State service partners. The delivery of the PFI systematic approach in multiple service systems will result variations that will be evaluated as part of the research. The study will test hypotheses concerning environmental quality, children's outcomes in broad domains across different levels of quality, possible moderators of effects, and fidelity of intervention.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0057

Target Population: Child Care Providers

Name of Grantee: Georgetown University Center on Health and Education

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $500,000

Program Name: Evaluation of Promising Models & Delivery Approaches to Child Care Provider Training

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29-2007

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served:

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The Georgetown University Center on Health and Education has identified a promising and innovative video-based child care training model known as "Right from Birth" for infants and toddlers and "Going to School" for 3 - 5 year olds. It is strongly informed by science and uses two recently produced, highly acclaimed public education television series with companion training guides and activities. The objective of the evaluation is to determine whether this training model is effective in improving the knowledge, skills, and practices of caregivers, particularly those who traditionally have been left out of research and evaluation studies. A minimum of 720 child care providers are being recruited from four sites (180 per site), including informal/relative caregivers (45 per site), family care providers (45 per site), and entry level and/or minimal skills center staff (90 per site, 45 with infants and toddlers, 45 with 3-5 year olds). Providers will be randomly assigned to one of three alternative delivery approaches: (1) information-sharing only; (2) group training; and (3) intensive on-site mentoring. Both short-term and longer-term effects on caregivers will be measured, as well as indicators of children's social-emotional, language, and early literacy development and family knowledge and skills in supporting young children's learning.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0059

Target Population: Low income children aged 3-5

Name of Grantee: Board of Regents, University of Nebraska

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $27,829

Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2004

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 1

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The primary objective of this University of Nebraska Child Care Research Scholarship study is to understand the relationship between child care quality, child social knowledge and competence, and child learning outcomes for low-income children aged 3-5. The hypotheses will be tested that, first, observed classroom quality predicts child social knowledge and social competence; and second, that both social knowledge and competence predict positive learning outcomes. Eighty-four children from 14 preschool classrooms will be assessed. This research is innovative because children's accurate perceptions of their social environment will be directly assessed through use of the Classroom Model Task, as an indirect measure of child attunement to or engagement with the environment. All assessment tools are strengths-based. Understanding the influence of child care quality on child social knowledge, competence, and learning outcomes will help inform child care providers and administrators about strategies to improve the overall success of children in their care. The study will also inform policymakers interested in implementing cost-effective strategies that might positively relate to low-income children's pre-academic skills.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0060

Target Population: Toddlers and Preschoolers

Name of Grantee: Cornell University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $30,000

Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 22

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A Cornell University study is examining whether elevated afternoon cortisol levels of toddlers and preschoolers may be related to child health and development. For the majority of children studied, cortisol, an important stress-sensitive hormone detectable in saliva, increases across the day at child care, while decreasing across the day at home. Cortisol is an important component of the body's response to stressors. Chronic stress is associated with impaired growth and suppressed immune function, particularly lowered resistance to infectious agents. Children who attend child care have more frequent infections, particularly upper respiratory infections. This has been attributed to the significantly higher exposure to infectious agents in group-care settings. While exposure is certainly a critical factor, it is possible that changes in immune function also play a role. This study examines the potential effects of altered cortisol patterning at child care. Researchers are replicating and extending cortisol patterning research by including mid-morning and mid-afternoon samples and adding evening samples on child care and home days to determine if the altered pattern extends to hours when children are not in child care, and exploring individual differences in temperament and caregiving as related to cortisol patterning across contexts.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0061

Target Population: Mothers with young children re-entering the workforce

Name of Grantee: University of Washington

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $30,000

Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 7

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The University of Washington is studying child care subsidies and entry to employment following childbirth. Women's employment following childbirth depends, in part, on the cost and quality of available child care arrangements. High cost and lower perceived quality depress employment, particularly for lower-skilled women, who typically spend a larger proportion of their earnings on child care than do women with higher skills and education. One policy tool, child care subsidies, may shorten the time between the birth of a child and the entry to employment among lower-skilled mothers by (1) reducing the costs of employment relative to earnings and (2) facilitating stable child care arrangements. Using a nationally representative data set, The Fragile Families and Well-Being Study, and a unique data set of local policy indicators, this research is testing the hypothesis that child care subsidies cause new mothers to enter the labor force more expeditiously. It is predicted that the receipt of subsidies and the timing of entry to paid employment will vary with child care policies, after controlling for individual and family characteristics that influence the benefits and costs of subsidy use and of paid employment relative to home production (i.e., caregiving) work.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0064

Target Population: Kindergarten children in a large, urban public school system who have experienced out-of-home placement

Name of Grantee: Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $30,000

Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Staci Peckman

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The University of Pennsylvania project Promoting Educational Well-Being of Young Children With Out-of-Home Placement Histories: The Protective Influence of Formal Early Childhood Learning Experiences was developed to address the challenges of meeting the educational needs of children with out-of-home placement experiences. The current knowledge base offers insight into the academic challenges facing older children, but less is known about the impact of out-of-home placement experiences on young children's academic adjustment and how formal early childhood experiences may promote resilient outcomes for this vulnerable population. This study seeks to understand (a) the prevalence of out-of-home placement experiences in a cohort of kindergarten children; and (b) how formal early childhood experiences contribute to resilient outcomes for these children. This project has the benefit of providing an opportunity for dialogue between child welfare and education professionals to identify strategies to promote the educational well-being of children with out-of-home placement experiences.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0063

Target Population: Families and child care providers

Name of Grantee: Trustees of Columbia University, National Center for Children in Poverty

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $1,500,000

Program Name: Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served:

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The Trustees of Columbia University have formed a partnership for the operational phase of the Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive (CCRCA). As a knowledge-building infrastructure, the aim is to promote policy-relevant research and improve communication and collaboration about research. The CCRCA will have three highly integrated components. The first, and most central, is the interactive web site which is intended to be a state-of-the art integrative and technological wrapper in which the content produced by the CCRCA is stored, documented, preserved, and made available to guide the users to appropriate search results. The second component is the CCRCA content, which includes two broad categories, the Research Data Base and the Special Topic Archive. The Research Data Base will include searchable, indexed research reports, CCRCA and field-generated syntheses and summaries of research, and content to help evaluate the quality of research and identify the policy context. The Special Topic Archive is the data archive that will include large research and administrative data sets. The third component, Technical Assistance and Collaboration, will offer a range of integrated web and non-web-based technical assistance to promote and nurture productive collaborative relationships among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0058

Target Population: State early childhood programs and policies

Name of Grantee: Teachers College, Columbia University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $29,902

Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2005

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 15

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This Columbia University study, Understanding State Early Care and Education Policy Choices, is empirically testing the effects of political ideology, institutional structure, State-level actors, economic resources, and national political developments on a range of State early care and education policy choices (e.g., prekindergarten, child care tax provisions, child care subsidies, licensing/regulation). During the last decade, State governments have emerged as important actors in early care and education policymaking. Within the context of Federal devolution of funding streams and decision-making authority to State governments, each State has been able to determine its own early care and education policy structure (e.g., eligibility rules, parent fees, quality enhancement initiatives) or has developed additional State-level programs that provide alternative policy models for consideration. Using a pooled cross-sectional time-series methodology, which includes data on all 50 States over the last decade, this study is examining the effects of the political and economic contexts on the overall level of policy across all States and the ways these linkages may vary over time or in States with differing characteristics. The study aims to better understand the variation and identify patterns in State early care and education policymaking, as well as provide insight into the advantages and disadvantages of Federal devolution.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90YE0062

Target Population: Early childhood professional in Florida

Name of Grantee: Florida State University

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $25,879

Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2004

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Brittany Birken

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Federal Project Officer: Stephanie Curenton

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Florida State University is conducting research on professional development related to early care and education in Florida. The study will include examination of formal systems of early childhood education. This will be accomplished through replication of research, first conducted by Early and Winton (2001) with a national sample. The purpose for the research is to provide accurate baseline data about the number of programs in Florida offering early childhood degrees, the characteristics of faculty in those programs, and the kinds of coursework and practical experiences provided to students; to compare the status of the early childhood programs with the overall status of the institution in which the early childhood program resides on certain key variables (e.g., faculty race/ethnicity); and to describe the challenges faced by faculty members in meeting the professional development needs of the early childhood workforce. Professional development is a current policy topic with critically tangible meaning for children and families served by birth-to-5 services. If policymakers are considering systematically increasing demands for education and training, research must be conducted to assess the availability and accessibility of professional development programs; identify best practices; heighten public awareness; and improve current professional development standards in Florida.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0076

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Orlando, FL.

Name of Grantee: Mayor's Education Action Council

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $997,290

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Maureen Dermott

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Federal Project Officer: Carol Gage

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Orlando's Pre-K Enrichment Project is a collaborative effort to improve education in the City of Orlando, Orange County, Florida. Partners include the Mayor's Education Action Council, the Orange County School Readiness Coalition, and the Orange County Public School District. The project is seeking to: 1) Enhance early childhood literacy using the Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood and the DLM Early Childhood Express English/Spanish early literacy curriculum for children with limited English proficiency; 2) Help parents, caregivers, child-care providers, and educators increase their capacity to promote learning readiness. Parents participate in their child's Pre-K program through home visits, structured workshops, classroom visits, and take-home activities. The Healthy Community Initiative of Orlando provides parent workshops and the Orange County School Readiness Coalition (OCSRC) offers home visits by trained educators and conducts parent group meetings designed to share child development and parenting tips; 3) Increase access to existing early learning programs by expanding the number of young children served and improve the affordability of programs for low-income families; 4) Improve the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for early learning providers. Teachers participate in monthly training on topics such as early literacy, behavior, parent involvement, and brain research.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0082
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Eau Clair County, WI.
Name of Grantee:	Eau Clair County Department of Human Services on behalf of the Connect for Children Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$567,342
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	3
Principal Contact Person:	Shereen Beaulieu
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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The Eau Claire County Connect For Children Council provides services in Eau Claire County, located in west central Wisconsin. The City of Eau Claire is the urban center for the Chippewa Valley area and is connected to the larger metropolitan cities of St. Paul in neighboring Minnesota, Madison, and the city of Wausau. Project activities meet the following objectives and benefits: Enhance early childhood literacy by benefiting more than 10,000 families, local agencies, child care providers, and educators; help parents, caregivers, child-care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate the optimal development of children by benefiting more than 1,300 families, businesses, early learning educators, and child-care providers; and promote effective parenting by benefiting more than 3,000 parents and children. The approach used to meet the identified objectives combines public awareness campaigns, a wide variety of educational opportunities, and special projects that target specific early learning issues in the region.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0098
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Atlantic County, NJ.
Name of Grantee:	AtlanticCare Foundation on behalf of the United Way of Atlantic County Success by 6 Initiative
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$434,681
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	
Principal Contact Person:	Alice Woods
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Atlantic County's Success By 6 Advisory Council has a commitment to community outreach and a proven track record of positively affecting children in the community. Success By 6 launched an Early Development Initiative through the nationally recognized Parents As Teachers (PAT) program to provide caregivers of small children with the skills they need to prepare children for entry into school. Subsequent to this initiative, the Success By 6 Council moved under the auspices of the United Way of Atlantic County. Success By 6 is a joint council comprised of local business, government, and the health care community. It is a partnership of individuals and organizations that share the common vision of having children ready to succeed when they enter school. Children should have the building blocks of a successful life by the time they are 6 years old. Ultimately, SB6 board members strive to positively influence young children and they support early childhood development. The board consists of 27 volunteers who meet on a monthly basis to discuss community initiatives. A 23-member volunteer advisory board that represents various children's agencies monitors the program. The advisory board meets monthly to monitor PAT progress and advise the Success By 6 council of staffing and resource needs.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0099
Target Population:	Young American Indian children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators on the Chehalis Indian Reservation and Skokomish Reservation
Name of Grantee:	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation on behalf of the South Puget Council/Tribal Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$922,732
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	3
Principal Contact Person:	Nancy Dufraine
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The South Puget Sound Tribal Early Learning Opportunities (TELO) project is located in the South Puget Sound region of Western Washington State on the Chehalis and Skokomish Indian Reservations. Native American student disengagement from public education is well documented. Only 20 percent of both Chehalis and Skokomish students enrolling in ninth grade will graduate from high school 4 years later. Disengagement occurs early, motivated by failure to achieve in the school setting due to low literacy. Head Start (HS) has been in operation at Chehalis for 35 years and at Skokomish for 20 years. Over the years, the Tribes made tremendous progress in improving the professional skills of HS staff. HS programs have also greatly improved the physical health of the children. However, a majority of tribal youth, including those who graduated from Head Start, do not thrive in elementary school and fall behind grade level in literacy levels. TELO takes a multi-faceted approach to this problem, including: Placement of an early literacy coordinator within both TELO program sites; expanding the concept of "family literacy" to encompass reservation community family concepts and Native American learning styles; and integration of the READ RIGHT System into the existing tribal Child Care, Early Head Start, and Head Start programs.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0074

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Santa Fe County, NM.

Name of Grantee: United Way of Santa Fe County on behalf of the Success by 6 Council

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $616,238

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 3

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Federal Project Officer: Carol Gage

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The goal of the United Way of Santa Fe County Success By 6 Initiative is that children in the south-side neighborhoods of Santa Fe begin kindergarten with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate social, emotional, physical, and cognitive skills, significantly increasing their chances of school success. A broad coalition of local organizations serving young children created the initiative's strategy based on extensive data from needs assessments and demographic studies. The strategy of the initiative is to enroll organizations that are already well-established in the community and that have proven track records of effective service and fiscal and administrative management. This approach has resulted in a work plan that will substantially improve the quality of child care in the target area, improve parenting skills in the most vulnerable families, and provide higher quality child care to hundreds of children. The initiative includes professional development and training to home visitors, center staff, and home providers; parental education in parenting and literacy; support for providers in achieving registration, licensure, or accreditation; training for parents and providers in caring for children with disabilities; and the creation of a new model child care facility housed at a public elementary school.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0069
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Kennebed and Somerset Counties, ME.
Name of Grantee:	Kennebec Valley Community Action Program on behalf of Alliance for Children's Care, Education, and Support Services (ACCESS)
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$998,029
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28-2005
ACF Region:	1
Congressional District Served:	1
Principal Contact Person:	Patti Woolley
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Federal Project Officer:	Brenda Coakley
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The Kennebec/Somerset ACCESS Collaborative has worked for seven years to assess and improve child care capacity, quality, and affordability, and is now providing extensive services to over 2500 children, over 1000 families, and over 300 child care providers in Kennebec and Somerset Counties in central Maine. The objectives of Kennebec/Somerset ACCESS are to: Enhance early literacy; help parents, caregivers, childcare providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate the development of cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social, emotional, and motor skills, and promote learning readiness; increase access to early learning opportunities for young children through special programs; improve the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives; and remove ancillary barriers to early learning and the access of programs during non-traditional work times. These objectives will be met by expanding current services in the area through the addition of a Literacy Coordinator, Early Intervention Specialist, Accreditation Facilitators, Parent/Caregiver Educators, and an Early Learning Opportunities Coordinator. Support for the development and implementation of a cooperative business approach and provision of comprehensive business training will aid in capacity building in both counties. As a result, children will enter school better able to succeed.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0078
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in DeKalb County, GA.
Name of Grantee:	United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta on behalf of the Central DeKalb SPARK Partnership
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$911,412
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	4
Principal Contact Person:	Sharen Hausmann
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Lighting the SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) targets Central DeKalb, Georgia, which has one of the Nation's largest school systems and is one of the most culturally diverse counties in the Southeast. The program offers an exciting opportunity to build on statewide and local initiatives to significantly improve the learning readiness of young children in a diverse, complex metropolitan community. Georgia is one of eight states to be awarded a Kellogg Foundation grant to implement a five-year SPARK initiative in two metropolitan communities, Norcross (Gwinnett County) and Central DeKalb. Lighting the SPARK builds on Georgia SPARK by working with infants and toddlers who are in diverse early learning settings. These children and their families will later be cohorts in Georgia SPARK, which serves and tracks vulnerable children three to eight years old. Approximately 200 children and their families will be served and tracked for a total of eight years through both initiatives. Strategies include: (1) Parents as Teachers, (2) Refugee and Immigrant Family and Early Learning Program, (3) Quality Matters, a child care center and family child care home training, technical assistance, and literacy program and (4) The Fatherhood Initiative. Lighting the SPARK will directly serve 80 and indirectly serve 95 infants and toddlers.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0090
Target Population:	Young American Indian children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Shawnee County, KS.
Name of Grantee:	United Way of Greater Topeka on behalf of the Topeka Area Child Care Advisory Council (TACCAC)
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$760,621
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	2
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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Topeka Links to Learning, a project of the Topeka Area Child Care Advisory Council, serves Shawnee County, Kansas. Components of the project include activities to enhance early childhood literacy, such as: educational opportunities for parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators on the importance of reading to children and ways to offer age-appropriate early literacy experiences; supplying books and instructional materials for children in their homes and in child care settings; and a social awareness campaign geared toward helping the community understand how early literacy experiences impact children's later success in school. Other activities improve the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, including professional development opportunities for child care providers and educators; scholarships and related initiatives for child care facilities striving to increase the quality of care offered through national credentialing, accreditation, and individual development of staff; and support funding for needed equipment and materials through a website allowing individuals to fund specific project requests from child care facilities. The project also has activities to help parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate the development of cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social-emotional, and motor skills, as well as to promote learning readiness.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0100
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in North Slope Borough, AK.
Name of Grantee:	Ilisagvik College on behalf of the Community Child Care Council of the Artic Slope Native Association
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$999,999
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	
Principal Contact Person:	Edna MacLean
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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The Community Child Care Council Early Learning Project serves the North Slope Borough (NSB), which covers an 89,000 square mile region of arctic tundra in the northernmost section of Alaska. The coastal area has the coldest climate in Alaska; the region contains the nation's largest oil field; and Barrow, the northernmost community in the United States, has one of the world's largest Eskimo populations in the world. There are seven outlying villages, with Barrow as the eighth village and regional seat. Early learning opportunities available in the NSB include the Ilisagvik College Community Child Care and Learning Center in Barrow and the K3 and K4 programs in each of the eight village public elementary schools. These programs are adversely impacted by educators' lack of training and experience in Inupiat language, culture, traditions, and values. They are also adversely impacted by fetal alcohol syndrome, lack of professional development opportunities, high costs of care, and budgetary cutbacks. The Council is enhancing early literacy education by providing workshops and trainings for educators and parents; promoting and supporting family literacy; recruiting and sustaining reading volunteers; and expanding resources available in existing programs. It will also provide various professional development opportunities for local educators.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0097
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Union County, NJ.
Name of Grantee:	Community Coordinated Child Care on behalf of the Union County Association of Child Care Providers
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$703,664
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	7
Principal Contact Person:	Karen Nemeth
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The objectives of the Union County Early Learning Opportunities Project are to improve early learning environments for young children and prepare them to enter school ready to learn. The project strengthens the infrastructure that supports early childhood services by enhancing the functioning of the Union County Association of Child Care Providers (UCACCP) and improving communication among community leaders, child care professionals, special service providers, and families. A Project IMPROVE component brings intensive training and technical assistance to child care centers. The Approved Home Provider/Parent Early Literacy component helps untrained, self-selected child care providers learn more about enhancing the early literacy environment for the low-income children in their care. The Parent Education component works with parents and the other three components to support better learning outcomes for their children. The interrelated efforts of these four components address the following Early Learning Opportunities elements: 1) Enhance early childhood literacy; 2) Help parents, caregivers, child-care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development; 3) Promote effective parenting; 4) Develop linkages in the early learning community; 5) Increase learning opportunities for children with special needs; 6) Increase access by expanding days/times of care; and 7) Increase the quality of care through training and professional development.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0065

Target Population: Preschool-aged children and their families, child care providers, and caregivers

Name of Grantee: Southwest Counseling and Development Services on behalf of Family Support Team of Southwest Detroit

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $668,135

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 15

Principal Contact Person: Patrica Miller

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The Family Support Team of Southwest Detroit engages education providers, health and human services organizations, local businesses, and the faith community in a coordinated community effort to improve early learning programs, services, and activities in Detroit/Wayne County, Michigan. The project is: 1) Increasing early learning and literacy development; 2) increasing parent and caregiver effectiveness; 3) increasing child care provider capacity to advance early learning and literacy; and 4) engaging health and human service providers, businesses, and churches in early learning promotion and programming. These objectives are being achieved through expanded center- and home-based early learning programming, expanded community parenting sites and activities, literacy training, and coaching. Mini-grants support child care providers in early learning activities, planning services for literacy promotion, and technical assistance to local businesses and churches to integrate literacy programming into their ongoing work. Expected results include: 1) increased capacity to address early learning; 2) increased engagement of parents and caregivers; 3) increased engagement of Spanish-speaking parents and caregivers; 4) high quality early learning curriculum for child-care settings; 5) alignment of early learning activities with Detroit Public School expectations for Kindergarteners; 6) engagement of business and faith-based volunteers; 7) integration of early learning information and coaching into prenatal/pediatric health-care settings; and 8) increased readiness of Kindergartners for school.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0089

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Hamilton, Humboldt, and Wright Counties, IA.

Name of Grantee: Hamilton County Auditor on behalf of Building Families

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $540,069

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Ann Stewart

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The Building Families Empowerment Area is a local council collaborative consisting of three central Iowa counties, Hamilton, Humboldt, and Wright; nine school districts; and two parochial schools. The Early Childhood Enhancement Institute funds projects that address gaps in the collaborative's early childhood strategic plan. The project Building Families enhances early childhood literacy to ensure that children are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten. It is expanding professional development and developing early childhood care and education programs that enhance cognitive, emotional, and social development, especially in low-income preschoolers. The availability of child care is increasing and providers are receiving assistance with the accreditation process. The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment is being used to assess two to five year-old children for social and emotional development. Preschool scholarships and the creation of early childhood education slots in three districts will ensure that more low-income children, children with disabilities, and minority children will have at least one year of preschool experience prior to entering kindergarten. The evaluation plan includes a yearly kindergarten survey, an assessment of children's social/emotional development, and child-care environmental evaluations and parent surveys.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0087
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in the City of Richmond and the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico.
Name of Grantee:	United Way Services/Success By 6 on behalf of the Greater Richmond Early Child Development Coalition
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$1,000,000
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	7
Principal Contact Person:	Barbara Couto Sipe
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The Greater Richmond Child Development Coalition and United Way Services' Success By 6® operates Project EXCEL (Excellence for Children and Early Literacy), which serves 3,035 individuals in the neighborhoods of Blackwell, Fulton Hill, North Richmond, Laburnum, and Harrowgate. Census and school data demonstrate that these areas are struggling to raise healthy children who are ready to learn. Faced with poverty, low parental educational levels, poor school performance, and a high prevalence of single-parent families, these neighborhoods are now being transformed into communities that are achieving excellence for their children. Project EXCEL finds change agents, such as parents, librarians, teachers, nurses, and pastors that live and work locally. The project strengthens their ability to enhance early literacy, improves parent effectiveness, educates child-care providers, and brings quality learning into children's lives. Children learn and play at the Children's Museum's learning centers. Young mothers find comfort, knowledge, and guidance through well-trained home visitors who are there for them during pregnancy, delivery, and well beyond. Churches achieve accreditation without abandoning their faith-based approach to early learning. Almost 600 child care professionals are discovering a new world of learning as well, one that is hands-on. Eventually, there will be more quality care from churches and home providers.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0096

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Calument, Outagamie, and Waupaca Counties, WI.

Name of Grantee: Child Care Resources & Referral, Inc. on behalf of Healthy Infant and Child Alliance, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $718,980

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 6

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Federal Project Officer: Carol Gage

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The mission of Quality Early Literacy Environments (QELE) is to assess, refine, and implement high quality literacy environments to impact early literacy skills of children. Child care staff are developing a plan of continuous improvement to sustain quality within their early literacy environments. Under this initiative, child care providers and families of children from birth through five years old are provided with activities focused on early literacy development. QELE is serving 248 child care rooms located in Northeast Wisconsin. Specific goals and objectives are: Provide resources to administer Room to Grow, a program to establish quality learning environments, impacting 15 rooms, 225 children, and 180 trained child care providers; provide health specialist services to child care staff and children, impacting 163 rooms, 3,500 children, 520 trained child care providers, 200 phone consultations, and on-site assistance; provide resources to enhance early literacy environments in preschool rooms using the Early Language and Literacy Classroom Observation toolkit; provide resources to implement Musikgarten, a music and movement curriculum that will impact 364 children in 26 rooms. This initiative will impact 44 rooms, 880 children, 132 child care staff, and directors. Expected results are greatly enhanced learning and literacy environments and improvement models that will sustain these initiatives over time.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0061
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in North San Diego County, Escondido, Vista, Oceanside, and Poway, CA
Name of Grantee:	San Diego County Superintendent of Schools on behalf of San Diego County Child Care & Development Planning Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$999,848
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	48
Principal Contact Person:	Lois Pastore
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Telephone of Grantee:	760-736-6363
Federal Project Officer:	Cathy Overbagh
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The purpose of Project MENTOR (Meeting Early Education Needs Through Outreach) is to improve the school readiness of children in low-income communities in North San Diego County, California. The San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council is partnering with the San Diego County Office of Education and local agencies. These include: YMCA-Childcare Resource Service, Child Development Associates, WestEd Center for Child and Family Studies Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers, San Diego County Family Child Care Association, Program Quality Consortia, Educational Enrichment Systems, Inc., Mira Costa Community College, and four school districts. They will provide over 4,500 hours of comprehensive outreach and site-based professional development to over 300 early childhood educators (ECEs) serving over 2,000 children living in "high-need" communities. The goals are to: (1) Improve early childhood educators' abilities to deliver high-quality preschool programs that address the cognitive, social, and behavioral needs of children and families in low-income communities; (2) Improve access to a wide variety of professional development resources and curricular materials to improve programs in home-based and center-based settings; (3) Increase the number of children exiting preschool with the essential literacy, numeracy, and behavioral skills to succeed in kindergarten and beyond; and (4) Improve ECEs' ability to provide effective parent education.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0101
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Northern Cumberland, Sadahoc, Lincoln, Waldo, and Know Counties, ME.
Name of Grantee:	Coastal Enterprises Inc. on behalf of Costal Alliance for Children's Care, Education, and Support (ACCESS)
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$840,000
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	1
Congressional District Served:	1
Principal Contact Person:	Ronald Phillips
Address of Grantee:	36 Water St., PO Box 268, Lincoln County, Wiscasset, ME 04578
Telephone of Grantee:	207-882-7552
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Coastal ACCESS (formerly Mid Coast ACCESS to Child Care), is a collaborative of advocates, early care and education professionals, parents, and businesses serving as a Local Council; and Coastal Enterprises, Inc., serving as the fiscal agent for the project. Coastal ACCESS serves children, families, and child-care providers in Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Northern Cumberland counties in Mid-Coast Maine. Objectives are to enhance the quality of early care and education through early literacy activities, professional development, special needs programming and care, and school readiness assessment. The project enhances early literacy activities through the use of volunteers, family literacy programming, and early literacy trainings; promotes learning readiness by expanding options for local research-based curriculum trainings; increases quality in programs through professional development and accreditation supports; expands the provision of and access to early learning programming for young children with special needs; and links school readiness assessments at child-care sites and elementary schools.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0091
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Burke and Catawba Counties.
Name of Grantee:	Burke County Partnership for Children
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$536,664
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	10
Principal Contact Person:	Angela Deal
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The Burke County Partnership for Children and Catawba County Partnership for Children have joined together to develop a comprehensive Asset-Based Literacy and Learning (ABLL) Initiative. The areas affected by this Initiative are Burke and Catawba counties in North Carolina. This Initiative builds on five successful but integrated projects: (1) Asset-Based Projects: An approach to increase the use of child asset and interest-based projects in classrooms to enhance learning, particularly language and pre-literacy development; (2) Asset-Based Projects with Special Needs Children: An approach to increase the general developmental needs of special needs children using a modified version of asset-based projects; (3) Learning Ideas Pages: A family and community activity that incorporates interest-based learning into the daily lives of young children; (4) Community Transition Team: A team of teachers, principals, child care providers, and parents who define school readiness at the local level and develop a plan to implement and improve the transition into school, and (5) Faith-Based Preschools: Three churches hosting half-day programs for young children who are cared for by parents and relatives. The goal is to increase pre-literacy skills of young children within child-care centers, family day care homes, faith-based preschool programs, and kindergarten classrooms.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0083
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in San Mateo County, CA.
Name of Grantee:	San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools on behalf of San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$1,000,000
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	1
Principal Contact Person:	Jeanie McLoughlin
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Federal Project Officer:	Cathy Overbagh
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The San Mateo Child Care Partnership Council is subcontracting with two organizations, SaMCARES (San Mateo Compensation and Retention Ensure Stability) and Raising A Reader® (RAR), to continue work with 450 providers and 26,000 low-income parents who have received early literacy training. SaMCARES aims to improve child-care quality by increasing the education/professional training and retention of the child-care workforce. Participants are awarded stipends for completing college-level coursework, becoming certified, and remaining with their employers for 1 year. The increased knowledge and commitment resulting from this project will benefit the 2,000 children they work with every day. Raising A Reader will rotate book bags into 20,635 local children's homes over 17 months (touching 15,700 new children) and will coach the model in 14 California counties and 12 states by the end of 2004. Child-care providers and home-visiting nurses receive "refresher kits" and training to help connect parents into the early literacy experience. With a 59 percent increase in Spanish-speaking parents reading to their children, RAR is expanding into neighborhoods to work with families facing access barriers to current systems. Stanford Schools of Medicine and Education is studying the RAR impact on language development.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0059
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Queen Ann County, MD.
Name of Grantee:	Queen Anne's County Office of Finance on behalf of the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$688,197
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	1
Principal Contact Person:	Michael Clark
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Queen Anne's County Community Partnership for Children envisions a community in which parents are empowered to fully engage in their child's intellectual, language, physical, social, and emotional development through strong collaborations aimed at coordinating culturally competent early learning opportunities for children and families. In a rurally isolated county, the Families First Play to Learn Center incorporates innovative approaches to reducing the ancillary barriers to early learning. The Mobile Learning Center, a fully equipped van, canvases the county during non-traditional work hours to provide literacy outreach to children and their families. Little and Literate is a center-based program designed to follow the Kenan Family Literacy Model with four components: Early childhood education, adult education, parent and child together, and family support. The goals of the program are as follows: to strengthen the growth and development of young children so they enter school supported by their parents; to extend basic education skills of the parents, thereby positively impacting the child's educational abilities; to enhance and enrich the literary relationship between the parent and child, thereby contributing to the children's successes in both school and life; and to gain peer support, and increase knowledge of child development, emergent literacy, and access community resources for parents.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0093
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Harris County, TX/
Name of Grantee:	Initiatives for Children on behalf of the Greater Houston Collaborative for Children Governing Committee
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$868,579
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	25
Principal Contact Person:	Carol Shattuck
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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HELP (Harris County Early Learning Program) for Kids in Harris County, Texas is a neighborhood-based pilot project, developed and implemented by a collaborating group of eight highly skilled, local early-learning service providers in the Houston area. This project is being implemented in one low-income, multiethnic neighborhood that has a significant number of young minority children who are at-risk for starting Kindergarten ill-prepared. Project outcomes for the targeted neighborhood include: Enhancing childhood literacy for young children; increasing access to early learning programs for young children through the development of partnerships among providers; improving parenting involvement and effectiveness in children's education through a nationally known, home-based parent-as-teacher modeling program; providing a coordinated system of professional development activities for child-care providers to improve early learning skills and enhance childhood literacy; increasing retention of preschool teachers; and improving the quality of early learning programs through a system of tested initiatives. Once the pilot project has proven successful, the Local Council will work to replicate it in other neighborhoods in Harris County with similar needs.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0085
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Lenawee County.
Name of Grantee:	Lenawee Intermediate School District on behalf of the Lenawee's CHILD Advisory Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$532,042
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	7
Principal Contact Person:	Karen Roback
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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Lenawee County is located in south central Michigan. The Lenawee Intermediate School District is expanding its current early learning program, Lenawee's CHILD (Communities Helping to Increase Learning and Development), which promotes early learning. The project is enhancing early literacy, increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs, improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, and removing ancillary barriers to early learning. The objectives are: Parents will increase their knowledge of early literacy strategies and will incorporate early literacy learning activities into the daily lives of their children; preschool centers and other child-care providers will acquire the knowledge and skills needed to improve early literacy instruction and create literacy-rich environments through participation in professional development activities; preschool centers will improve their abilities to serve children with special needs; access to vision and hearing screenings will increase; access to infant mental health services will increase; the learning environment at migrant camps will improve to facilitate parent-child interaction and extend learning opportunities as families travel from camp to camp; and a countywide kindergarten reading readiness assessment will be established.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0075

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties, MD.

Name of Grantee: Southern Maryland Child Care Resource Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $540,165

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 5

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The Southern Maryland Child Care Resource Center, Inc. (SMCCRC) is implementing the Southern Maryland Early Literacy Project. SMCCRC, a private, non-profit corporation, provides support, training and resources to Southern Maryland's child-care community. The Early Literacy Project addresses early literacy throughout Southern Maryland's three rural/semi-rural Counties of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's, a region whose children rank in the bottom half of the State in school readiness, based on the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Maryland Model for School Readiness. The Project provides books, literacy materials, and training to parents and caregivers of children from birth to age five, with the goal of increasing the abilities of these caregivers to incorporate early learning activities into the daily lives of young children, promote the learning readiness of the children in their care, and provide an environment rich in books and educational activities. This project is focused particularly on reaching those populations that MSDE data indicate have traditionally not entered school with the skills and abilities needed to succeed—children whose care setting prior to entering kindergarten includes Head Start, home/informal care, and family child care. The project is building on the current infrastructure and collaborative relationships among local agencies and service providers.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0092
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Contra Costa County, Ca
Name of Grantee:	Contra Costa County Office of Education on behalf of Contra Costa County Local Planning Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$1,000,000
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	7
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The Local Planning Council for Child Care and Development (LPC) developed a Strategic Plan to support and enhance Early Childhood Education in Contra Costa County, California, based on a countywide needs assessment. In partnership with the Local Planning Council, the Youth Development Services (YDS) Department is training, mentoring, and compensating 1,000 early childhood educators and parents to increase their capacity to facilitate early childhood development and promote learning readiness for 25,000 families. Currently, YDS operates a Professional Development Program, which for the past 3 years, has provided retention incentives to early childhood educators for continuing their education and remaining with their current employment. These early childhood educators are now receiving assistance in obtaining a California Child Development Permit or completing professional development and training activities towards Permit renewal. YDS also administers the Home Instruction Program for Pre-school Youngsters (HIPPY), an international bilingual program that enhances early childhood literacy by training parents as the primary educators of their children. This award-winning curriculum enables enrollment of 150 low-income parents of children ages 3-5. Each parent is taught exciting educational techniques and supplied with books and materials at no cost to create experiences for their children that lay the foundation for success in school and later life.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0063

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers in Santa Cruz County, CA.

Name of Grantee: Santa Cruz County Schools Office on behalf of the Santa Cruz Schools Consortium

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $717,147

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Roberto Canchola

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The Santa Cruz County Early Learning-Learning Together/Aprendiendo Temprano-Aprendiendo Juntos in Santa Cruz County, Arizona targets three County school districts. The approach is designed to implement the following activities to address the findings of the area's needs and resource assessment: 1) Enhancing Early Childhood Literacy; 2) Promoting Effective Parenting; 3) Improving the Quality of Early Learning Programs through Professional Development and Training Activities; and 4) Removing Ancillary Barriers to the Early Learning Project. The goals, objectives, and anticipated results are to: Increase accessibility of early literacy programs to all families in the targeted school districts; overcome the barriers of language, transportation, and working parents by providing family literacy courses to 400 families; provide home instruction to 120 families; design and air a cable TV family literacy program and provide an extended learning program for the community of Patagonia; increase awareness of early learning opportunities and their importance to the community by providing a Countywide family child-care/early learning resource guide promoting Early Childhood Centers; and create a public service early learning awareness campaign. In addition, the project aims to improve the quality of early learning programs through professional development activities with model classrooms and early learning specialists and through development of a Childcare Provider Committee.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0094
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Johnson, Leavanworth, and Wyandotte Counties, KA; and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties in MO.
Name of Grantee:	Mid-America Regional Council on behalf of the Metropolitan Council on Child Care
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$1,000,000
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	5
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The Metropolitan Council on Child Care (MCCC) project, Early Childhood Excellence Project serves the eight-county, bi-State Greater Kansas City region in Missouri. MCCC's program builds on the successes and lessons learned from a 2001 Early Learning Opportunity grant and the work of more than 60 community organizations working together to develop standards and goals for early learning programs. The overall focus of activities is on improving childhood excellence through the implementation of quality early learning products and services. The program activities align with the objectives of the ELOA program: Enhancing early childhood literacy; helping parents, caregivers, early learning providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate the development of cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social, emotional, and motor skills and promote learning readiness; promoting effective parenting; developing linkages among early learning programs within a community and between early learning programs and health care services for young children; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for early learning providers. The program approach is collaborative; each activity takes place through a partnership of MCCC with local organizations, parents, and early learning centers. Ongoing evaluation and monitoring ensure that programs are goal-directed.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0071
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Huntsville City and Madison County, AL.
Name of Grantee:	The National Children's Advocacy Center on behalf of The National Children's Policy Council for Huntsville
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$892,047
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	5
Principal Contact Person:	Deborah Callins
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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The National Children's Advocacy Center's (NCAC) Building Blocks Early Learning Opportunities Project serves children ages birth to 5 throughout Madison County, Alabama. The goal of the project is to increase the availability, accessibility, affordability, and quality of voluntary early learning opportunities that support early childhood development. The NCAC and community partners are addressing the following needs: One-on-One Parent Interaction Through Home Visitation; Communitywide Early Learning/Training Opportunities; Transportation; Competent and Caring Parents; and an Early Learning Marketing Campaign. The Building Blocks Project includes as its objectives: Enhancing early childhood literacy; helping parents increase their capacity to facilitate development skills; promoting effective parenting; increasing access to early learning opportunities for children with special needs; improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development; and removing ancillary barriers to early learning. As a result of this project, more families will understand the importance of early learning and will provide better early learning environments for their children, more educators will offer higher quality early learning services, and more community leaders will support early learning opportunities programs. Children ages birth to 5 will have a better chance of receiving the nurturing, stimulating care they need and deserve.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0079

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers providers, and caregivers and educators in the cities of Monroe and West Monroe, LA.

Name of Grantee: The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $444,398

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 5

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Louisiana has achieved State and national success with the LA 4 Pre-Kindergarten Initiative that targets low-income 4-year-old children in the State. To fill a gap for children not being served by LA 4, the Ouachita Parish Right Start Program is a multidimensional pilot program that targets children from birth to age 5 who are residents of two school zone areas within Monroe City Schools and Ouachita Parish Schools. The goals are to empower parents to give their children the best possible start in life, to promote early literacy for every child, and to increase the number of students who are academically, emotionally, socially, and physically ready to start school. This community-based project approaches school readiness systemically by developing linkages and forming cooperative agreements among neighborhood assets, and by working with families and children. They target parents of children from birth to age 5, elementary schools, child care centers, and the community at-large with five major activity components: Early childhood literacy, effective parent training, quality early care and education, health care education and outreach, and community education about early childhood and brain development. Evaluations assess the project's ability to reach the target populations, implementation of the activity components, and overall effectiveness of the project.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0086
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in four contiguous zip codes within the city of Austin, Travis County, TX (78723, 78752, 78753, and 78758.)
Name of Grantee:	The Austin Project on behalf of the Austin Child Care Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$997,704
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	10
Principal Contact Person:	Jose Del Valle
Address of Grantee:	c/o Austin Travis County H&HS Department, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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The City of Austin's Ticket To Learn strengthens neighborhood- and community-based systems for providing early learning opportunities to young children and their parents, caregivers, and child care providers in four contiguous areas within the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. Many of the nearly 16,000 children younger than seven years old who reside in these areas are at high risk of reaching kindergarten unprepared to learn. The project is grounded in current research on the importance of integrated, community systems of early care and education, early brain development, early learning and emergent and family literacy, and bilingual literacy. Project activities include: screening infants and young children to identify those at risk of delayed acquisition of literacy, cognitive, social, emotional and/or motor skills; providing parent, caregiver, and child care provider training and/or mentoring; improving access to and family ownership of materials that promote early learning; developing and integrating early learning experiences (particularly for bilingual children) with public school-based services; and developing and/or improving services directed at increasing neighborhood awareness of early learning needs and promoting neighborhood support for early learning opportunities and community support for public and private investments in continuing early literacy and learning programming. A comprehensive evaluation of outcomes, processes, and contexts is integral to the effort.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0080
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Latah County, ID and Whitman County, WA, a geographic area known as the "Palouse."
Name of Grantee:	Palouse Industries, Inc. on behalf of the Early Childhood Services Council for Latah County, ID and Whitman County, WA
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$897,340
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	1
Principal Contact Person:	Marci Schreiber
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The Early Childhood Service Council (ECSC) is a collaboration of early childhood, family service professionals and advocates, community leaders, and parents working together to strengthen resources and services for children and families in the rural areas of Washington State known as the Palouse. Through the Young Children and Family Programs of the Palouse, the ECSC optimizes the skills and motivation for lifelong learning for over 2,000 families with young children. The ECSC recognizes that family involvement is one of the strongest predictors of a child's success. Factors such as isolation and limited or deficit-based access to services hinder family participation in early childhood and family support programs. Therefore, the main goals of the project are to: (1) build the capacity of parents to facilitate the skills, abilities, and motivations of early learning related to school readiness, cognitive/intellectual, physical, social/emotional, and motivation to learn, and (2) build the capacity of the Palouse community to support parents as they prepare their children for life-long learning success. Activities include videotaped parent-child interactions, home visits, learning style assessments, screening services, socialization activities for families, parent resource centers, newborn support and education services through hospitals, community training sessions, a community resource directory and website, and collaborative activities with local school districts.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0060

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers providers, and caregivers and educators in the City of Wilmington, DE.

Name of Grantee: City of Wilmington on behalf of the Wilmington Early Care and Education Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $592,242

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Jana Lane-Brown

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The Wilmington Early Care and Education Council (WECEC) is implementing Wilmington Cares. This project serves the City of Wilmington, Delaware and the goal is to increase the educational success of children in Wilmington by enhancing the quality of early care and education opportunities for children from ages birth to five. WECEC has designed an approach that includes the following early learning activities: 1) enhance early childhood literacy; 2) promote effective parenting; 3) help parents, caregivers, and child-care providers increase their capacity to facilitate the development of cognitive, language, comprehension, expressive language, social/emotional, and motor skills, and promote learning readiness; and 4) improve the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for early learning providers. The combined efforts of this approach increase the availability of voluntary early learning programs, services, and activities; supports parents, caregivers, and child-care providers; increases the availability and affordability of professional development activities and compensation; and facilitates use of a collaborative service delivery model. This will lead to high-quality early care and education experiences for Wilmington's youngest citizens, thereby increasing their readiness to learn upon entering elementary school.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0077

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Luzerne County, PA.

Name of Grantee: United Way of Wyoming Valley on behalf of the Children's Alliance of Luzerne County

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $254,519

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 11

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Building on years of informal collaboration, in 1998, Luzerne County, a mixed urban and rural population in northeastern Pennsylvania, launched an ambitious public/private partnership, the Children's Alliance, to improve outcomes for children. Intervening early with comprehensive support to at-risk families of young children is a critical priority of the Children's Alliance, grounded in the belief that early support will avoid future negative outcomes and additional costs to public education and human service systems. Based on a needs assessment, the Children's Alliance pursued the following outcomes: 1) children living safely at home, 2) children who are ready to learn when they enter school, 3) parents who are able to support their children economically, 4) parents who are able to support their children developmentally and emotionally, 5) a comprehensive, coordinated service delivery system that is accountable for results. In collaboration with The Family Enhancement Center, the Children's Alliance is expanding home visitation services to enhance early childhood literacy, facilitate children's development and promote learning readiness, and promote effective parenting. The Family Enhancement Center is a community-based, comprehensive program providing case management, family support, and education to families in their homes, eliminating the barriers of traveling to traditional early learning services. The Center is a credentialed Healthy Families America site.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0067

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Napa County, CA.

Name of Grantee: Napa County Office of Education on Behalf of the Napa County Child Care Planning Council

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $464,889

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 1

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EARLY II provides a Seminar Series in Early Literacy for child-care providers/caregivers, consisting of 18 hours of instruction that uses an expanded "Early Words" curriculum. It incorporates "Raising a Reader" training to a minimum of 120 participants. EARLY II supports Napa Valley College's Saturday Core Curriculum on early literacy with child care and Spanish translation for at least 50 child care providers/caregivers who have difficulty accessing the traditional class structure. At least 855 parents will complete the Leap into Literacy parent workshop. At least 45 parents and 45 children with little or no preschool experience will complete the 10 sessions of the bilingual FIRST "Early Back" program. The objectives are: 85 percent of participants in the Seminar Series in Early Literacy will demonstrate classroom implementation of the key early literacy concepts in the Early Words curriculum and implementation of the Raising a Reader program; 85 percent of participants in the Saturday Core Curriculum will complete the coursework with grades qualifying them for the CARES stipend of $500; 80 percent of participants in the Leap into Literacy parent program will use one or more of the key strategies presented in the workshop; and FIRST parents will show at least a 20 percent increase in understanding of appropriate early literacy strategies for use at home.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0062

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators in Greenville County

Name of Grantee: The United Way of Greenville County on behalf of the Greenville County Success By 6 Child Care Initiative

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $1,000,000

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

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The STEPS (Staff Training - Environments - Parenting - Scholarships) Early Literacy Project serves families and childcare centers in Greenville County, South Carolina and surrounding municipalities. STEPS : 1) enhances early childhood literacy; 2) helps parents, childcare providers, and caregivers increase their capacity to facilitate the development of cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social/emotional, and motor skills, and promotes reading readiness; 3) promotes effective parenting; 4) improves affordability of programs; and 5) improves the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities. The STEPS Early Literacy Project represents a fully integrated intervention model focusing on Staff Training - Environments - Parenting - Scholarships in 15 centers and 16 caregiver homes whose populations consist of at least 30 percent high-need children. Early childhood specialists and parent educators, utilizing a case management approach, provide mentoring and technical assistance, grants, and incentives (with a particular focus on early literacy) to create literacy-rich physical learning environments; measurably improve caregiver knowledge and skills; measurably improve parenting knowledge and skills; and provide child care for 60 high-need infants and children. All activities are based on scientific research of best practices in early literacy or prevention of reading deficits in young children.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0084

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in the 12-county Coastal Bend Region of south Texas: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kieberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patrico, TX.

Name of Grantee: United Way of The Coastal Bend on behalf of the Success by 6 Local Council

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $689,787

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 27

Principal Contact Person: Isabel Valle-Carpente

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The Coastal Bend Early Learning Opportunities Project serves the 12-county Coastal Bend region of South Texas on the Gulf Coast between Houston and the Mexican border. The project addresses the needs of the Coastal Bend region by promoting integrated, family-focused services, and coordinated child care delivery systems. It enhances the quality and availability of child care services, supports children's healthy growth and development in safe child care environments, enhances parental choice and involvement in their children's care, and facilitates the linkage of child care with other community services. The project facilitates the development of region-wide systems and collaborative service delivery models that address the most significant needs of the Coastal Bend region. Activities help parents, caregivers, and child care providers incorporate early learning into the daily lives of young children and addresses barriers to the provision of an accessible system of early childhood learning programs. The project targets the priorities established to improve the child care system in the Coastal Bend region utilizing research-based frameworks to promote the development of cognitive, language, motor, and social emotional skills for young children. The Coastal Bend Early Learning Opportunities Project promotes learning readiness and ensures that a greater number of the region's children enter school ready to learn.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0088

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Summit County, CO.

Name of Grantee: Summit County Childcare Resource & Referral Agency, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $362,797

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Lucinda Burns

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Summit County Early Childhood Options (ECO), a non-profit agency, is developing the Reading Early Always Learning (REAL) Project. The mission of the REAL Project is to develop a child-centered school readiness system that fosters early learning and facilitates healthy child development. The project's goals are designed to increase young children's ability to succeed in school by facilitating the development of a community-based early literacy training model characterized by high-quality trainings, resource sharing, and effective local planning; increasing the availability and affordability of professional development activities and compensation for caregivers and childcare providers; and removing the barriers families face in accessing quality early-learning programs. Strategies to achieve the above goals include extensive teacher and provider training in literacy, literacy outreach, and education to at-risk families; literacy service coordination; mentoring opportunities for teachers; expansion of Parents as Teachers for parents and care providers; and provider performance-based incentives and tuition assistance for low-income families. As a result of implementing the REAL Project strategies, 600 children will show improvements in literacy skills and 60 teachers and care providers will report increased knowledge of early childhood literacy enhancement strategies. Numerous other barriers that both teachers and parents face in providing quality literacy programming will be removed.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0072

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, and educators in four communities in east and west Baltimore City: Druid Heights/Reservoir Hill/Upton; Historic East Baltimore; Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Part; Southwest Baltimore Consortium, MD.

Name of Grantee: Family Support Strategy Committee of the Family League of Baltimore City, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $824,554

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 3

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Federal Project Officer: Valerie Krajec

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The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc, has the primary objective of improving the early language and literacy skills of children ages 0-4 in the four Success By 6® communities of Druid Heights/Reservoir Hill/Upton (DRU), Historic East Baltimore (HEB), Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park (SW/HP), and Southwest Baltimore Consortium (SWC) in Baltimore, Maryland. Project activities are aimed at achieving two objectives: (1) increasing the capacity of numerous stakeholders to facilitate language and literacy development among young children and their families; and (2) improving linkages among stakeholders invested in young children's language and literacy development. Specific activities span a range of approaches aimed at multiple stakeholders, including parent-child groups; distribution of materials; enhanced training of home visitors, child care providers, and early childhood educators; implementation of health care-based literacy promotion models; and mini-grant programs within the target communities. These activities are resulting in the following benefits: (1) improved stakeholder knowledge regarding developmentally appropriate language and literacy activities for young children; (2) improved stakeholder attitudes regarding their roles in young children's development of language and literacy; (3) increased literacy orientation of stakeholder environments; (4) improved stakeholder awareness of available community resources; and (5) increased consistency of messages to families regarding developmentally appropriate language and reading activities.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0064
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Merced County, CA.
Name of Grantee:	Merced County Office of Education on behalf of the Merced County Local Childcare Planning Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$892,036
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	18
Principal Contact Person:	Gaye Riggs
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Persons caring for young children in home care environments have limited information about school readiness standards and poor access to resources that enable them to prepare these children for kindergarten. This is especially true in poor, rural areas where long driving distances and scarce "child-free" time greatly inhibits caretakers from accessing information or participating in traditional training models to obtain these skills. The Coalition for Early Learning Opportunity (CELO) is testing a multi-tiered strategy to provide early learning activities in Merced County, California. The aim is to create and test a sustainable model for communities and school districts to use and modify to meet their needs. CELO is identifying 320, three to five year old low-income children and their families and caregivers to participate in the following activities: 1) Caregiver Home Visits featuring a Mobile Resource Center; 2) Caregiver Support, Training, and Recognition; and an 3) an Intensive School-Based Pre-Kindergarten Summer Institute. Caregiver training will focus on early literacy and related "whole child" skills, including capacity to enhance cognitive, receptive/expressive language, social/emotional, and large/fine motor skills; increase access to early learning opportunities for young children, including those with special needs; improve the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training; and remove ancillary barriers to early learning.

Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau

Grant Number: 90LO0073

Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in El Dorado County, CA

Name of Grantee: First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $439,832

Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act

Project Period: 9/30/2003-2/28/2005

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Ginger Swigart

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Federal Project Officer: Cathy Overbagh

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El Dorado County is a rugged, rural area in Northern California, with its neediest populations concentrated in two cities—Placerville and South Lake Tahoe—while other families are scattered in rural and isolated areas. In addition to established child care centers, Early Learning Matters extends early learning opportunities: to Spanish-speaking families and providers; foster children and their providers; low-income families; homeless/shelter children and their providers; special needs children; rural and isolated providers; caregivers who express interest in and access to specialized trainings, increased education opportunities, and needed resources; and young children and their families/caregivers who require early literacy activities and strategies. The primary strategies for alleviating barriers and building bridges to early learning opportunities include: Research-based care-giver trainings via trained consultants and recognized organizations; creation of a countywide substitute pool for private care, linked to the Central Sierra Regional Occupational Program; long-distance learning tuition and textbook reimbursement opportunities and increased trainings; early literacy activities and outreach for families and their young children; and school readiness. Early Learning Matters relies on faith-based and community partnerships to fortify the success of the county's young children and their families.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0068
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Pinellas County, FL.
Name of Grantee:	Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County on behalf of Pinellas County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$634,294
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	10
Principal Contact Person:	Janet Chapman
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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The Pinellas County School Readiness Coalition is a unique, comprehensive approach to improving literacy, reading readiness, and social-emotional functioning of children ages 0-5 years through the Learning Community Project. The project provides opportunities for caregivers and teachers from publicly funded and private children's programs in Pinellas County, Florida, to increase their levels of professional education; earn college credit; gain early literacy teaching skills, tools, and materials for their classrooms; and promote healthy social-emotional development in the children they serve. Parent educators with expertise in early childhood/mental health support families and provide training to enhance the young child's school-related behavioral competencies. Project goals include: A community of early literacy lifelong learners in the early childhood profession; research-based early literacy training for early childhood education professionals; a coaching model to provide a framework for professional development; literacy and pre-literacy skills for children in child-care settings; richness in classroom/child-care home literacy environments; social/emotional readiness of targeted children for classroom learning; and support for parents as first teachers of literacy skills and healthy social-emotional development. In addition, home-based and community-based services will be available to targeted families to enhance the young child's social-emotional readiness for school. The project will initially impact 22,687 citizens of Pinellas County.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0081
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in five rural communities in western Massachusetts; Belchertown, Douth Hadley, and Ware (Hampshire County) and Monson and Palmer (Hampden County).
Name of Grantee:	Hampshire Educational Collaborative on behalf of the Eastern and South Hadley Community Partnership for Children
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$856,296
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	1
Congressional District Served:	2
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The Hampshire Educational Collaborative Early Literacy Web Project serves five rural communities in western Massachusetts: Belchertown, South Hadley and Ware (Hampshire County) and Monson and Palmer (Hampden County), and is designed to meet the following objectives: Provide monthly mentoring and shadowing by Early Literacy Specialists at child care centers/public preschools and Family Centers; make literacy-focused home visits to families with young, at-risk children; provide a Family-Center-based, enriched literacy preschool experience for low-income children ages four to five; model pro-literacy behaviors and activities for parents and involve them as classroom aides; invite representatives from programs serving young children to participate on the Early Literacy Council; explore/develop opportunities for collaboration/coordination of services with other programs serving young children; make referrals to Family Centers, Parent Child Home Program, early intervention programs, Head Start, and public school preschools; hold playgroups at family centers using Early Intervention staff; make referrals from Family Centers and other programs for screening for early intervention programs and integrated preschools; provide train-the-trainers literacy workshops for early childhood staff, including Family Childcare Mentors; provide parenting education and support to low-income parents concurrent with their children's participation in a Family Center-based early childhood experience; and support Family Centers in four communities for ongoing parent support and participation in parent-child activities.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0095
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Dakota County, MN.
Name of Grantee:	Dakota County Public Health Dept on behalf of the Dakota Healthy Families Steering Team
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$650,999
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	2
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Federal Project Officer:	Carol Gage
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Dakota Healthy Families (DHF) serves all of Dakota County, Minnesota, and is located directly adjacent to the Twin Cities metropolitan area. DHF is an experienced partnership among 14 public and non-profit agencies, school districts, and health care providers. Partners collaborate to identify and serve new parents and their children, ages birth to four, who are at risk for difficulties in parenting and early learning. DHF services target families with the highest risk, promotes effective parenting, links parents to services, and engages families in intensive, long-term home visitation to support the healthy development of their children. The Dakota Healthy Families Early Learning Project: 1) Enhances early childhood literacy for children who are at-risk for learning and other difficulties; 2) Develops effective strategies to enhance access for immigrant and refugee populations to early learning activities and supports; and 3) Continues operation of DHF early intervention services and the collaboration of partner agencies. The goals are to increase the availability of voluntary early learning services; provide support to parents who want to incorporate early learning activities into the daily lives of their children; remove barriers that limit access to early childhood learning programs, particularly immigrant families new to Dakota County; and to continue the community-based collaboration that has a proven record for cooperative service planning.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0066
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Butte County
Name of Grantee:	Butte County Office of Education on behalf of the Butte County Local Child Care Planning Council
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$830,072
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	2
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The Butte County Local Child Care Planning Council operates the Beginning Early Learning and Literacy School Success (BELLS) Project, designed to improve young children's learning readiness. The project is helping 250 young children, 150 parents, and 75 early childhood educators participate in improved child development and pre-literacy services through expanded activities, experiences, and printed materials. Students in the project represent some of those most at risk in the State relative to poverty, disability, and English language fluency. Each of the targeted preschool children is attending family child care homes or one of eight subsidized early childhood centers located in the county. Each center is located adjacent to an elementary school that participates in kindergarten transition activities and assessments. Project goals include fostering dynamic early childhood learning environments in centers and home settings, with an emphasis on the development of language and pre-emergent literacy skills among low-income children; promoting the development of children's potential for literacy through increased access to early learning environments; and developing and retaining a cadre of highly trained pre-literacy specialists and early childhood educators through opportunities for professional development and a system of incentives and rewards. The project was designed through the collaboration of committed local stakeholders.

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0070
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers, and educators in Randolph and Barbour Counties, WV.
Name of Grantee:	Youth Health Service, Inc. on behalf of the Barbour and Randolph County Early Childhood Collaboratives
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$774,919
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2003-2/28/2005
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	2
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Federal Project Officer:	Valerie Krajec
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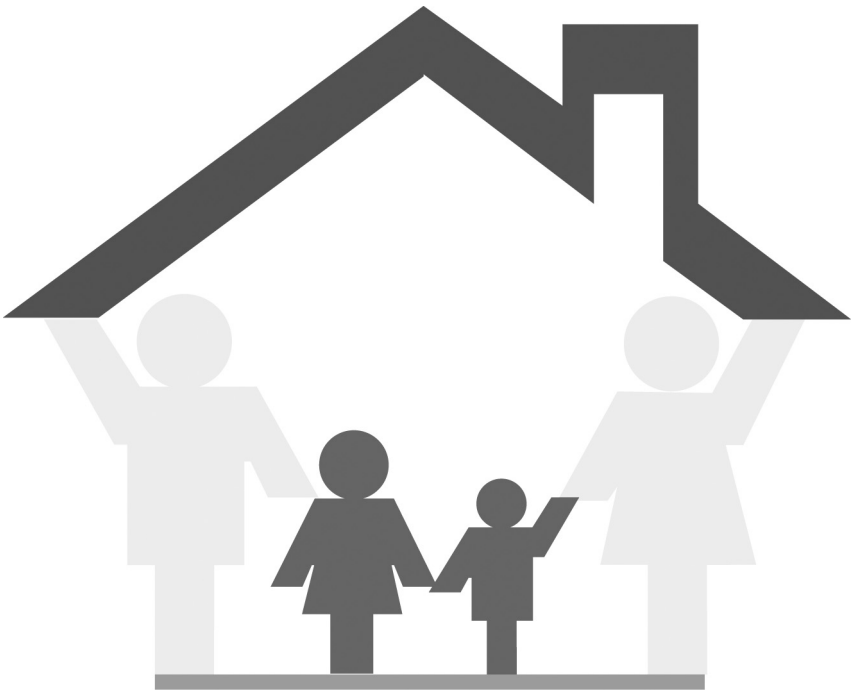
The project, Appalachian Readers: Promoting quality early care with a focus on enhancing emergent literacy skills of young children in Appalachia, serves the communities of Barbour and Randolph counties of West Virginia. Two Local Councils continue collaborative work to promote quality early learning experiences and childhood literacy for children who reside in these Appalachian communities. Children living in low-income families make up an important sub-population for this project. The project benefits local public schools, one-third of which still need to meet all standards of the No Child Left Behind Act, as children enter school ready to learn. Parents also benefit as they increase their capacity to support their own literacy and that of their children. The children gain access to quality care and enriched learning environments during a period of life when such benefits really matter. Important project features are: 1) Teacher training for early childhood literacy education; 2) The use of sign language to improve children's literacy skills; 3) Family literacy services, including parent training; 4) Educational child care for at-risk children; 5) Respite care services in inclusive settings for children with disabilities; and 6) A media campaign to increase parents' awareness of the importance of childhood literacy education.



Family & Youth Services Bureau

The Family and Youth Services Bureau

The mission of the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is to provide national leadership on youth issues and to assist individuals and organizations in providing effective, comprehensive services for youth in at-risk situations and their families. The goals of FYSB programs are to provide positive alternatives for youth, ensure their safety, and maximize their potential to take advantage of available opportunities. FYSB is a Bureau within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families; Administration for Children and Families; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

FYSB encourages communities to support young people through a Positive Youth Development approach. That approach suggests that the best way to prevent young people's involvement in risky behavior is to help them achieve their full potential. Positive Youth Development strategies, therefore, focus on giving young people chances to exercise leadership, build skills, and become involved in their communities. The Positive Youth Development approach also acknowledges that helping young people requires strengthening families and communities.

FYSB supports communities in implementing a Positive Youth Development approach to helping young people and their families. Through its Research and Demonstration Program, for example, FYSB is funding nine States to develop and support innovative youth development strategies. In addition to its Mentoring Children of Prisoners and Family Violence Prevention Services Program, FYSB promotes Positive Youth Development through its three grant programs including the Basic Center Program for Homeless and Runaway Youth, the Transitional Living Programs for Older Homeless Youth, and the Street Outreach Program.

The Bureau has also created a network of support that includes a national hotline and referral system for runaway and homeless youth; offers conferences, trainings, and onsite consultations; documents effective practices; and distributes information through the National Clearinghouse on Family and Youth (NCFY).

The Family and Youth Services Bureau's Discretionary Grant Programs

BASIC CENTER PROGRAM FOR RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH

In the early 1970s, when national attention focused on runaway and homeless youth, there was widespread concern about youth who were away from home and in at-risk situations, often through no fault of their own. While efforts to help these young people were beginning at the local level, few, if any, federal resources existed to provide runaway and homeless youth with shelter or to help reunite them with their families.

Local youth service professionals had begun building a system of care for youth who had run away from home, and they recommended changes in the way these young people were being handled by existing social service systems. At the same time, there was recognition at the Federal level that youth committing "status offenses" (behaviors considered offenses only if carried out by a minor, such as truancy or running away) needed supervision, care, and guidance rather than punishment.

Congress held hearings on how best to help runaway and homeless youth and began a process that resulted in congressional passage of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) of 1974 (Public Law 93-415). The JJDPA created a system of financial support for States that was linked to several mandates designed to improve community treatment of young people in at-risk circumstances. To receive Federal JJDPA funding, for example, States had to agree to deinstitutionalize status offenders, including runaway youth.

To support deinstitutionalization efforts, Congress authorized the Basic Center Program through the JJDPA's Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA). The Basic Center Program would provide a system of care for young runaways outside the traditional child protective services, law enforcement, or juvenile justice agencies. Congress assigned administration of the Basic Center Program to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Within HHS, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) began funding local communities to operate Basic Centers in 1974.

Today, FYSB continues to fund the Basic Center Program through the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003, which reauthorizes the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and provides funding for the organizations and shelters that serve and protect runaway, homeless, missing, and sexually exploited children. FYSB solicits applications through an annual Federal Register announcement. Applications are competitively reviewed by peer panels, and successful applicants receive 3-year grants. In FY03, a total of $44.3 million was available for the program, which allowed FYSB to fund 345 Basic Centers.

Through the Basic Center Program, FYSB works to establish or strengthen community-based programs that address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The central purpose of these programs is to provide youth with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and referrals for health care. The Basic Centers seek to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements.

While each Basic Center is slightly different, all Basic Centers are required to offer the following types of assistance to young people and their families:

- Food, clothing, medical care, or other services that youth need (offered either directly or by referral)
- Individual, group, and family counseling
- Recreation programs

- Outreach targeting both youth who may need assistance and other public or private agencies that work with youth and families
- Aftercare services for youth after they leave the shelter

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

Today, in communities across the country, there are young people living on the streets, running from or being asked to leave homes characterized by abuse, neglect, or parental drug or alcohol abuse. Once on the streets, such youth are at risk of being sexually exploited or abused by adults for pleasure or profit.

To prevent the sexual abuse or exploitation of these young people, and to provide them with services that help them leave the streets, Congress established the Education and Prevention Services to Reduce Sexual Abuse of Runaway, Homeless, and Street Youth Program, through the Violence Against Women Act of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322). That program created Grants for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (also known as the Street Outreach Program) to fund street-based outreach and education for runaway and homeless youth and youth on the streets who have been, or are at risk of being, sexually abused and/or exploited.

Congress assigned administration of the Street Outreach Program to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Within HHS, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) has funded communities to operate projects through the Street Outreach Program since 1996.

The Street Outreach Program is part of FYSB's Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Through the program, FYSB awards grants to private, nonprofit agencies to conduct outreach designed to build relationships between grantee staff and street youth. The goal of these efforts is to help young people leave the streets. The local grantees provide a range of services directly or through collaboration with other agencies, specifically those working to protect and treat young people who have been, or who are at risk of being, subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation. These services include the following:

- Street-based education and outreach
- Access to emergency shelter
- Survival aid
- Individual assessments
- Treatment and counseling
- Prevention and education activities
- Information and referrals
- Crisis intervention
- Follow-up support

In addition, FYSB encourages its grantee programs to support young people through a positive youth development approach. That approach suggests that the best way to prevent young people's involvement in risky behavior is to help them achieve their full potential. Youth development strategies, therefore, focus on giving young people the chance to exercise leadership, build skills, and become involved in their communities.

Today, FYSB continues to fund the Street Outreach Program through the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-96), which reauthorizes the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and provides funding for the organizations and shelters that serve and protect runaway, homeless, missing, and sexually exploited children. In FY 2003, the Street Outreach Program funded 147 programs with $13.9 million through a competitive grant review process.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STATE COLLABORATION

In September 1998, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) announced the award of more than $1 million in State Youth Development Collaboration Projects. FYSB awarded the funding to nine States to develop and support innovative youth development strategies. Each of the following States received a grant of $120,000: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, and Oregon. In September 2000, FYSB awarded State Youth Development Collaboration Project grant funding to an additional four States: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Louisiana.

The grants will enable the States to identify and develop new or strengthen existing effective youth development strategies. These efforts will focus on all youth, including youth in at-risk situations such as runaway and homeless youth, youth leaving the foster care system, abused and neglected children, and other youth served by the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Each State has designed a unique plan for implementing the demonstration project on the basis of identified youth needs and prior State activities with regard to youth development.

More recently, in February 2002, FYSB convened a meeting of the 13 State projects to discuss the following topics, which the States previously identified as areas of both interest and concern: youth participation, marketing and message development, collaboration, and project evaluation. Through these discussions of the projects' experiences, FYSB compiled information about the lessons learned by the projects.

MENTORING CHILDREN OF PRISONERS

According to recent statistics, approximately two million children and youth in the United States have at least one parent in a Federal or State correctional facility. In addition to suffering disruption in the relationship with their parent, these young people often struggle with economic, social, and emotional burdens due to the incarceration of their parent. Data indicate that mentoring can aid in reducing first-time drug and alcohol use for such young people, improving their relationships and academic performance, and reducing the likelihood that they will initiate violence. In addition, mentoring can provide these children with

opportunities to develop a trusting relationship with a supportive, caring adult and a stable environment that can promote healthy values and strong families.

To provide 100,000 new mentors to children and youth of incarcerated parents, Congress established the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program, through the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001 (Public Law 107-133). Congress assigned administration of the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Within HHS, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) began funding communities to operate mentoring projects through the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program in 2003. In FY 2003, $9.9 million supported 52 Mentoring Children of Prisoners grants to community and faith-based organizations and state and local governments in 29 states across the country.

Through the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program, FYSB awards grants to community organizations that provide children and youth of incarcerated parents with mentors. Each mentoring program is designed to ensure that mentors provide young people with safe and trusting relationships; healthy messages about life and social behavior; appropriate guidance from a positive adult role model; and opportunities for increased participation in education, civic service, and community activities.

Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program grant recipients are required to provide services, both directly and in collaboration with other local agencies, to strengthen and support children of incarcerated parents by providing these children with adult mentors

Further, grant recipients cultivate mentors from within the community through recruitment, screening, training, and monitoring and evaluation:

- **Recruiting:** Grantees are required to recruit a diverse group of mentors who are committed to spending at least 1 hour per week with their assigned child for a period of at least 1 year.
- **Screening:** Grant recipients are required to screen volunteers extensively through appropriate reference checks, criminal background checks, and child and domestic abuse record checks, to ensure that they pose no safety risk to the young people.
- **Training:** Grant recipients are responsible for matching each child to a suitable adult mentor. Mentors attend trainings to develop skills I working with youth who have unique needs, and the practice of mentoring, before being assigned to a young person.
- **Monitoring and Evaluating:** Grantees are required to provide ongoing support and oversight of the mentoring relationship to ensure that young people are receiving appropriate support and are benefiting from the mentor match. Outcomes for each participating youth are measured by such factors as academic achievement and avoidance of risky behaviors.

In addition, FYSB encourages grantees to incorporate elements of a Positive Youth Development approach. That approach suggests that the best way to prevent young people's involvement in risky behavior is to help them achieve their full potential. Positive Youth Development strategies, therefore, focus on giving young people the chance to exercise leadership, build skills, and become involved in their communities.

FYSB solicits applications for grant assistance through the Federal Register. Grant awards are made on a competitive basis for a three year grant period.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6313

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $49,916

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 7, 8

Principal Contact Person: Ellen Dinsmore

Address of Grantee: 803 Kingswood, Fourth Floor, Brainerd, MN 56401

Telephone of Grantee: 218-823-4399

Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota in cooperation with the Lakes Area Youth Services' Baxter Youth Shelter will continue to provide essential services to runaway and homeless youth without the stigma of referral through local law enforcement or social service systems. The basic goals of the Shelter are to alleviate immediate problems of runaway and homeless youth by providing basic necessities; promote family reunification by fostering problem resolution that allows youth to return home; strengthen family stability through therapeutic counseling; and help youth decide upon constructive courses of action. These goals will be achieved by offering the following services: educating runaway and homeless youth on the risk factors associated with runaway and homeless youth; offering voluntary, safe shelter, information and referral 24-hours a day, seven days a week; providing individual and/or family therapeutic counseling sessions; assisting runaway and homeless youth in deciding a course of action; helping runaway and homeless youth secure safe housing, employment, education or other services; involving runaway and homeless youth in program planning and leadership; providing educational assessments and advocacy; and offering aftercare and case management.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08CY0186

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: COMITIS Crisis Center, Inc

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $70,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Richard Barnhill

Address of Grantee: PO Box 919, 9840 E. 17th Ave., Aurora, CO 80040

Telephone of Grantee: 303-341-9160

Federal Project Officer: Al Martinez, PhD

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 303-844-1172

The COMITIS Crisis Center, Inc., is a Basic Center Program for Runaway, Homeless and At-Risk Youth. They provide 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term treatment, aftercare, problem prevention, and educational processes for runaway and homeless youth and their family members. They plan to accommodate the projected five percent increase in the need for services to youth and their families in the metropolitan Denver area and are continuing to provide 13 percent of the beds available for youth in the metropolitan Denver area and 100 percent of the beds in Aurora, Colorado and rural areas. The program staff believes youth development works best from within a family or family-like structure. COMITIS helps runaways and homeless youth return to their families by helping family members build and maintain safe, nurturing, and cooperative conditions. COMITIS uses a strength-based Self-Help Model that mirrors Positive Youth Development. The target population is served via outreach; education; prevention services (presentations, speakers, workshops, and involvement with many private and public organizations); effective and proven coordination with schools, law enforcement, and other

agencies; and by word-of-mouth or agency referral. They provide easy, effective access for minorities and non-English speaking clients. They hope to provide services to 5,590 at-risk youths through help lines, shelter, counseling, and out-client services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0731

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Lee County Department of Youth and Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Randell Woodruff

Address of Grantee: 112 Hillcrest Dr., PO Box 57, Sanford, NC 27331

Telephone of Grantee: 919-718-4650

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

The Hillcrest Youth Shelter, operated by the Lee County Department of Youth and Family Services in Sanford, NC, serves runaway and homeless youth in the North Carolina Counties of Lee, Harnett, Orange, Johnston, and Chatham. Temporary shelter and counseling are provided to male and female youth between the ages of 11 and 18 through operation of a nine-bed shelter. Access to shelter services is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at no charge. Services provided in addition to basic shelter and counseling for youth include outreach, community education, and support for parents and siblings of runaway youth and those at risk of running away or becoming homeless. These non-residential services are accomplished through Project Safe Place, the Parenting Workshop, and the Youth Involvement Board. Hillcrest Youth Shelter has been in operation for 14 years and is licensed by the State of North Carolina. Its mission is "To serve the needs of runaway and homeless, court-involved/at risk, or youth in crisis in a caring and sensitive manner, providing a safe place where they may receive humane and non-judgmental care or services; and to provide counseling and educational services to strengthen the family unit of the youth and families served."

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5099

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $160,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Janet Garcia

Address of Grantee: 1419 N. 3rd St., Suite 102, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Telephone of Grantee: 602-271-9904

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development is a private, nonprofit, community-based agency providing cost-effective programs to help youth at risk and in trouble. Tumbleweed programs serve abused, abandoned, troubled, and neglected youth in the community. The agency strives to assist youth in understanding and achieving individual potential, increasing personal and social skills, and creating opportunities to become self-directed, socially responsible, and productive citizens. Tumbleweed's basic center, Open Hands, provides shelter and counseling services to the runaway and homeless youth of Arizona, specifically targeting the youth of Phoenix and of Maricopa County. Approximately 150-200 children are served by Tumbleweed's basic center annually. These youth are not part of any State system, such as juvenile justice, mental health, or foster care. Their immediate problems are alleviated by Tumbleweed's provision of outreach, shelter, food, and clothing. While in residence, they participate in individual and family counseling to resolve personal and interfamilial problems and strengthen relationships and problem solving skills. The agency reunites families when possible, or finds other safe destinations if reunification is not possible. Open Hands also provides clients and families with group counseling and case management for linkages to community resources or to their aftercare for continued counseling and case management. The program has a 24-hour telephone hotline.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0741

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Frontier Health

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $135,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Teresa Kidd

Address of Grantee: 1167 Spratlin Park Dr., Gray, TN 37615

Telephone of Grantee: 423-467-3600

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

Frontier Health operates a runaway and homeless youth program that provides temporary shelter and support services to approximately 135 youth annually. The Link House Program, originally founded in 1986, provides emergency shelter, counseling, and support for runaway youth who are temporarily homeless. The primary locations are Link House (adolescent female referrals), Sullivan House (adolescent male referrals), and TRACES therapeutic foster homes for younger/vulnerable youth. Link House serves as the intake site for all referrals and its Program Manager is the single point-of-contact for referred youth. Link House and Sullivan House, which are 12-16 bed facilities, serve 12-18 year-olds and their families. TRACES serves over 150 youth and families per year in qualified foster homes. All service sites are licensed by the State and operated by Frontier Health. Link House is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering troubled youth a place to stay while resolving individual and family conflicts. Goals include: providing outreach, shelter, and related services to runaway and homeless youth; reuniting youth with their families and encouraging resolution of family problems through counseling and service linkages; and helping youth decide on constructive courses of action through an asset-based, positive youth development approach.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0736

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $115,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 19

Principal Contact Person: Stephanie Solovei

Address of Grantee: 2810 NW South River Dr., Miami, FL 33125

Telephone of Grantee: 305-635-8953

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

MIAMI BRIDGE Youth and Family Services, Inc., (MIAMI BRIDGE) is a private not-for-profit youth-serving agency delivering programs in Miami-Dade Counties, Florida. MIAMI BRIDGE provides a comprehensive continuum of 24-hour emergency shelter services for runaway and homeless youth, ages 10-17. The program has close collaborative relationships with local health and mental health care providers, social service agencies, the child welfare system, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the school system, and local law enforcement. MIAMI BRIDGE provides residential and non-residential basic center program services by blending two agency divisions: 1) Emergency Youth Shelter Services, with 20 beds at the Homestead shelter, and 2) FIRST STOP FOR FAMILIES non-Residential counseling services. Both divisions work in unison to interweave services and strategies to reunite youth and families. The FIRST STOP FOR FAMILIES division also provides non-residential individual and family crisis intervention services for youth and families at risk of separation. Service provision is centered around the following principles: 1) Youth are actively involved in the organization; 2) Feedback from families, youth, and all citizens in the community is a vital ingredient to success; and 3) The agency must display an ongoing sensitivity to, and awareness of, cultural diversity concerning ethnicity, race, gender, religion, and sexual orientation.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0728

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Family Connections, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $175,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Susan Johnston

Address of Grantee: PO Box 535, Saginaw, AL 35137

Telephone of Grantee: 205-663-6301

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Family Connection, Inc. provides comprehensive services for runaway and homeless youth and their families, including our basic center and street outreach services. For 18 years, Family Connection has played a strong role in developing programs that positively impact runaways and their families in both urban and rural areas. The youth development approach provides youth with the support necessary to move to self-sufficiency by offering the skills and knowledge they need to function effectively in an increasingly competitive world. The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program consists of a comprehensive, 18-bed youth shelter in Alabaster, Alabama and a drop-in day shelter in inner-city Birmingham, Alabama, which serves 520 youth annually. Program objectives are to: Alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth; reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and help youth decide on constructive courses of action.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0146

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Jammat Housing and Community Development Corporation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: David Kaufer

Address of Grantee: 801 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI 02907

Telephone of Grantee: 401-785-8446

Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 617-565-1119

Turning the Corner, a program of Jammat Housing and Community Development Corporation, conducts comprehensive, diversified outreach services directed toward at-risk youth, parents, and community agencies. They provide runaway and homeless youth with the following services: temporary shelter for up to 15 days; food and clothing; individual, group, and family counseling; and case disposition, aftercare, and other referrals, as appropriate. Services are housed in Providence, operating in conjunction with the corporation's Group Home Network. Turning the Corner has been an experienced provider of services to this population for 6 years and is responding to the critical need facing Providence and the surrounding communities as they attempt to alleviate some of the numerous issues confronting at-risk, runaway, and homeless youth. The goals of the project include: Reuniting youth with their families and encouraging the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; strengthening family relationships and encouraging stable conditions for youth living at home; and assisting youth to decide on positive, constructive courses of action in their lives.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5106

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: New Morning Youth and Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: David Ashby

Address of Grantee: 6765 Green Valley Rd., Placerville, CA 95667

Telephone of Grantee: 530-622-5551

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

New Morning Youth and Family Services Youth Shelter is a six-bed, 24-hour temporary home for runaway, homeless, and throwaway youth. Each year, many of these youth reside in or travel through El Dorado County, California. They can be kept safe from violence and exploitation on the street by staying at New Morning's Youth Shelter. Professional individual, family, and group counseling is a central part of shelter program, and is directed at strengthening each youth's resiliency and improving the functioning of their families. The families are provided with ongoing counseling and case management while the youth is residing at the shelter and after the youth's discharge, as part of the long-term aftercare program. Runaway and homeless youth choosing not to be admitted to the shelter are provided with food, hygiene services, and health screening through drop-in services. Additionally, New Morning prevents runaway and throwaway behavior by providing crisis and long-term counseling to over 800 youth each year, addressing substance use, physical and sexual abuse and neglect, domestic violence, depression and suicidal thoughts, school failure, criminal conduct, and economic deprivation. The Children's Shelter has housed more than 2,000 young people seeking food, clothing, and a safe place to sleep since it began operation in 1991.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0732

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Caring for Children, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 11

Principal Contact Person: John Lauterbach

Address of Grantee: PO Box 19113, Asheville, NC 28815

Telephone of Grantee: 828-298-0186

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Trinity Place Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter, being operated by CARING for Children, is a short-term residential crisis stabilization program. Trinity Place serves primarily youth from Buncombe County and Western North Carolina. The program is coeducational with a capacity of six. Length of stay is normally limited to 15 days or less. Trinity Place is open and staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Trinity Place has been opened and staffed continuously since its doors opened in March of 1992. The program has served more than 2,500 youth and families during that time. The philosophy of Trinity Place is to serve runway, throwaway, and homeless youth regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation. The mission of Trinity Place is to provide safe shelter and supportive services for runaway and homeless youth in Buncombe County and Western North Carolina through the use of temporary safe stabilizing shelter, counseling, and mediation - thereby ensuring safe, humane, and respectful support for troubled youth and their families. The shelter's program is based primarily upon individual and family counseling provided by the program staff. Trinity Place staff also help youth and families access the community services they need to remain successful after the youth's stay at Trinity Place. The goal of Trinity Place is to reunite runaways with their families, or when reunification is not possible, to find appropriate living arrangements as quickly as possible.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0160

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Green Chimneys Children's Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 19

Principal Contact Person: Jennifer Martabano

Address of Grantee: 400 Doansburg Rd., Brewster, NY 10509

Telephone of Grantee: 845-279-2995

Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

Green Chimneys Children's Services, Arbor House, serves the runaway, homeless, and street youth population, while also offering services to youth who are at risk of separation from the home. Residential, non-residential, home-based, peer support, and advocacy services are provided to address and alleviate the problems of youth, promote family reunification, encourage resolution of conflict, help strengthen family communication, and help youth decide on constructive courses of action. Residentially, youth have access to immediate options designed to keep them off the streets and from engaging in risky behaviors. This decreases family conflict and violence, while giving family members an opportunity to think about the level of assistance they need. Non-residentially, Arbor House strives to keep families together by promoting positive family communication and increasing youth's functioning in school, with peers, and in the community. Arbor House services promote a positive youth development approach, helping youth make positive choices, while receiving intervention services. Through Arbor House's intervention techniques, youth receive an opportunity to develop needed skills, connect with their community, access safe intervention and recreation options, and strengthen relationships that promote healthy development with peers and adults.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0810

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Grayson County Juvenile Alternatives, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $114,500

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 62

Principal Contact Person: Pam Johnson

Address of Grantee: PO Box 1625, Sherman, TX 75091

Telephone of Grantee: 903-893-4717

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Grayson County Juvenile Alternatives (GCJA) is a private, nonprofit, locally controlled organization affecting 10 rural, north-Texas counties. It was founded in 1979 with the objective of providing temporary shelter, food, clothing, and health services to runaway, homeless, and street youth and their families. GCJA operates a State-licensed temporary shelter and provides crisis intervention, counseling, outreach, aftercare, and referrals in an effort to alleviate the problems of this population 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Individual, group, and family counseling is provided to residential youth and nonresidential youth to strengthen family relationships, help youth decide on constructive courses of action, and encourage stable living conditions. Efforts are made to resolve intra-family problems so reunification is possible. GCJA uses a positive, strength-base youth development approach and stresses family involvement to direct youth toward positive pathways of development. Youth and families are actively involved in the development of their individualized service plans and give input to program design and evaluation through exit interviews, follow up contacts, and quality assurance surveys. GCJA is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors (which includes a youth representative) and is assisted by an Advisory Board, Youth Advocacy Council, and Safe Place Advisory Board.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6308

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Ohio

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Rusty Alexander

Address of Grantee: 10100 Elida Rd., Delphos, OH 45833

Telephone of Grantee: 419-695-8010

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

Safe Harbor, part of Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Ohio, has the primary service objective of preventing future episodes of runaway/homelessness. In addition, Safe Harbor works to promote safety in the home environment, assist family members in developing skills to improve the home environment, and strengthen and maintain families. By including the parents of runaway and homeless youth in program planning, Safe Harbor improves the caretaker's child-rearing abilities and the overall level of family functioning. The program strives to do this in a culturally sensitive manner, through educational training, as well as providing brokerage services to community resources. Safe Harbor's services are geared toward youth, using various community-based approaches to treatment. Staff members attempt to tailor programs to meet the individual's specific needs. In doing so, Safe Harbor designs its program to change behaviors or conditions that have contributed to the youth's decision to run away or live on the street. Services enhance development, growth, and the educational process. Safe Harbor intends to reunify at least 90 percent of the runaway and homeless youth in the program with their identified families. In instances where reunification is not possible and alternative living arrangements are necessary, every effort will be made to advocate for the youth to be placed in the least restrictive and most suitable environment possible.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5091

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Huckleberry Youth Programs, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $119,651

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Bruce Fisher

Address of Grantee: 3310 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94118

Telephone of Grantee: 415-668-2622

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Huckleberry Youth Programs has been providing effective, innovative services to runaway and homeless youth and their families since 1974, with the opening of Huckleberry House (HH). HH focuses on the following objectives: 1) To reduce the number of runaway and homeless youth by conducting targeted outreach activities and offering intake and assessment services and temporary shelter; 2) To reduce crisis behaviors by providing individual and group counseling and health education and medical services; 3) To strengthen the relationship between the youth and family through counseling and individual and family aftercare; 4) To increase youth's capacity for success by providing referral, advocacy, and service linkages; 5)To increase program effectiveness by providing ways for youth to participate in planning, implementation, and evaluation. Based on the principles of youth development, the continuum of care creates a network of support and opportunities for positive adolescent development. The program attempts to improve living stability, decrease emotional and physical abuse, increase school status, increase the use of birth control, reduce crisis behavior, decrease psychiatric symptoms, reduce substance use, increase social support, and reduce juvenile justice contact. Results for the family include family reunification, reduced violence in the home, increased anger management skills, improved communication skills, and an increased use of social services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0164

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: County of Nassau

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: George Siberon

Address of Grantee: 40 Main St., Hampstead, NY 11550

Telephone of Grantee: 516-572-1384

Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

The Nassau County Youth Board works with a local community-based organization, the Family and Children's Association, Inc., as part of a countywide runaway/homeless youth service delivery network. Through this collaboration, they assist in alleviating the problems associated with runaway episodes and resulting homelessness. They provide services that address the immediate needs of these youth and their families, such as outreach, food, shelter, clothing, family conflict resolution and mediation, and related services. The Family Mediation Project, an initiative of this program, provides a connection that empowers youth with the skills to find solutions to their own problems, while assisting the development of stable family conditions. In addition, the initiative provides runaway and homeless youth with constructive alternatives that increase the likelihood that youth and families will be equipped to cope with life's problems. Specifically, these services include family mediation and reunification to encourage the resolution of intra-family problems, work with youth prior to needing housing, host homes for younger youth who require housing in a nurturing environment, and community outreach to maximize access to the entire system. These services redirect youth in high-risk situations toward positive pathways in their development.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08CY0191

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Hilltop Health Services Corporation DBA Hilltop Community Resources

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $85,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Sally Schaefer

Address of Grantee: 1331 Hermosa Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81506

Telephone of Grantee: 970-242-4400

Federal Project Officer: Al Martinez, PhD

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 303-844-1172

The Hilltop Community Resources Youth Services Program, which includes Hilltop's Girls Shelter, Hilltop's Boys Shelter, and the Robert A. Brown Center for Youth, provides the only safe shelter in Western Colorado to stabilize and hold runaway and homeless youth for assessment, placement, and follow up using existing systems. Clients' basic needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter are met during their stay at the youth shelters. Social and emotional status are stabilized through counseling and situations are assessed so that aftercare is appropriate and meaningful. Hilltop reserves a minimum of four beds for runaway and homeless youth within its youth shelter, although no-one is turned away. Staff, working in conjunction with existing systems, reunite youth with their families, encourage resolution of family problems, strengthen family relationships, and assist youth in deciding on constructive courses of action. Hilltop attempts to engage every youth's family in his or her program, but cannot always do so because of distance barriers and varying degrees of family problems. The Hilltop Youth Services' Shelter component provided 216 youth with shelter in 2002.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0165

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Salvation Army

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $50,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 28

Principal Contact Person: Bonnie Hadden

Address of Grantee: 70 Liberty Pole Way, Rochester, NY 14604

Telephone of Grantee: 585-987-9500

Federal Project Officer: Estille Haferling

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The Salvation Army's Genesis House program, founded in 1981, provides emergency shelter and support services to co-ed youth ages 16 to 20, meeting an identified, critical need in the Monroe County and the City of Rochester's Homeless Continuum of Care plan. The program will continue to provide runaway and homeless youth with crisis intervention and basic daily living needs such as emergency shelter, food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and transportation. Within 48 hours of admission, each youth will develop an Individualized Service Plan (ISP) with a case manager that establishes a strategy to attain short, intermediate, and long-term goals. Genesis House staff emphasize youths' strengths and resources during all phases of assessment, intervention, and after care. The case managers identify and access a wide range of community resources for the youth, including housing, education, job skills training, substance abuse, mental health, and medical services, of which many are provided on-site. Reunification with family or obtaining transitional/permanent housing for each youth is the primary goal.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0721

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: YMCA of Greater Louisville

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $185,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Dennis Enix

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Federal Project Officer: Linda Calhoun

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2887

The YMCA Shelter House was founded in 1974 on the principles of caring, immediate, and accessible help to teens in crisis. This 20-bed youth shelter is Louisville, Kentucky's only 24-hour, free option for runaway and homeless youth. The program has grown considerably in the last 29 years in ways that further help the community and the Nation's runaway, abused, neglected, and homeless youth. Today the Safe Place outreach program, by training other communities in the agency's philosophy and approach, reaches youth in 700 communities across 42 states. The local continuum of care for Louisville's teens and parents of teens has expanded to include quality shelter services, counseling services, outreach services, youth leadership and development, and specialized prevention and intervention programs. These efforts will touch the lives of close to 1,200 young people in the next year and many more will be assured that if they are in need, the doors are open and the phone is answered 24 hours a day.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0145

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Stopover Services of Newport County, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $121,382

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Thomas Butero

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Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 617-565-1119

A collaborative of four organizations serves the Rhode Island Runaway and Host Home Network. The four partner organizations are Stopover Services of Newport County, Travelers Aid Society, the Urban League, and the Washington County Juvenile Justice Project. Street outreach and contact with runaway and homeless youth are accomplished by Travelers Aid Society, which assesses each youth's needs and provides services at its multi-service facility, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Stopover Services, the Urban League, and the Washington County Juvenile Justice Project receive referrals of runaways and youth at immediate risk of running away from police, schools, and other community agencies. They provide crisis intervention, counseling, and other services. All four organizations have access to host homes (trained volunteer families) for short-term shelter while efforts are made to reunify the youth and natural family or arrange another safe living situation. Objectives and projected outcomes include: Street outreach with approximately 4,000 youth; work with approximately 400 youth who have run away or are at immediate risk; placement of approximately 25 youth in host homes annually; reunification of youth and their families when possible or arrangement of alternative living situations; counseling to approximately 400 youth; mediation for approximately 100 families; and a 24 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week hotline.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0816

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Youth Shelters and Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $95,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Karen Huene

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

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Youth Shelters and Family Services (YSFS) operates La Otra Puerta Emergency Youth Shelter for runaway and homeless youth. This12-bed shelter provides safe shelter, counseling, case management, life skills, recreation, and related services to approximately 225 unduplicated runaway and homeless youth ages 10-17 and their families each year. The shelter seeks to reunite families whenever possible and strengthen the families by providing counseling, case management, aftercare, and referrals. YSFS has a solution-focused, assets-based approach to providing social and therapeutic services. Services are built on the existing strengths of individuals and families. The families are provided with the skills, tools, and resources needed to solve their own problems in the future. The program seeks to prevent out-of-home placement whenever possible. Program goals are to: Alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth with respect to safety, shelter, food, health care, and other presenting problems; reunite families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and help youth decide on constructive courses of action. La Otra Puerta Emergency Youth Shelter reflects the diversity of the population served and depends for its success on continued collaboration with families, schools, service providers, law enforcement agencies, and others in the larger community.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0738

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Anchorage Children's Home of Bay County Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Barbara Cloud

Address of Grantee: 2121 Lisenby Ave., Panama City, FL 32405

Telephone of Grantee: 850-763-7102

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

Anchorage Children's Home of Bay County is strengthening youth in Bay, Gulf, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, and Calhoun counties in rural Northwest Florida through Hidle House, which addresses the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. They provide outreach services to 1200 at-risk youth and families annually, with targeted efforts in minority and rural communities, including 10 new service events. On an annual basis, they also they also provide individual intake and temporary shelter to 450 youth through 8 beds; residential individual and group counseling to 405 youth admitted to Hidle House for over 24 hours; residential family counseling to 405 youth and families for whom family counseling is identified as appropriate; and referral and aftercare services to 405 youth who successfully complete the shelter program. Recreational opportunities are provided to 405 youth admitted to Hidle House's services for over 24 hours, and case disposition services are received by 405 youth who successfully complete Hidle House services. There is 24-hour awake supervision of these youths provided by trained and supervised staff 365 days a year. Youth participation is enhanced through recruitment and hiring of two part-time youth mentors and through the active involvement of youth in service design and delivery.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6309

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Children's Community Access Program Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 11

Principal Contact Person: Sherry Gibson

Address of Grantee: 13944 Euclid Ave., Suite 103, Cleveland, OH 44112

Telephone of Grantee: 216-851-7114

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

The Children's Community Access Program, (CCAP) is the only agency on Cleveland's east side that provides emergency shelter services to exploited, neglected, runaway, and homeless youth. CCAP serves both males and females, but the shelter, "Euclid House," serves adolescent females. CCAP has over 20 licensed foster homes to provide much-needed emergency shelter services to adolescent males. Their objectives are to: Alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; reunite youth with their families and assist in the resolution of family conflicts through supportive services and strengthened family relationships; and help youths develop positive decision-making skills. The desired outcomes are to: maintain the safety of youth at the shelter; identify the situation(s) that led to the runaway or homeless condition; explore resolutions to the family conflict; and provide linkages with ongoing supportive services and alternative living arrangements when needed.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0723

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Tennessee Valley Family Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $140,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Karen McConnell

Address of Grantee: PO Box 952, Guntersville, AL 35976

Telephone of Grantee: 256-582-0377

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Tennessee Valley Family Services, Inc. operates a basic center program for runaway and homeless youth and families. The objectives are to alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth; reunite youth with their families, expedite family problem solving, strengthen family relationships, and encourage stable living situations. They empower youth to make good decisions and execute positive choices, facilitating a process that encourages positive community youth development. These objectives are met by: Using the outreach program, Project Safe Place, to identify youth and families in need; using a strong technical information system to target youth; partnering with other community resources to provide integrated services; and vigorously encouraging opportunities that include youth as stakeholders in the community. Individualized services mitigate crises and address the issues of these youth while working with families to bring about reunification. Crisis intervention and follow up services are provided to strengthen the family system and encourage conflict resolution skills within the family. Interagency collaborations, innovative community coalitions, and aggressive education are used to mobilize the community. The outcomes expected through these efforts are: more successful families, increased numbers of youth that avoid the dangers of living on the street, improved life skills, and higher overall standards and expectations by youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0166

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2004

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 12

Principal Contact Person: Jeffrey Fetzko

Address of Grantee: 49 Brahma Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Telephone of Grantee: 908-526-6605

Federal Project Officer: Danny Blackmon

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

The Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children is operated by the only basic center program in central New Jersey; the Somerset Youth Shelter. This program maintains a continuum of care model for runaway and homeless youth, from street outreach to basic center to transitional living program options. Program philosophies are grounded in healthy youth development principles focusing on the development of the individual, including family preservation built on family strengths. The Somerset Youth Shelter serves approximately 150 runaway and homeless youth and their families per year (the Somerset Youth Shelter capacity is 16 youth). Some of the anticipated results for youths and families are improved living circumstances; an increase in emotional well-being and self esteem; improved family functioning; improved school status; improved communication skills and anger management; reduction in violence in the home; reduction in crisis behavior (e.g., running away, suicide ideation, violence); decreased emotional and physical abuse; and a decrease in psychiatric symptoms (e.g., depression, generalized anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder). The services provided include food, shelter, and clothing; individual, group, and family counseling; basic and life-skills education; drug abuse assessment and education; outreach and aftercare; transportation; case management; recreation; advocacy and referral (e.g., psychiatric/physiological evaluation, long-term counseling, legal services, health care, referral to services for 18 - 21 year olds); and street outreach.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0129

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: YFA Connections

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Cathy Doran

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Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

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DIRECTIONS, a Basic Center Program (BCP) of YFA Connections (YFA), was designed as part of a comprehensive, individually tailored continuum of services that meets the needs of runaway, homeless, and street youth and their families. YFA Connections provides a range of programs, addressing family reconciliation, drug and alcohol treatment, domestic violence perpetrator treatment, and community outreach and education. DIRECTIONS focuses on providing runaway, homeless, and street youth outreach, counseling, and shelter services and finding safe living situations at the time of discharge. The program recognizes the importance of strength-based, client-centered services, support for diversity and independence, and encouraging positive decision-making in life choices. The underlying philosophy of DIRECTIONS supports the youth development model, making youth and their families full partners in the services provided. The geographic area served by DIRECTIONS is extensive—an area comprising 11 counties with a total population of over 750,000 citizens.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6306

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Walker's Point Youth and Family Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $136,480

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Andre Olton

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Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

Walker's Point Youth and Family Center has provided emergency shelter, counseling, and other supportive services for runaway and homeless youth and their families since 1976. The goals of the program are to provide safe and legal alternatives to the streets for young runaway and homeless youth, to help youth decide on future courses of action in their best interests, to strengthen family relationships, and to encourage stable living conditions for young people. Basic center services of the Runaway and Teen Crisis Program include a free 24-hour crisis hotline, individual/family counseling, and temporary emergency shelter. The shelter is State-licensed as a group home for up to eight youth, ages 11 through 17, for a maximum of 2 weeks. Shelter services include food, clothing, supervision, and counseling. Counseling is also available to youth and parents who are not interested in the shelter component on a walk-in or appointment basis. The shelter plans to serve at least 300 youth and families annually, with at least 220 receiving emergency shelter. The program offers training and service opportunities for adult and teen volunteers who assist the paid staff in meeting the needs of youth in the runaway program.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0434

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Aid in Dover, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $37,857

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Beverly Williams

Address of Grantee: 838 Walker Rd., Suite 2B-1, Dover, DE 19904

Telephone of Grantee: 302-734-7610

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-861-4027

Aid in Dover, Inc. (AID) is a multiservice, nonprofit organization providing vital services for runaway, homeless, and street youth. Founded in 1974, AID is recognized as a premier program for disenfranchised youth and is the only licensed shelter for youth in the State of Delaware. The AID shelter provides services for youth ages 12 through 17 in two of Delaware's three counties. The shelter is a beautiful five-bedroom converted home with space to accommodate up to 12 young people for a maximum of 15 days. Since 1976, AID has sheltered more than 7,000 young people and helped more than 15,000 youth and families through non-residential services. The basic center program employs a youth development approach, with ongoing collaborations with other organizations, groups, and funders that assist the target population. They focus on the poorest, most disenfranchised young people and families in the State.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0136

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Northwest Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $86,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: David Webster

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Telephone of Grantee: 360-734-9862

Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 206-615-2632

Northwest Youth Services (NWYS), a non-profit, fully accredited agency, was founded in Bellingham, Washington in 1976. The original program provided emergency shelter for homeless, runaway, abused, and neglected youth. Over the past 27 years, NWYS has evolved into a multiservice agency that provides a continuum of youth and family services, including treatment foster care, counseling, family reconciliation, family preservation, transitional living, mentoring, and short-term emergency shelter through the Safe Home Program. Located halfway between Vancouver, British Columbia and Seattle, the service area includes Whatcom, Skagit Island, and San Juan Counties in Washington State. NWYS is currently adding a five-bed shelter home with live-in foster parents, for a total of nine beds available through the Safe Home Program. Changes taking place in the existing program include: on-site staff to provide services in the shelter home, such as skills groups, counseling, and supervision; youth mentoring through the NWYS mentoring program; and positive youth development opportunities in a group setting.

Program objectives include: providing safe shelter, returning youth to parents or other appropriate relative care; and linking youth with needed community resources, such as Job Corps, foster care, counseling, and education assistance.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0724

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: With Friends, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 12

Principal Contact Person: Patricia Krikorian

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Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

With Friends, Inc. Runaway and Homeless Youth Program is a community-based, eight-bed shelter, that provides residential care, counseling, outreach, aftercare, and referral services at its primary location, 24 hours a day, for a maximum of 15 days, all year long. The program promotes positive youth development with a skill-building approach that provides direct, comprehensive residential services to 200 runaway, homeless, and street youth between the ages of 10 and 17. Direct, nonresidential outreach is provided to an additional 300 youth. With Friends has been operating as a basic center since 1996 and is a valuable, cost-effective resource in the community. It provides a safe alternative to survival on the street, jail, institutionalization, and other criminal justice system involvement for runaway, homeless, street, and other youth seeking help with crisis situations. Youth are provided with guidance, opportunities, and support and are engaged in developing self-assurance and positive skills to protect themselves from high-risk behaviors, have positive attitudes, and make healthy choices for a successful life. The program has proven effective in preventing youth from entering foster care or the juvenile justice system. The program also serves as an advocate for the family, strengthening family values and relationships in an attempt to return children to stable living conditions.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0437

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Worcester County Health Department

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Joyce Baum

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Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

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The Worcester County Health Department offers services through the basic center known as Sand Castles. The program has been in operation since 1990, providing services to runaway and homeless youth, youth in risky situations, and families of runaway and homeless youth. A Drop-In Center operates as a vital part of the Sand Castles Program. Sand Castles is continuing its efforts to assist youth in the development of positive pathways. Staff members recognize that youth are the Nation's greatest asset and they firmly believe in the philosophy of youth development. They promote this philosophy within the program and encourage others to embrace it as well. The Ocean City Area Youth Consortium acts as Sand Castles' Advisory Board. The Consortium has been in existence since 1989 and provides leadership and guidance to the program. The Consortium is comprised of youth, youth's families, youth-serving agencies, and community partners.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0133

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Looking Glass Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $92,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Galen Phipps

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Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

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Looking Glass Youth and Family Services in Lane County, Oregon operates a runaway and homeless youth services program that provides youth and families with the skills and resources needed to resolve family conflict so youth can return home or, if home is not an option, find alternative housing. The partnering organization, Station 7, is a founding member of a local collaborative called the Safe and Sound Youth Project, which provides intensive behavioral health services to youth and families. They provide outreach, crisis telephone and walk-in services, medical care, education, mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment, conflict resolution, emergency shelter, and aftercare. The current runaway and homeless youth services program engages youth in activities that develop the skills, attitudes, and behaviors necessary to achieve a sense of personal well-being, connection with the community, and commitment to others. The anticipated results are: 60 percent of youth at-risk of family separation will return home or find safe alternative housing; 75 percent of families will report decreases in family conflict, overall improvement in the presenting problems, and success in continuing their education; and 75 percent of youth will report increased support, guidance, and opportunities for growth. Improvement will be seen in the following youth development skill areas: responsibility, self-reliance, communication, resource use, substance abuse intervention, and conflict management.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0817

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Father Flanagan's Boys Home

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $115,222

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 23

Principal Contact Person: Maudelle Cade

Address of Grantee: 14100 Crawford St., Boys Town, NE 68010

Telephone of Grantee: 402-498-1000

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

The Girls and Boys Town Emergency Shelter of Louisiana, by way of Father Flanagan's Boys Home, provides 24-hour crisis intervention, temporary shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and related services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth. The objectives of the program include: To offer services and to help alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth in New Orleans and the surrounding area and provide a program of brief therapeutic intervention to help youth make positive life decisions; to reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other mediation services; to help youth decide on constructive courses of action and encourage stable living conditions; to provide outreach activities, community education, and advocacy; and to strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth. The Girls and Boys Town Model of Care focuses on positive youth development, building relationships, and teaching social skills. The social skills curriculum provides youth with the tools to build self-esteem, grow emotionally, and be successful in everyday situations. The youth learn ways to identify their own strengths and build on new skills, resulting in an increased sense of competency, usefulness, belonging, and power.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0813

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Consolidated Youth Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $71,795

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Bonnie Smith

Address of Grantee: 4220 Stadium Blvd., Jonesboro, AR 72404

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Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Consolidated Youth Services, Inc. (CYS) provides supportive individual/family services at emergency shelters in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The service area for the basic center project, which provides services to enhance emergency shelter, outreach, counseling, and aftercare for runaway and homeless youth, covers 6,114 square miles, encompassing nine counties in Northeast Arkansas. They serve 85 runaway and homeless youth. CYS provides transportation to the facility 7 days a week, including nights and weekends, to ensure that the program is accessible to youth from all counties. In addition to transportation and emergency shelter, CYS is enhancing outreach crisis intervention and aftercare services to 60 runaways and their families. Anticipated benefits of the program's crisis intervention, treatment, and aftercare services are to reunite 75 percent of the runaways with their families within 10 days of placement in the shelter; and at follow up, 80 percent of the runaway youth that returned home will still be living at home 6 months later.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5101

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Los Angeles Youth Network

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $50,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 33

Principal Contact Person: Elizabeth Gomez

Address of Grantee: 1754 Taft Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028

Telephone of Grantee: 323-467-8466

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The Los Angeles Youth Network (LAYN) is a California non-profit agency that has served the homeless youth in the Los Angeles/Hollywood area since 1986. The primary goal has been to serve the abused, hard-core youth living on the streets of Hollywood, so they can participate fully in society. The LAYN basic center program provides food, clothing, and shelter to runaway youth for 15 days. Case Managers provide individual, group, and family counseling. Aftercare/follow up and referrals are part of the treatment plan, as appropriate. The program provides services for no more than 10 youth, and no less than 4, who are between the ages of 12 to 17. They also provide preliminary services and offer referral services to those 18 years of age or above. The staff members work with the youth on focusing on the future and on alternatives to a hard-core, street lifestyle. There is a concerted effort to help the youth stay out of the court system and stop running away from their problems. They promote child safety, while empowering youth to develop better parent-child relationships. The outreach team has been successful in referring abused/hard-core street youth to the shelter.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0141

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $180,892

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Virginia Price

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Telephone of Grantee: 617-423-9575

Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

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Services to runaway youth have been at the heart of Bridge Over Troubled Waters (Bridge) since the agency was founded in 1970. Goals include: To respond to runaway adolescents by providing age-appropriate emergency services and counseling, strengthening family relationships, and finding safe living situations when returning home is not an option. Objectives include: To provide 400 runaways, homeless youth, and other adolescents at risk with in-depth assessments, individual and family counseling, advocacy, and case management; to provide crisis intervention and support, including emergency housing and survival aid for 250 runaways each year; and to respond to runaway crises by providing 24-hour-a-day access to Bridge services, including immediate and ongoing face-to-face counseling. Bridge takes a comprehensive approach to the provision of services to runaway youth, beginning with street-based outreach services designed to reach youth where they are. The agency uses a Mobile Medical Van and streetworker team; provides individual, group, and family counseling at the main facility; and offers emergency shelter in licensed volunteer host homes. For youth who cannot return home, a full range of services, including education, career development, and transitional living, is available. Bridge has linkages with over 30 affiliated agencies, local law enforcement, and the judicial system.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0821

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Montgomery County Youth Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $96,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Ann Barker

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Federal Project Officer: Paul Bowser

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2957

Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS), a private, not-for-profit, multi-service, youth and family agency, is located in Montgomery County, Texas. The Basic Center Program takes a community-based approach, offering a full continuum of services for homeless, runaway, and "at-risk" youth, including 24-hour crisis intervention, emergency shelter, youth and family counseling, aftercare, and follow up services. MCYS has provided services to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth for 24 years. Basic Center services include emergency shelter, counseling services, and a transitional living program offering long-term placement and support. The project emphasizes supporting, strengthening, and reunifying the family. They provide crisis intervention and other supportive services to a minimum of 100 youth and 100 family members and shelter care for a minimum of 25 youth. The staff provides solution-focused crisis resolution counseling and access to a menu of supportive services, including emergency placement and medical and mental health services. Emergency shelter services are provided directly through the MCYS Connections Program, two host homes, and/or long-term residential living through the MCYS Fairway Home. MCYS also offers services designed to assist youth in developing the skills and personal characteristics needed to become successful and productive members of society.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6297

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Project Oz

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 15

Principal Contact Person: Peter Rankaitis

Address of Grantee: 502 S. Morris Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701

Telephone of Grantee: 309-827-0377

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

Project Oz operates the only youth shelter and 24-hour crisis intervention center for runaway and homeless youth from across the region and the Nation in a two-county area of Illinois. They have implemented an extraordinary youth assessment tool and use Functional Family Therapy, one of only several programs to earn a Federal "exemplary" designation. Local families serve as Host Homes to increase community involvement in long-term solutions for youth. The program expects to serve over 325 youth each year with 24-hour crisis intervention, youth and family counseling in crisis and non-crisis situations, emergency shelter, individual assessments, referrals, home-based services, drug prevention, and follow up services. The objectives are to find long-term placements for youth, preferably at home. They measure success as 85 percent of youth returning to and living at home; 85 percent either working, in school, or in job training; 10 percent or less arrested; and 15 percent or less entering the court system. They successfully work with youth-in-crisis to open options and help them set positive courses of action. The staff members are eager to reach out to runaway and homeless youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07CY0518

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Youth In Need, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: James Braun

Address of Grantee: 400 N. Fifth St., Suite 109, St. Charles, MO 63301

Telephone of Grantee: 636-946-5600

Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 816-426-5401

The Youth In Need (YIN) Basic Center Program for runaway, homeless, and street youth ages 10 to 18 is located in the Greater St. Louis and Eastern Missouri region. YIN's Basic Center is a key component within the continuum of YIN programs that utilize a youth development approach and include street outreach and transitional living programs. YIN's Basic Center program (1) alleviates the problems of runaway, homeless, and street youth; (2) reunites youth with their families when safe to do so; (3) resolves family problems; (4) strengthens families and encourages stable living conditions for youth; (5) partners with youth to determine future courses of action; and (6) assists youth with crisis counseling, resources, tangible items, a means to return home, a transition to independence, or an alternative safe environment. The program core components include individual, family, and group counseling; a safe, structured environment in which to live during crisis resolution; youth involvement in all aspects of the program; education on substance abuse, STDs, and other health issues; academic instruction; and an approach that builds on youth strengths. The program assists a minimum of 600 runaway, homeless, street youth, and youth under 18 at risk of separation from their family over a 3-year period.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0730

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Catholic Social Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Mable Stevenson

Address of Grantee: PO Box 10962, Winston-Salem, NC 27108

Telephone of Grantee: 704-370-3227

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Host Homes began in 1987 as a project to serve homeless and runaway youth through a community-based center, by way of Catholic Social Services. The program is supported through a network of collaborative community agencies, programs, and services, as well as a team of trained volunteers. Objectives are to alleviate the problem of runaway and homeless youth through immediate intervention, mediation, and in-home therapy; to reunite youth with their families and encourage resolution of problems; to strengthen family relationships through Host Homes families who meet the basic needs of youth and model effective family systems; and to help youth decide on constructive courses of action. The primary approaches used are therapeutic counseling for the youth in crisis and the family, when feasible; provision of temporary foster care for the youth through a network of trained volunteer Host Homes families; certification and monitoring of safe place sites for youth; and mentoring with positive role models. Expected outcomes include return of the youth to their own family system as quickly as possible; equipping of youth and their families with strategies and an action plan to address their needs; and development and maintenance of a community-based support network for youth in trouble.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6312

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Daybreak, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $118,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Linda Kramer

Address of Grantee: 50 Theoblad Ct., Dayton, OH 45410

Telephone of Grantee: 937-395-4600

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

The Daybreak shelter is Miami Valley, Ohio's only 24-hour emergency shelter for runaway, homeless, and pushed-out youth. It can accommodate eight girls and eight boys between the ages of 10-17 and provides emergency shelter for approximately 350 unduplicated runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth each year. In addition to meeting the safety and physical needs of youth, the professional staff provides a comprehensive array of support and youth development programming designed to encourage healthy life choices. Counseling services include individual, family and group counseling; crisis intervention; case management; and referral services. These services are complemented by anger management, substance abuse prevention, decision-making skills training, and recreational programming. Daybreak also has a 24-hour crisis line. Daybreak's "Homeward Bound" aftercare program is designed to reduce the shelter recidivism rate of runaway youth by targeting those living in the shelter whose "exit plans" call for them to return to the home of their parent(s) or guardian(s). The desired long-term outcome is an increase in successful family reunifications and a reduction in homelessness for post-shelter youth. This is accomplished by providing a full year of follow up services that include phone calls, in-home visits, counseling, case management, and referrals to other service providers and community programs.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5104

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Salvation Army, a California Corporation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $110,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 33

Principal Contact Person: Jerry Hill

Address of Grantee: 900 W. James M. Wood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015

Telephone of Grantee: 215-553-3253

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The Salvation Army operates The Way In, a shelter and drop-in center in Hollywood serving runaway and homeless boys ages 12-21 from Los Angeles County. The Way In addresses four goals for youth served: 1) alleviating immediate problems; 2) reunifying youth with families and encouraging intra-family problem resolution; 3) strengthening family relationships and encouraging stable living conditions for youth; and 4) helping youth decide on constructive courses of action. The program achieves these goals through comprehensive services at the drop-in center and through emergency shelter. The drop-in center provides youth on the streets with counseling and crisis intervention, food, and a safe haven. The four-bed emergency shelter has an average stay of 14 days. Youth follow a structured program designed to achieve the four goals stated above, as well as individualized personal goals. A comprehensive needs assessment and case plan is completed for each youth, and staff monitor the youth daily to support and encourage progress toward objectives in the case plan. The services provided on-site or through community linkages include group and individual counseling, substance abuse counseling, health services, education, life skills classes, and family counseling/reunification services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5097

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Open-Inn, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $155,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Nancy Panico

Address of Grantee: 630 E. 9th St., Tucson, AZ 85705

Telephone of Grantee: 520-670-9040

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Open-Inn, Inc. began serving runaway and homeless youth in Pima County in 1974, and has been a continuous Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth grantee since 1978. Today, the agency operates programs serving seven of Arizona's 15 counties, providing outreach, intake and assessment, crisis intervention, temporary shelter, individual and family counseling, group counseling, substance abuse prevention, HIV/AIDS awareness, advocacy, 24-hour hotline, aftercare, school tutoring, and life skills training for Arizona's troubled youth and families. Open-Inn program goals include actively seeking out non-system youth and providing comprehensive services to address their immediate and ongoing needs; strengthening and expanding crisis intervention services for runaway and homeless youth in urban Pima and rural Yavapai counties; assuring that Open-Inn's services for runaway and homeless youth are provided in conformance with the 14 Program Performance Standards; reuniting youth with their families, strengthening family relationships, and encouraging stable living conditions for youth; and strengthening crisis intervention and alternative services so that additional runaway and homeless youth may be effectively served when temporary shelter beds are at capacity. On an annual basis, Open Inn's 5th Street Shelter in Tucson will serve 100 non-system runaway and homeless youth in a residential setting, an additional 750 youth through non-residential services provided at the Center for Juvenile Alternatives (CJA), and Turning Point will serve an additional 100 youth in a non-residential setting.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0139

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Shaw House

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $69,631

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Douglass Bonchard

Address of Grantee: 136 Union St., Bangor, ME 04401

Telephone of Grantee: 207-941-2874

Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 617-565-1119

Shaw House is a comprehensive Basic Center Program offering essential, age-appropriate shelter, services, and support to runaway, homeless, and street youth in northern and eastern Maine. Since its inception in 1991, Shaw House has worked to provide vital services and support to runaway, homeless and street youth in northern and eastern Maine. The program has demonstrated consistently high standards in service planning and delivery. Underpinning all of Shaw House's work is a strong belief in young people, their abilities, and their potential. A positive youth development approach is utilized across all of Shaw House programs and is key to creating conditions in which young people can thrive, build on their capacity and strengths, and develop the skills required to reach their potential. The agency offers a shelter, a street outreach project, Shaw Care Health Clinic, and a drop-in day program. Necessities for survival are provided through the programs, including a safe environment, clean bed, food, clothing, and showers. For those young people who are unable or unwilling to utilize the center facilities, the outreach program provides a critical safety net, offering some protection from the risks and trauma of life on the streets.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5107

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Westcare Nevada, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $171,878

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Candice Kidd

Address of Grantee: 401 South Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106

Telephone of Grantee: 702-385-3330

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Westcare Nevada Inc. is a private, non-profit social service agency that operates the only Emergency Shelter for runaway and homeless youth in Southern Nevada. The 20-bed, co-ed facility for youth between the ages of 10 to 17 provides a community-based comprehensive system of crisis intervention, street outreach, substance abuse detoxification, and family support. Any youth who show signs or symptoms of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol is assessed and immediately admitted to the detoxification unit, where they receive services from a licensed nurse. A full continuum of substance abuse treatment services is available through WestCare. Youth also receive emergency early intervention, problem identification, and short-term care and supervision on a 24-hour basis from caring professionals. Each youth is provided with a comprehensive assessment, counseling, and other adjunct services focused on reuniting the youth with their families whenever possible. If reunification is not feasible, youth 16 and older develop a plan to transition to an appropriate independent living arrangement with the necessary support services to sustain self-sufficiency. The overarching goals of the Emergency Shelter are to help youth move from a crisis situation to stability, realize there are alternatives to the choices they make, and to provide families with the resources and referrals necessary to reunify.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0144

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Spectrum Youth and Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $99,992

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Mark Redmond

Address of Grantee: 31 Elmwood Ave., Burlington, VT 05401

Telephone of Grantee: 802-864-7423

Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 617-565-1119

Spectrum has been providing services to homeless, runaway, street, and at-risk youth in Vermont for the last 33 years. In the last 5 years, Spectrum has been expanding from its main offices in Burlington, Vermont, to Rutland County (70 miles south of Burlington), thereby reaching over 40 percent of the State's population. Spectrum is the most comprehensive youth-serving agency in the State and has a long and successful track record. Spectrum replicated the successful homeless and runaway programs from Burlington to Rutland and is now recreating in Rutland the successful One Stop model of delivering services to this population under one roof. In the past 3 years, Spectrum has opened a six-bed emergency shelter, with drop-in and support services for youth and families. The program provides outreach to runaway and homeless youth; temporary shelter for up to 15 days; food; clothing; access to individual, group, and family counseling; aftercare; and referrals, as appropriate.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0815

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Our House, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006+

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Carol Christopher

Address of Grantee: PO Box 7496, Monroe, LA 71211

Telephone of Grantee: 318-345-5556

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Our House, Inc. provides immediate help to non-adjudicated, runaway, and homeless youth, 12-17 years of age, and is the only agency in northeastern Louisiana where teens are able to self-refer for services. It is located in one of the most impoverished areas of the country. Mostly rural, the region is characterized by high unemployment, inadequate education, substance abuse, and domestic violence. Community volunteers began an outreach program 13 years ago, and Our House started as a Basic Center in 1994, opening a six-bed shelter in 1995. The program has continued to expand the shelter and services to meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth, with a current capacity of 11 beds. Based in metropolitan Monroe, the agency outreach has focused on developing Safe Place efforts in the remaining 11 parishes of northeastern Louisiana. The Our House Web-site (www.teen-help.com) has proven to be a successful means of reaching local youth, as well as youth from all over the country. The agency has made a focused effort to integrate the positive youth development philosophy into all aspects of agency interaction. Clients report greater feelings of self-control and involvement in the decisions that affect them.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0720

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $165,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Irene Gooding

Address of Grantee: 200 E. Main St., Lexington, KY 40507

Telephone of Grantee: 859-258-3100

Federal Project Officer: Linda Calhoun

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2887

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government contracts with Metro Group Homes, Incorporated (a private, non-profit corporation) for the provision of emergency shelter, counseling services, and outreach programs for runaway and homeless youth, ages 11-17 years old. Metro Group Homes, Inc. was established in 1976 to provide structured family environments for adolescents who must be removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. In 1979, Metro Group Homes, Inc. established Metro Alternative Shelter House (M.A.S.H.) DROP INN as an emergency shelter designed to address the problem of homeless and runaway youth. M.A.S.H. DROP INN works to reunite youth with their families, encourage the resolution of intra-family problems, strengthen family relationships, and encourage stable conditions for youth. The program provides shelter, food, clothing, and support services for up to eight runaway/homeless or street youth for up to 15 days. Support services include individual, group, and/or family counseling; case management/service coordination; parenting classes; and other referrals, as needed. If return to the family is not feasible, a referral to an alternative home is located through the Metro Group Homes, Inc. Independent Living program or other services in the community. The goal is to develop and assist youth in successful transitions by teaching skills for independent living and employment.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0740

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Hamilton County Government

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Judith Byrd

Address of Grantee: 317 Oak St., Room 215, Chattanooga, TN 37403

Telephone of Grantee: 423-209-6100

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

The Hamilton County Government contracts with the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults to operate a comprehensive shelter program with supportive services for homeless and runaway youth. The program provides services to 150 youth per year in shelter, ancillary services to 50 youth, support services to 80 families, and aftercare services to 50 to 75 youth and families. Direct services consist of safe overnight shelter for youth ages 13 to 18, including food, medical care, emergency clothing, transportation, and other essential services. Additional services include individual, group, and family counseling; family reunification services; education and academic tutoring; recreational programs, including adventure-based experiences; and life skills training. A primary goal of the program is to successfully reunite youth with families, when possible. Counseling is provided while the youth is in the shelter and as long as is indicated. Youth and their families are involved at all levels of program planning and evaluation. The program has been highly successful. During the past program year, 87 percent of youth that entered the shelter directly from their families were reunited with their families. In addition, a large percentage of those not reunited with families were referred to appropriate placement in the community.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5102

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Noah's Anchorage

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $130,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 23

Principal Contact Person: Michael Foley

Address of Grantee: 327 S. Salinas St., Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Telephone of Grantee: 805-882-2317

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The mission of Noah's Anchorage YMCA is to provide a safe, supportive environment for runaway, homeless, and troubled teenagers in Santa Barbara County, California. In addition to supplying basic survival aid, they aim, through individual and group counseling, mentoring, and referrals to other community agencies, to encourage youth who face physical and sexual abuse to leave the street. They provide the necessary support system to move youth to an appropriate living arrangement, whether in the program's shelter, with their families, or elsewhere. Through crisis intervention and resolution, the program attempts to prevent at-risk children from running away or becoming homeless. The shelter, located in Santa Barbara, is the only local agency that provides 24 hour a day, 7 day a week, 365 day a year access to emergency aid, crisis resolution, counseling, and referrals for runaway, homeless, and troubled teenage children. In the course of a year, about 1000 youth call the Youth Crisis Shelter Hotline, walk into the shelter, or accept a ride to the shelter from the police. Of these, 288 will participate in daily counseling, educational support, and therapeutic activity programs during an average stay of 7 days. Eighty-five percent will be reunited with their families or placed in a suitable alternative living arrangement.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5098

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Hawaii Youth Services Network

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $174,214

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Judith Clark

Address of Grantee: 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 911, Honolulu, HI 96813

Telephone of Grantee: 808-531-2198

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN) conducts a statewide Basic Center Program to provide runaway and homeless youth (RHY) with safe shelter and services that reunites youth with their families and encourages resolution of family problems. HYSN and its member agencies educate public officials, service providers, and others about the needs and issues facing runaway and homeless youth, with the goal of increasing non-Federal financial and service resources for RHY, youth at risk, and their families. Culturally competent staff will provide safe living accommodations to 100 youth; provide outreach, crisis intervention, and referrals to 100 youth not placed in shelters; and family counseling to approximately 50 families. HYSN and collaborating organizations are recipients of Basic Center, Street Outreach, and Transitional Living Program funds and have developed an integrated approach that complements strengths. HYSN service usage by members of special populations includes ethnic and cultural minorities, persons with limited English proficiency, gay/lesbian/bisexual/ transgendered/questioning individuals, and persons with disabilities by using organizations with which they are already familiar as intake and service sites.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0739

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Mississippi Children's Home Society

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $97,299

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Christopher Cherney

Address of Grantee: PO Box 1078, Jackson, MS 39215

Telephone of Grantee: 601-352-7784

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

Warren County Children's Shelter (WCCS), a 24-hour basic center program that serves runaway and homeless youth, ages 10 to 17, is located west central Mississippi and serves seven counties. The project offers a continuum of innovative and integrated social services to youth and their families. They plan to work with up to 120 runaway and homeless youth in the 2003-2005 to address and alleviate many of the problems experienced by these youth and their families. Through a positive youth development model, this project addresses the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth through outreach, onsite emergency shelter care, food, clothing, short-term crisis counseling, aftercare, and related social services. The program is now expanding its strategy for identification of and outreach to runaway and homeless youth.

The Mississippi Children's Home Society (WCCS's parent organization) has been providing runaway and homeless youth services since 1984. The program is licensed by the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, and is an accredited member of the Child Welfare League of America.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0439

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Centre County Youth Service Bureau

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Norma Keller

Address of Grantee: 410 S. Fraser St., State College, PA 16801

Telephone of Grantee: 814-237-5731

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-596-0355

STORMBREAK Runaway and Homeless Youth Program is a community-based, seven-bed center that has served runaway and homeless youth in Centre County, Pennsylvania for the last 20 years. Operated by the Centre County Youth Service Bureau (YSB), the goal of the program is to address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families through outreach; temporary shelter; food; clothing; individual, group, and family counseling; aftercare; and referrals. Across program components, including hotline services, crisis intervention, and drop-in counseling; they serve approximately 450 runaway and homeless youth and their families. Another 1,500 youth are served through outreach programs. STORMBREAK serves as the hub of an integrated continuum of services that is well-suited to meet the needs of youth and families in the community. The YSB's three Community Outreach Centers and Street Outreach Program provide an effective means of reaching rural youth who might not otherwise be able to access STORMBREAK's services. For youth whose return home is not safe or advisable, the Stepping Stone transitional living program provides an alternative living arrangement. Program services are provided as an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, foster care, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. STORMBREAK operates 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5096

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Community Service Programs Inc. CSP

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $135,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 48

Principal Contact Person: Carol Carlson

Address of Grantee: 980 Catalina St., Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Telephone of Grantee: 949-494-4311

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The CSP Youth Shelter is located in Laguna Beach and it is the only six-bed, short-term, crisis intervention program in South Orange County, California serving homeless and runaway youth ages 11-17. The shelter is easily accessible and provides services to approximately 100-115 youth per year and 300-400 family members from Orange County and beyond. The shelter is built on the positive youth development model, which helps youth identify their strengths, define their personal and family goals, and develop action plans to reduce homelessness. Services include outreach; temporary shelter for up to 15 days; 24-hour supervision; individual, group, and family counseling; parenting classes; nutritious meals; academic assistance; recreation and social activities; life skills training; and clothing and hygiene products. Aftercare services include mentoring, counseling, parenting support groups, Grad Group, 12-Step program meetings, and referrals for ongoing services. After receiving services, over 80 percent of the youth reunify with their family members or find stable alternative living arrangements. In follow ups with youth and their family members, 70 percent of those contacted will report a reduction in at-risk behaviors, including running away, police contact, truancy, substance abuse, and severe family conflict.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0737

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Family Resources Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 13

Principal Contact Person: Anne Melton

Address of Grantee: PO Box 13087, St. Petersburg, FL 33733

Telephone of Grantee: 727-550-4001

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

Family Resources operates a Basic Center that serves Manatee County in West Central Florida. Family Resources is a non-profit organization that addresses the needs of runaway, homeless, and other in-crisis youth and their families. Outreach services, temporary shelter, food, clothing, counseling, aftercare, and related services are provided. This program was established in 2000 and is the only shelter within the county providing this vital safety net for so many youth. The program goals are the same as the goals of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act of 1974. There are several approaches that drive program services. One is to promote positive youth development through an asset-based model. Youth development is founded on the knowledge that all youth need support, guidance, and opportunities to grow and develop. Family Resources also incorporates a family-oriented approach. Other objectives include working with the family to find positive solutions, teaching parenting strategies, and building on the strengths of the family. The program serves 300 youth through the shelter and 150 youth through family counseling.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6307

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Wisconsin Association of Runaway Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $118,310

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Patricia Balke

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Telephone of Grantee: 608-241-2649

Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

The Wisconsin Association of Runaway Services (WARS) represents a coalition of 23 runaway and homeless youth providers throughout the State. The programs provide preventive and crisis counseling, temporary shelter, 24-hour hotlines, outreach, and referral services. Family counseling/mediation is also provided to assist families in reconciling problems. WARS, through its seven member agencies in 21 counties provides 681 youth and their families with preventive and crisis individual, family, and group counseling; temporary shelter; 24 hour crisis hotlines serving 4,036 youth; and aftercare services. They reunite over 90 percent of youth with their families or have them placed in a mutually agreed upon alternative living arrangement. They provide outreach services and implement positive community relations. The Wisconsin Association for Runaway Services also provides opportunities for mutual support and information-sharing between runaway programs through ongoing communication; provides onsite or 24 hour phone technical assistance to State runaway programs; and fills the role of liaison between WARS members and the State/Regional/National DHHS and State/ Regional/National Networks. The program provides educational workshops and staff trainings and carries out administrative, fiscal, and all other reporting responsibilities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6310

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Connecting Point

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $126,734

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: Jeff Deckebach

Address of Grantee: 1212 Cherry St., Toledo, OH 43608

Telephone of Grantee: 419-243-6326

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

Connecting Point has 20-plus year commitment to providing services for runaway and homeless youth through a basic center program. They provide youth with a safe place to go and aid the family in resolving conflict in a manner that strengthens relationships and promotes not only family reunification, but a more stable family environment in the future. The service continuum includes a 24-hour crisis hotline, residential stabilization, intensive home-based aftercare, and community support aftercare. All Connecting Point clients are linked to support services that are consistent with their individualized treatment plan prior to service termination. The program is a regional and State leader in the delivery of services for at-risk youth, providing immediate response to crisis calls from runaway/homeless youth, emergency crisis intervention and assessment services to youth and their families, and emergency shelter care. The basic center and expanded Host Home network allows them to provide placement and services for up to six runaway and homeless youth at any given time. Connecting Point is also designed to meet youths' mental health or substance abuse needs and to assist them in achieving positive changes in self-esteem, attitudes, and at-risk behaviors.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6302

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Common Ground Sanctuary

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $85,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Jim Perlaki

Address of Grantee: 1410 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Telephone of Grantee: 248-456-8158

Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

Common Ground Sanctuary (CGS) provides individualized basic center services to 290 runaway and homeless male and female youth, ages 10 to 17, annually, through a comprehensive continuum of shelter-based, outpatient, and/or in-home counseling. CGS, a grassroots, 501(c)(3) community-based organization, has been operating a shelter since 1974. CGS is the sole co-ed, voluntary shelter serving non-adjudicated youth in Oakland County, Ml. The runaway shelter is a 3,000 square foot home in Royal Oak that houses up to nine young people at a time. Outpatient services are offered from this location. In-home counseling services operate from the Bloomfield Hills offices and are provided throughout the county in clients' homes. Services include temporary shelter; emotional, mental health, and spiritual development; peer mentoring; substance abuse prevention; and medical care. The newest level of care, psychiatric evaluations, is an identified community service gap. The expected outcomes include: 85 percent will be in a safe housing situation and report that the services met their goals; 80 percent will report an improved relationship with their parent(s), a reduction in substance use, an avoided teenage pregnancy, out-of-home placement, court or legal intervention, or running away from home; and 70 percent will continue using the parenting methods learned.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0823

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Promise House, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $180,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 24

Principal Contact Person: Harriet Boorhem

Address of Grantee: 224 W. Page Ave., Dallas, TX 75208

Telephone of Grantee: 214-941-8578

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Promise House operates a runaway and homeless youth shelter in a locally controlled community-based facility, providing temporary emergency care and counseling services to juveniles ages 10-17. Founded by Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in 1984, and now a separate 501(c)(3), Promise House has been a Basic Center grantee since 1984, a Transitional Living grantee since 1990, and a Street Outreach grantee since 1997. The goals of the Basic Center: provide services to stabilize youth and families in crisis; maintain the family's integrity whenever possible; strengthen family relationships; and encourage stable living conditions for youth. The annual outcomes proposed for the project are to screen 1,700 crisis intervention calls; refer 1,000 youth and families; shelter 400 youth; provide case management, medical, and dental services; and individual and group counseling. The program will provide life skills training; therapeutic recreation; family counseling; and give youth the opportunity to participate in community service. They will offer 300 non-sheltered youth and families with family therapy; reunite 85 percent of sheltered youth with their family or an appropriate family member; and place youth who cannot be reunited with family in an appropriate long-term residential program.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0162

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Hudson River Housing, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 19

Principal Contact Person: Patrice Kellett

Address of Grantee: 313 Mill St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Telephone of Grantee: 845-454-5176

Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

River Haven has operated a Basic Center Program, by way of Hudson River Housing, designed to address the immediate needs of homeless and runaway youth and their families since 1984. It is a community-based, 24-hour crisis center and 12-bed emergency shelter with services that include: Outreach; 24-hour crisis intervention counseling; emergency housing; individual, group, and family counseling; recreation; aftercare; advocacy; and community education. River Haven's services operate within a youth development framework and address the following goals and objectives: To alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; to reunite youth with their families and encourage resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; to strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and to help youth decide on constructive courses of action. Expected results and benefits are: Crisis needs of 800 runaway/homeless and their families will be addressed; safe emergency housing will be provided until runaway and homeless youth can be reunited with their families or placed in another appropriate living situation; at-risk youth will be prevented from unnecessary out-of-home placement; at-risk youth and families will obtain needed services from the community; and at least 350 River Haven clients will successfully obtain outside services that address their basic needs and/or improve functioning.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6298

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/1/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Jerome Flagg

Address of Grantee: 233 W. Joe Orr Rd., Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Telephone of Grantee: 708-754-1044

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

Since 1972, Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center has provided a full continuum of services for runaway and homeless youth, from meeting such basic needs as food and shelter, to more complex needs, such as family reunification and individual and family counseling. Aunt Martha's Basic Center Program offers services to youth and families at three Basic Center locations and provides temporary shelter through a network of foster homes and shelters. Center staff work in conjunction with Aunt Martha's Street Outreach Program to actively seek out runaway and homeless youth. The intake/crisis intervention system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year, and more than 200 youth and families are served each year. The following program goals and objectives respond to the needs of the families in Chicago and nearby counties with runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth: To alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth; to reunify the runaway or homeless youth with his or her family and encourage intra-family problem resolution; to strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and to help youth move toward positive, responsible courses of action.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0140

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: New Beginnings, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $64,740

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Robert Rowe

Address of Grantee: 436 Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240

Telephone of Grantee: 207-795-4077

Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 617-565-1119

New Beginnings' Runaway Youth Project serves runaway and homeless youth ages 12 through 17 who are in crisis and in need of temporary shelter. The project provides 24-hour shelter, transportation, and counseling to youth and their families in Southwestern Maine. The shelter is located in a three-story house less than 1/2 mile from the city's center. Twelve youths (male and female) aged 12 to 17 can be housed at the shelter for short-term stays. Services include: individual and group counseling; family mediation; case planning for the future; a daily educational program; referrals to other services; recreational activities; HIV prevention; education; and outreach and aftercare services. The shelter serves approximately 250 youth and their families each year. All services are voluntary. The goals of the shelter, which has been operating since 1980, include the provision of safe and supportive emergency shelter services; help with family problems and the promotion of family reunification and stabilization; and assistance to youth as they develop constructive courses of action that will lead to stability. New Beginnings promotes a youth development approach in its programs, emphasizing the growth of positive relationships between youth and adults in the community. Over 6,000 youth have been served through this project.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6304

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Genesee County Youth Corporation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $80,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Robert Edgar

Address of Grantee: 914 Church St., Flint, MI 48502

Telephone of Grantee: 810-233-8700

Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

The Genesee County Youth Corporation operates a runaway and homeless youth services program known as REACH. The project serves youth in the Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee counties of Michigan. The objectives and resulting benefits include: Providing crisis intervention on a 24-hour basis, resulting in 1,700 contacts and 600 hours of intervention assistance; providing information and referral assistance resulting in 700 contacts and 250 hours of assistance; providing emergency shelter for 265 youth in a licensed supervised facility; and providing individual, group, and family counseling for 410 youth and families. The program is increasing out-of-county coverage, increasing the number of families to be served, improving transportation for the facility, and promoting positive youth development activities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0727

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Greenbriar Children's Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $111,594

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Yvette Johnson-Hagins

Address of Grantee: 3709 Hopkins St., Savannah, GA 31405

Telephone of Grantee: 912-234-3431

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization established in Savannah/Chatham County in1949 is operating a Basic Center Program to serve 70 runaway and homeless youth in Savannah, Ga. and surrounding areas. Services offered by this program include emergency shelter for up to 15 days, health examination, individual and family counseling, food, transportation, clothing, education assistance, recreation activities, and intensive home-based services, as needed.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0435

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $50,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Deborah Shore

Address of Grantee: 741 8th St. SE, Washington, DC 20003

Telephone of Grantee: 202-675-9340

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-596-4027

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) operates a Basic Center Program for runaway, homeless, and street youth called Sasha Bruce House, the only 24-hour, open access youth shelter in Washington, D.C. Program goals are to alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and help youth decide on constructive courses of action. SBY employs a youth development approach that is competency-based and promotes healthy life choices. They provide outreach services to runaway and homeless youth, temporary shelter for up to 15 days; food; clothing; individual, group, and family counseling; aftercare and referrals; and related services. SBY is the principal provider of services to runaway, homeless, and street youth in the Washington, D.C. area and has unparalleled access to this population. In addition to the Basic Center program, SBY has a Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth and a Street Outreach Program to provide education and prevention services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are risk of sexual exploitation or abuse.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0441

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Alternative House

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $175,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 10

Principal Contact Person: Judith Dittman

Address of Grantee: PO Box 694, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Telephone of Grantee: 703-506-9191

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-596-4027

The purpose of the Alternative House Basic Center Program is to address the needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families by providing outreach, emergency shelter, counseling, aftercare, and other direct supportive services. The Emergency Shelter for Teenagers addresses the needs of youth who are living on the street or in other unsafe environments. Alternative House is a community-based, private, non-profit organization that has, since 1972, provided comprehensive services to support young people and their families. The organization believes that people have unique resources and strengths and are capable of changing behaviors and contributing to the community. This guiding philosophy is supported by a commitment to the principles of youth participation, cultural competence, and sensitivity to individual differences. Staff seek to provide an array of services that meet immediate needs, as well as promoting the healthy development of youth and families. Services include individual, group, and family counseling; youth leadership opportunities; community resource development; and referral. In addition to direct services, Alternative House engages in community education, community development, and advocacy on behalf of youth and families. They seek to improve accessibility of services and to build community awareness on the issues and needs of runaway, homeless, and street youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0729

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Haven House, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $149,578

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Michael Rieder

Address of Grantee: 706 Hillsbourgh St., Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27603

Telephone of Grantee: 914-833-3312

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Haven House Services in Raleigh, NC, operates a Basic Center Program known as Wrenn House. This comprehensive crisis intervention program for runaway, homeless, and other youth in crisis provides safe shelter, protects the rights of juveniles, and reduces juvenile crime by eliminating the need for illegal means of support for homeless and runaway youth. Wrenn House services are accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; temporary shelter is provided for up to six youth at one time, ages 10 -17, for up to 15 days. The mission of Wrenn House is to provide responsive, effective, and comprehensive crisis intervention, assessment, and family reunification services for runaway and homeless youth and their families. The program provides temporary shelter for 200 runaway, homeless, and other youth in crisis annually; increases family strengths by providing 600 family conferences annually, and provides non-residential services through telephone crisis counseling and walk-in counseling for 500 youth and their families annually. Residential and nonresidential services include outreach; individual, group, and family counseling; walk-in counseling; telephone crisis counseling; information and referral; and aftercare. Wrenn House services are built on a youth development philosophy and youth play an active role in setting their goals, impacting program development, and providing services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6303

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Gateway Community Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $95,117

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Stephanie Zin

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Telephone of Grantee: 517-351-4000

Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

Gateway Community Services (GCS) has a 29-year history of providing services to runaway youth, ages 10-17, residing in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties in Michigan. On an annual basis, they provide services to 275 youth and their families. At least 60 of these youth receive temporary shelter services. All services are strengths-based and target the self-sufficiency of the family system. Program services also target the clarification of rights, responsibilities, and choices. Staff identify problem solving strategies that help youth resolve current difficulties and empower youth and families, while removing obstacles that prevent them from functioning as a healthy and unified family. When reunification of a family is not possible, the program focuses on protecting the youth by providing emergency shelter and coordinating with appropriate social services agencies. Staff members work collaboratively with all Ingham County Intermediate School District personnel to perform outreach services to runaway and homeless shelters and parents of homeless children. GCS also provides a holistic evaluation of the counseling needs of those homeless and runaway youth receiving agency services. Finally, they operate a mentoring program for youth receiving services through the agency.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5093

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Family Services Agency

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Chris Moats

Address of Grantee: 1725 Oregon St., Redding, CA 96001

Telephone of Grantee: 550-243-2024

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The Family Service Agency of Shasta County provides a comprehensive shelter program to meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families in northern California. They provide 24-hour availability of trained therapists to provide intensive crisis intervention, assessment of needs, case management, counseling, and support to runaway and homeless youth. They also provide temporary shelter care, food, clothing, and health services. Whenever possible, the program reunites youth with the family. The HART Center Program is staffed by master's level therapists, student interns, and volunteer and paid youth assistants who are trained in the positive youth development approach. A team approach is utilized, with at minimum, weekly 2-hour meetings of all relevant center staff. They provide crisis intervention services to 500 youth and 390 family members and at least 1800 nights of shelter care to runaway and homeless youth. The program prevents the serious harm, injury, and neglect of basic needs that befalls hundreds of youth. In addition, they increase family functioning and harmony in youth and families who participate in center services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0822

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Payne County Youth Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $65,060

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: John Bracken

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Telephone of Grantee: 405-377-3380

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Payne County Youth Services, Inc (PCYS) in Stillwater, Oklahoma operates a Basic Center Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program offering shelter and outreach services to runaway and homeless youth and families and those at risk of runaway behavior. The service area of the project is Payne and Pawnee Counties in North Central Oklahoma. This area has a significant number of runaway youth, with other factors that increase the risk of runaway and homeless behavior. The goals of the project are to alleviate problems of RHY youth; to reunite youth with their families and encourage resolution of intra-family problems; to strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions; and to help youth to decide on constructive courses of action. These goals are met through a youth development approach providing the following services on an annual basis: temporary shelter services to 250 youth; temporary shelter services to 50 non-system runaway youth; family counseling to 30 shelter and 50 outpatient youth and families; outreach counseling in area schools to 50 youth; group counseling to 75 shelter youth; and individual counseling to 50 shelter and 50 outpatient youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0159

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Ocean's Harbor House

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Linda Gyimoty

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Telephone of Grantee: 732-929-9096

Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

Ocean's Harbor House is a short-term crisis intervention center designed to help youth who are in need of a safe shelter, case management, and counseling services. The primary target population is youth ages 10 to 17, who have run away, are homeless, or are abused. Harbor House provides a wide range of services, including temporary shelter, food, clothing, medical services, individual and family counseling, support groups, violence and addiction prevention services, peer leadership activities, case management, recreation, a hotline, crisis drop-in services, and community education activities. These services are provided through the agency's 12-bed emergency youth shelter in Ocean County, New Jersey. The core goals include: Alleviate the problems of runaway, homeless, and abused youth; reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-familial problems through counseling and other services; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and help youth decide on constructive courses of action. It is anticipated that Harbor House will provide services to nearly 2,000 youth and families this year, either directly through shelter and counseling services, or indirectly, through prevention and outreach.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0725

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Advocates for Bartow's Children

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $110,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 31

Principal Contact Person: Teresa Ramsey

Address of Grantee: PO Box 446, 49 Monroe Crossing, Cartersville, GA 30120

Telephone of Grantee: 770-382-6180

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Flowering Branch Children's Emergency Shelter is the premier program of Advocates for Bartow's Children, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a Board of Trustees. Its primary purpose is the provision of temporary shelter and related services to area and transient runaway and homeless youth in a five-county service area northwest of Atlanta, Georgia. Shelter services are provided to approximately 234 youth annually in a 13-bed facility. The Shelter provides a system of coordinated services with the following five outcomes as the goals: To provide basic shelter and support services to runaway and homeless youth; to provide integrated planning, via the Advocates Network, to implement a system of linked services to alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth; to reunite runaway youth with their families and resolve intra-family problems through counseling and other services; to encourage and strengthen family relationships to produce stable living conditions for youth; and to provide youth with the assistance needed to decide on constructive courses of action.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0436

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Fellowship of Lights, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Ross Pologe

Address of Grantee: 1101 Saint Paul St., Suite 11, Baltimore, MD 21202

Telephone of Grantee: 410-332-4277

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-596-4027

Fellowship of Lights, Inc. operates a 24-hour a day, accessible shelter and supportive services center that assists at least 100 self-referred, runaway and/or homeless youth in Baltimore, Maryland. This program has operated continuously for over 33 years and provides safe, accessible shelter; supervision of youth; case planning and implementation; counseling, to facilitate reunification of youth with family; outreach to youth-serving systems, young people and families; as well as the other required program standards outlined in the Federal Register. Linkages are maintained with national contractors to evaluate and review the program. The runaway and homeless youth program also works in collaboration with other organizations to provide non-residential and aftercare services for youth and families. In the case of the runaway and homeless youth program, young people are asked about their interests, strengths, and needs so that they can then be incorporated into program activities. Young people are involved in focused discussion sessions to gather feedback on program structure and design. The shelter program also operates with referrals and funding from local child welfare services. Shelter services are provided by the use of four beds, two at each of the Fellowship's emergency shelters: Harris House and Peggy's Place.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0438

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Lehigh Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,00

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 15

Principal Contact Person: Bettina Triscari

Address of Grantee: 829 Linden St., Allentown, PA 18101

Telephone of Grantee: 610-820-0166

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-596-4027

The year 2003 marks the 30th anniversary of the Lehigh Valley Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Basic Center Program, which has assisted over 12,000 Lehigh Valley runaway and homeless youth since 1973. The shelter is located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Direct service staff provide shelter, food, counseling, and aftercare services, both directly and by referral, to 300 youth annually. Shelter services are accessible 24 hours per day. All youth and their parents/guardians are involved in determining a living arrangement and 65 percent of the youth are reunited with their families. The shelter implements positive youth development, involving youth in many aspects of service provision. Nightly group programming is provided, including drug and alcohol prevention education, AIDS prevention, life skills, and recreation. While residing at the shelter, the youth's education is maintained by attendance at local schools whenever feasible, or participation in the educational day program provided at the shelter by an Education Specialist. Upon successful program completion, youth are instilled with the developmental assets vital to healthy development.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0733

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: Ken Conelly

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Telephone of Grantee: 727-835-4184

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc. (YFA), a community-based, not-for-profit agency that operates the Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter (RAP) in Pasco County, Florida. RAP has been serving youth and families since 1982. The goals of the program are met through several components. Life Skills Education provides psychoeducational groups each weekday to residents of the shelter, focusing on relationship skills, self-assessment, decision-making, goal setting, educational goals, self-esteem, substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy, and other relevant issues. Comprehensive Family Counseling and Intervention Services facilitate family stability, decrease the likelihood that youth and families will experience subsequent crisis episodes, and decrease runaway behavior of youth. Through on-site family counseling, home visits, and parenting classes, family functioning is strengthened and the probability for long-term success is increased. The Youth Care Specialist Certification Program to be implemented is based on the University of Oklahoma's Certification Program. It covers five modular topic areas: Building Relationships, Teaching Discipline, Creating a Positive Environment, Child Development, and Becoming a Supervisor. To achieve certification, each candidate must complete all coursework within 18 months of initiation and pass a written exam administered by the in-house certified trainer and scored by the University of Oklahoma.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07CY0522

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Wichita Children's Home

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $70,844

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/1/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Sarah Robinson

Address of Grantee: 810 N. Holyoke, Wichita, KS 67208

Telephone of Grantee: 316-684-6581

Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 816-426-5401

CrossRoads for Runaways is an integrated crisis intervention program in Wichita, Kansas serving runaway and homeless youth in the area. Through this voluntary program, youth may receive up to 14 days of comprehensive shelter care while they and their families receive case management, counseling, and other services designed to safely reunify the family or develop safe, acceptable alternatives. Services are provided through a community collaborative involving the Wichita Children's Home, the Kansas Children's Service League, First Step Counseling, Unified School District 259, the United Way of the Plains, and the Wichita Police Department's Exploited and Missing Children's Unit. CrossRoads for Runaways seamlessly integrates with local street outreach and transitional living programs, combining comprehensive mobile and street outreach services with intensive crisis intervention and potentially long-term independent living services. Other services include victims of crime assistance; medical and drug/alcohol assessment, education, and referral; educational transportation and assistance; and home-, office-, or street-based counseling, follow up, and ongoing support. This highly acclaimed program also focuses on positive youth development, providing opportunities for youth to become involved in solving their own problems and working in the community to improve the lives of others.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0819

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Centers for Youth and Families, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $135,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Jean Watkins

Address of Grantee: 5905 Forest Pl., Suite 200, Little Rock, AR 72207

Telephone of Grantee: 501-666-8686

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Centers for Youth and Families' Youth Emergency Shelter is the only temporary shelter for youth in central Arkansas. They work in cooperation with the National Runaway Switchboard and have served more than 5,300 runaway and homeless youth. The shelter is a 20-bed facility in Little Rock, Arkansas, with services available on a 24-hour basis. The primary goal is to alleviate the problems of youth, who are away from home without protection and supervision, and to reunite and strengthen families. In addition to the basics of food, a clean bed, hygiene needs, and medical care, residents benefit from extensive positive youth development programming that fosters their self-esteem and empowers them to take charge of their current situation and the future. The Shelter has a philosophy of respect and caring for all youth, not merely treating them with equality, but with the sensitivity and caring that each unique individual deserves, regardless of cultural or ethnic background, sexual orientation, or current situation. The program anticipates that 250 to 300 youth will be admitted during the coming year.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0161

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Center for Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Eileen Henderson

Address of Grantee: 584 Benson St., Camden, NJ 08103

Telephone of Grantee: 856-881-7045

Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

The Center for Family Services, Inc. (CFS) mission is to support and empower individuals, families, and communities. The vision of CFS is for all people to lead capable, responsible, fulfilled lives in strong families and healthy communities. CFS has over 25 years of experience working with homeless youth through the Together Youth Shelter Program. Located in Glassboro, New Jersey, the 14-bed shelter has assisted over 25,000 youth and families to date. Under the guidelines of the Federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the shelter is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for walk-in emergency shelter services. The shelter is a safe haven for abused, neglected, and abandoned youth ages 9-17. The Together Youth Shelter prides itself in giving youth a "sense of hope" through a caring, multi-cultural and bilingual staff, professional shelter, and supportive environment. Walk-in emergency shelter services are available to non-system youth at risk of further physical and sexual abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment in the Southern New Jersey Region.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0814

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Comprehensive Juvenile Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $94,275

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Jerry Roberston

Address of Grantee: 1606 S. "J" St., Fort Smith, AR 72904

Telephone of Grantee: 479-785-4031

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Comprehensive Juvenile Services, Inc., is a private, non-profit community-based program dedicated to serving the needs of youth and their families in western Arkansas. Services provided by the agency include: casework, targeted case management, emergency shelter, parenting, aftercare, electronic monitoring and community services. The program will strengthen the services and programs for the runaway and homeless youth and their families. The primary goal of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Project is to provide emergency shelter care and supportive services to 50-75 runaway and homeless youth, age 8 to 18, and youth who are at risk of separation from their families, on an annual basis. Age appropriate referrals will be made for youth age 18 to 21. The approach to accomplish objectives and achieve results include: outreach, individual intake, temporary shelter, individual and group counseling, family counseling, service linkage, recreational services, case disposition, and aftercare services to the runaway/homeless youth population. This Project is designed for the runaway/homeless youth who are outside the Juvenile Justice, child welfare, mental health or law enforcement system.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08CY0190

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Mountains Plains Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $56,425

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Doug Herzog

Address of Grantee: 225 W. Rosser Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501

Telephone of Grantee: 701-255-6909

Federal Project Officer: Al Martinez, PhD

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 303-844-1172

Youthworks, a direct service agency operated by Mountain Plains Youth Services, meets the needs of runaway, homeless, and street youth in Moorhead, MN and the surrounding area through the Basic Center Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Youthworks also serves the area with a transitional living program. The Youthworks-Moorhead basic runaway center provides comprehensive emergency services or independent living services to 60 runaway and homeless youth and their families, reuniting 80 percent of these families. They also develop appropriate plans and services for homeless young adults and youth who are unable to return home. The program provides one-time drop-in, crisis contacts and telephone hot line services to 50 additional youth who may be contemplating running away and require a minimal level of service, such as information and referral to other service providers.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07CY0520

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Father Flanagan's Boys Home

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $65,475

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/1/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Margaret Vacek

Address of Grantee: 13603 Flanagan Blvd., Boys Town, NE 68010

Telephone of Grantee: 402-498-1000

Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 816-426-5401

The Father Flanagan's Boys' Home (FFBH) shelter program plans to serve an estimated 96 runaway and homeless youth annually through temporary shelter, food, and other emergency services (e.g., counseling, service linkages, aftercare). The shelter is able to serve a population of youth not typically served in Central Nebraska. Services range from phone counseling and information and referral to parent/child mediation. Parents are offered parent training and family counseling. The FFBH shelter utilizes the key elements of positive youth development: healthy messages to youth about their bodies, behaviors, and interactions; safe and structured places to study, recreate, and socialize; strengthened relationships with adult role models that include parents, coaches, mentors, and community leaders; skill development in literacy, competence, work readiness, and social skills; and opportunities to serve other youth and build self-esteem. FFBH staff members help youth gain increased opportunities for positive use of time, positive self-expression, and participation and civic engagement.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0722

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Sumter County Council/Sumter Government

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Linda Shipley

Address of Grantee: 13 E. Canal St., Sumter, SC 29150

Telephone of Grantee: 803-436-2102

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

The Greenhouse Runaway Youth Shelter, by way of the Sumter County Council/Sumter Government, serves the needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. For 20 years, the shelter has served thousands of young people and has found ways, through training, professional development, and collaboration with various community organizations and governmental organizations, to improve its abilities to provide a safe haven for young people in crisis. The highest priority has been given to developing a professional staff that works together to ensure that young people at the shelter are offered the opportunity and training to become leaders who are responsible and committed to improving their life circumstances. Statistics demonstrate that poverty, dysfunctional families, and drug and alcohol abuse have combined to make youth very vulnerable. Many have chosen to run away. When faced with the hardships of that decision, the shelter is there to bring solace, proper counseling, and the kind of guidance and support that is needed. The shelter works with State agencies, the private sector, and civic organizations to address the needs of these youth in the local community.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5095

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Operation Safehouse, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $110,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 49

Principal Contact Person: Norma Collins

Address of Grantee: 9685 Hayes St., Riverside, CA 92503

Telephone of Grantee: 909-242-1518

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Operation SafeHouse is the only shelter serving the needs of runaway and homeless youth in San Bernardino County and other local communities. The mission of the agency is to provide emergency shelter, intervention, and outreach services to runaway, homeless, and other youth in crisis. SafeHouse offers youth positive alternatives to becoming victims of the streets. The purpose of the 17-bed emergency shelter reflects the Basic Center Program goals of alleviating problems of runaway and homeless youth, reuniting youth with their families, encouraging the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services, promoting stable living conditions, and helping youth decide on constructive courses of action. Each year, SafeHouse provides shelter and support to 600 runaway and homeless youth (ages 12-17) and 300 families. Shelter services include counseling, life skills, and youth development; family support; education; recreation; and community services. The annual service objectives include: provision of emergency shelter and basic subsistence to 600 youth; individual and group counseling to 600 youth; family counseling to 300 families; 600 youth will receive continued education through the on-site community school; and aftercare counseling and referrals will be provided to 325 youth and 200 families.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0811

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Children's Center, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: James Keel

Address of Grantee: 4428 Avenue N, PO Box 2600, Galveston, TX 77550

Telephone of Grantee: 409-765-5212

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

The Yeager Youth Crisis Center was established in 1972 to meet the needs of significant numbers of runaway and homeless youth in Galveston County, Texas. The Center is an organizational unit of The Children's Center, Inc., which has served Texas youth and families since 1978. The Center is now dedicating 9 of 18 beds to "non-system" runaway and homeless youth and providing expanded outreach and counseling services to Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston and Liberty Counties, Texas. All services will be driven by the four principles of youth development: 1) a sense of industry and competency; 2) a feeling of connectedness to others and to society; 3) a belief in their control over their fate in life; and 4) a stable identity. The project will benefit up to 219 non-system runaway and homeless youth and their families through shelter and support services and up to 100 non-system, non-residential runaway and homeless youth and their families. A youth development approach will be utilized to drive all programs and services. Effectiveness will be measured on an ongoing basis through program evaluation that involves youth and their families in the process. Positive changes in attitudes, values, and behaviors are anticipated for at least 75 percent of youth and their families.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5105

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 31

Principal Contact Person: Rev. Gregory Cox

Address of Grantee: 1531 James M. Wood Blvd., PO Box 15905, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Telephone of Grantee: 213-251-3400

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Since 1982, Angel's Flight, a program of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, has provided comprehensive services to runaway and homeless youth through a basic center program and a street outreach drop-in center. Angel's Flight is one of the few shelters in L.A. that provides extensive services for youth who speak only Spanish. Angel's Flight shelters a maximum of 16 youth, ages 10 through 17, for up to 15 days. The program includes outreach, counseling, recreation, case management, aftercare, and referrals to collaborating agencies. Using a youth development approach, the experienced staff creates an environment in which youth can learn about themselves and others. In the structured, strengths-based format, youth are encouraged to develop a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and power. The program prevents youth from becoming homeless or running away, meets basic needs, offers intervention to youth who have run away, and helps and heals the psychological scars of youth and their families. The ultimate goal is to strengthen and reunite families, if this is in the best interests of the youth served. When this is not possible, the program secures another suitable, stable living environment. The objective is to provide shelter for 250 unduplicated youth and to serve 1,000 youth through outreach.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0812

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Bridge Emergency Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $159,712

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 12

Principal Contact Person: Randy Spencer

Address of Grantee: 115 W. Broadway St., Fort Worth, TX 76104

Telephone of Grantee: 817-332-1565

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

The Bridge Youth and Family Services operates the Bridge Host Homes Program (HHP) to address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth by providing outreach, temporary shelter in licensed foster homes, food, clothing, counseling, aftercare, and related services. The HHP provides emergency foster care for youth ages 7-17, including pregnant and parenting teens and their babies. Residents stay for up to 2 weeks in individual foster homes. The objective of the program is to provide temporary shelter within the youth's community. While in the HHP, youth attend their own schools when possible and receive individual and family counseling. The youth are active participants in the development of their plans for change. The Bridge's primary service goals are to strengthen, preserve and reunite families. When it is not possible for youth estranged from their parents to return safely home, the Bridge secures safe and appropriate placements and works with youth to create a hopeful future. The program is now adding beds for emergency foster care and training new Host Homes. It is estimated that each Host Home will receive 2 children per month and provide an average of 4 nights of care for no more than 2 weeks for each youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5100

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Individuals Now DBA Social Advocates for Youth

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $140,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Frances Caballo

Address of Grantee: 3440 Airway Dr., Suite E, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Telephone of Grantee: 707-544-3299

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Social Advocates for Youth (S.A.Y.) is the only countywide, 24-hour, 7 day-a-week crisis response service agency for runaway and homeless youth in Sonoma County, CA. S.A.Y. operates the Ripley Street Shelter, a six-bed facility open 365 days a year. It provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, referrals, outreach services, case management, adult supervision, crisis counseling, and intervention services to runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The primary goal of the shelter is to re-engage and reintegrate these youth back into their families and community. The program succeeds in reuniting or finding a safe, alternative living place for over 75 percent of its resident clients. S.A.Y. also provides early intervention to 450 high-risk youth prior to their need for an emergency shelter stay. Youth receive transportation to and from the shelter and school and aftercare support once they leave emergency shelter. Throughout this process, youth are involved in developing a productive life plan for their situation and in choosing a constructive course of action. These services also help strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living situations. There are no waiting lists or financial requirements for shelter services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02CY0163

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Youth Services Center, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $144,149

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 99

Principal Contact Person: Nidra Martinez

Address of Grantee: URB. Regional Calle 3 M-1, Arecibo, PR 00612

Telephone of Grantee: 787-878-6776

Federal Project Officer: Danny Blackmon

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

The Youth Services Center Inc. (YSC) is a non-profit community-based organization in Puerto Rico that has successfully carried out a Basic Center Program for 12 years. The objectives are: 1) to identify and admit 200 runaway and homeless youth under 18; 2) to provide temporary shelter for up to 15 days to 20 youth at one time, fulfilling basic needs for food and clothing through a residential shelter; 3) to diagnosis comprehensive health, educational, housing, employment aptitude and interest, family relations, and social risks and needs of 100 percent of the youth to be served; 4) to improve youths' safety, health, family relations, vocational planning, goal setting and decision-making skills and socio-psychological well-being; and reduce risk behaviors through varied youth and family services with follow up and aftercare for up to 6 months; 5) to reunite about 50 percent of the youth served with their families; and 6) to involve youth in the planning, implementation, delivery, and evaluation of services. A 20-bed shelter located 10 minutes from the Center will be used. YSC project staff includes a Project Coordinator, three Social Workers, a Psychologist, a Recreational Therapist, three Housekeepers, a Secretary, and one Cook. Services are provided 24 hours a day.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5103

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Social Advocates For Youth

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $132,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2004

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 15

Principal Contact Person: Beatrix Lopez

Address of Grantee: 538 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA 95035

Telephone of Grantee: 408-956-8034

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Social Advocates for Youth of Santa Clara County serves 85 homeless/runaway youth at its eight-bed facility in Mountain View, California. Situated in the heart of Silicon Valley, the facility is accessible to major highways and is convenient to all forms of public transportation. Youth to be served come from a diversity of ethnic and racial backgrounds, as Santa Clara County has sizable populations of Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders and African-Americans. Services include outreach, 24/7 intake, temporary shelter, individual and group counseling, family counseling, coordination, service linkages, recreational services, and aftercare. Evaluation will ensure that program services are delivered consistently and achieve goals, that staff development leads to improved skills and abilities, and that youth participation is evident in planning and service delivery. The Board of Directors oversees compliance with requirements, conducts periodic assessments to ensure that the program is filling service needs for the targeted community, and works toward sustainability.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6311

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $145,114

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 19

Principal Contact Person: Mark Brauer

Address of Grantee: 1468 W. 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44113

Telephone of Grantee: 216-696-0370

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

The Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry by way of the Westhaven Youth Shelter serves teens-at-risk primarily through unlimited acceptance of runaway and homeless youth that are in need of a safe, temporary residence while awaiting permanent placement. A new service for shelter care is now offered to Juvenile Court. For each of the programs, clients may be provided up to 30 days of shelter that includes food, clothing, school enrollment services, diagnostic assessment, group therapy, individual counseling, crisis intervention/stabilization, independent living skills, education, service coordination, and advocacy. Other shelter programs include Family Advocacy Programs, a 24-hour Crisis Hotline, a Family Reunification Program, in-home social services, and an aftercare program for former Westhaven residents. Providing in-home and community-based services to families is a vital part of reducing the recidivism rate of youth in the shelter and for other social service system providers. The ultimate goal: empower families and youth to resolve their conflicts, make good choices, and acquire/participate in activities and programs that strengthen the family system. Westhaven Youth Shelter is able to effectively carry out the many programs and services described through the talents and dedicated work of a diverse staff. Westhaven is staffed on a 24-hour basis. Paid staff members come from a variety of professional and educational backgrounds.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07CY0519

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Youth Emergency Services & Shelter of Iowa

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $85,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Michael Fritz

Address of Grantee: 918 SE 11th St., Des Moines, IA 50309

Telephone of Grantee: 515-243-7825

Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 816-426-5401

Youth Emergency Services & Shelter (YESS) is a private, non-profit organization in Des Moines, Iowa. The agency provides a continuum of services for youth, ages birth through 17. YESS has been providing services to runaway, homeless, and other at-risk youth for over 30 years. Objectives are to: Conduct educational outreach activities to a minimum of 3,000 individuals annually; assist at least 1,500 youth and/or family members to develop a constructive course of action through the use of the YESS 24-hour crisis line and/or crisis mediation; provide emergency shelter to a minimum of 150 non-system runaway and homeless youth and 250 non-system youth at imminent risk of becoming runaways or homeless on an annual basis; provide individual, family, group, and/or Family Group Conferencing counseling to each of the youth utilizing emergency shelter services; involve 150 youth and adult volunteers in tutoring, mentoring, prevention activities, and outreach as a complement to the strength-based, positive youth development approach. All services provided are based on youth and family strengths. Families are reunified whenever possible; the reunification rate for the past 6 years has ranged from 74 percent to 86 percent.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0820

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Youth and Family Alliance, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $126,500

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 10

Principal Contact Person: Mitch Waynard

Address of Grantee: 1221 W. Ben White Blvd., #108A, Austin, TX 78704

Telephone of Grantee: 512-735-2200

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

LifeWorks Basic Center, by way of the Youth and Family Alliance, services include an 18-bed Emergency Shelter, a crisis and family Counseling Center, and a Youth Development Program. LifeWorks has served Austin/Travis County, Texas as the premier agency for runaway and homeless youth and their families since 1969, in accordance with the goals of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. To date, LifeWorks has served over 10,000 youth. The Basic Center's mission is to serve the youth of Austin in times of crisis with support and shelter. The goals are: to alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and help youth decide on constructive courses of action. In 2003, LifeWorks' Basic Center will meet the following objectives: Provide safe, off-the-street emergency shelter to 300 youth (150 served through Basic Center funding); provide at least 5,600 nights of shelter care for youth ages 10-17; provide counseling to 400 youth; reunify 120 youth with their families; make initial contacts and interventions with over 3,000 youth and families; provide information and support to 700 families; and provide 1,000 hours of aftercare, youth development, and empowerment activities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06CY0818

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Stacy Craduer

Address of Grantee: 154 N. Hollywood Rd., Houma, LA 70364

Telephone of Grantee: 504-365-1301

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services, Inc. (GCTFS) serves runaway and homeless youth through a Basic Center Program that reaches youth in Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana. The goals and objectives are: 1) to provide crisis intervention and outreach services; temporary shelter; food and clothing; a 24-hour crisis line; access to community services; family therapy; individual and group counseling; in-home services; aftercare and case management; mentoring; advocacy; workshops for youth and concerned adults; and host home family training; 2) to measure changes in attitudes, values, and behavior of the youth served, and bring about improvements in individual and family functioning; 3) to achieve or exceed the program performance standards; and 4) to implement a "positive pathways to growth" approach in all services. GCTFS will serve 72 runaway and homeless youth and their families annually. Shelter in host homes will be provided for 35 of these youth through the availability of 10 trained, licensed host home family sites. GCTFS's philosophy and approach is to provide the best services possible in the least restrictive setting. This approach recognizes and values the unique qualities of each individual and allows the incorporation of research-based theory and frameworks into programs.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0143

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: ServiceNet, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Mary Keller

Address of Grantee: 129 King St., Northampton, MA 01060

Telephone of Grantee: 413-584-7329

Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

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The Franklin/Hampshire Runaway and Homeless Youth Network's lead agency, ServiceNet, Inc., located in Northampton, Massachusetts, provides a continuum of services for runaway and homeless youth in a rural area of Western Massachusetts. The project addresses the immediate needs of youth outside the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Established in 1978, the Network is a collaboration of three independent agencies and extensive community collaboration. The Basic Center Program addresses the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families by providing emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and referrals for health care. They seek to reunite young people with their families, whenever possible, and locate appropriate alternative placements when necessary. The program has three shelter beds in separate sites for eligible youth. The Network's innovative, collaborative, and decentralized design avoids duplication, maximizes resources and service accessibility, and offers immediate access to a comprehensive community mental health and human service center. The decentralized model and program philosophy promotes aggressive outreach from a number of program and outreach sites, continuity of care, youth development, and family strength, with an emphasis on serving the increasing number of Latino, Southeast Asian, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth who are homeless and at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0132

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Northwest Human Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Jean Lasater

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Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

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The HOST Youth and Family Program, by way of Northwest Human Services, provides physical, social, and emotional shelter to youth ages 12 to 17 living between Portland and Eugene in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. The program serves 450 youth and 100 families annually. Youth are given respite care and temporary shelter to alleviate family stress and circumvent potential child abuse and domestic violence. The program shelter services are a conduit for youth to other supportive programming provided by HOST, such as the Transitions Program for older youth and the ECHO Youth Opportunity System. Participants receive individual and group counseling and training in anger management and communication skill-building. Strengthening and reconnecting families is addressed through parent-child mediation, parent training, and referral to other community supports for parents. HOST works with law enforcement, social service providers, school districts, city and county governments, and the faith and business communities. In accordance with youth development philosophy, youth in shelter are encouraged to participate in making positive choices and engage in prosocial activities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0726

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Young Adult Guidance Center, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 5

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The Young Adult Guidance Center, Inc. (YAGC) operates a Basic Center Program to meet the shelter and service needs of runaway, homeless, and displaced male youth. The Basic Center Program admits an estimated 100 unaccompanied runaway and homeless male youth residentially each year and serves an estimated 150 runaway and homeless youth (male and female) with outreach services in each 12-month period. The program aims to give youth temporary, safe, living accommodations not to exceed 15 days, while surrounding them with the services they need to reunite with their family; alleviate their problems; strengthen family relationships; and help them decide on constructive courses of action. These services include substance abuse services; medical and mental health services; educational services; employment services; individual, group, and family counseling; and life skills training. Intensive case management facilitates access to services, which are made available at YAGC and via referrals to other agencies in the community. Aftercare services to prevent reoccurrence of runaway and homeless circumstances. YAGC uses a holistic youth development approach. Youth clients play a role in program planning and work in partnership with staff members via the Client Management Team, to ensure smooth operation of the residential facility.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6301

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Lighthouse Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Sharon Schnelle

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Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

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Lighthouse Youth Services in Cincinnati, Ohio, provides continuous, stable, and safe living accommodations to homeless youth in the City of Cincinnati and in Hamilton County, Ohio. Since 1974, Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center is a part of the continuum of services provided to runaway and homeless youth. From emergency crisis care, to the Transitional Living Program and Shelter Plus Care program, homeless youth under 18 and18-25 can work toward self-sufficiency and stabilization. Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center is a 20-bed emergency center that is easily accessible by public transportation. It offers immediate services on a 24-hour basis, aftercare, family preservation services, referrals to other agencies, alternative educational programming for youth who are unable to attend home schools or who have been suspended/expelled, diagnostic assessment services, alcohol/drug assessment, a speaker's bureau to provide community education, and transportation via the Safe Place Program. The Youth Crisis Center serves about 1,500 youth annually utilizing strength-based, brief, solution-focused therapy to maximize the benefits to clients and their families. It is anticipated that 85 percent of all youth entering the program will achieve positive, planned discharges from the program.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6305

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Catholic Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Frances Denny

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Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

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Catholic Family Services will continue operating The ARK shelter and outreach services for Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph Counties in Michigan. Catholic Family Services has operated The ARK since 1977, with a 6 county service area since 1981. It is a unique part of the regional human services infrastructure. The Objectives of this project are to: alleviate problem of runaway and homeless youth; reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intrafamily problems through counseling and other services; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable relations for youth; and, help youth develop constructive courses of action. Results and Benefits expected from this project are based on our recent experience and projections for the upcoming year. The number of youth in the shelter will be 220 for 1,800 days of residence. Through outreach there will be 5,000 people served through 500 contacts. All of these efforts will be targeted to changing attitudes, values, and behavior of troubled youth, especially runaway and homeless youth, and helping families of youth. Follow-up contacts will measure the effectiveness of interventions through this project. The Approach to this project is positive youth development underlying all service delivery activities, including shelter, outreach, recreation, counseling, etc. Staff is continuing to develop leadership opportunities at the shelter and in the community through the ARK Ambassador groups into all 6 counties in this project period. The Board of Directors has revised the corporate Bylaws to include a Regional Advisory Board that will be composed of youth and adult members who will advise on strategic direction of the agency as well as other activities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5094

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Wind Youth Center, Works In New Directions

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Bob Eckstrom

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

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WIND (Works in New Directions) Youth Center is expanding the programs of its six-bed emergency shelter for homeless and runaway youth in Sacramento, California. The shelter serves homeless and runaway youth, with a special focus on serving chronically homeless street youth. These youth face extreme challenges, including scrounging for food, living on riverbanks and in abandoned buildings, and facing threats of sexual exploitation and violence. WIND'S shelter provides a positive and safe refuge for 125 youth each year. At WIND, youth experience a healthy environment and develop relationships with caring adults, often for the first time in their lives. Services for shelter residents include: emergency shelter, street outreach, case management, counseling, youth participation and development, drug prevention and education, recreational services, educational programs, and referrals to complementary service providers. They are expanding the leadership development program; case management counseling; and job readiness, recreation, family reunification, and aftercare programs. WIND utilizes an assets-based youth development approach. The model empowers youth to recognize their strengths, develop their leadership capacities, and initiate positive changes. WIND supports youth transitioning to safe and supportive living environments, including family reunification whenever possible.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03CY0440

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Family Services of Blair County

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $148,568

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: Mahlon Fiscel

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Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

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Family Services of Blair County (FSOBC) is a private, non-profit, United Way agency dedicated to programs and services that enhance the quality of relationships of individuals, parents and children, married couples, families, and communities. Its wide range of programs include the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program; and counseling and residential services that address individual and family problems, domestic violence and other crime victims; sexual assault; and developmental disabilities. Family Services of Blair County has successfully operated the Teen Shelter for 11 years, which provides emergency shelter for 7 youth for up to 15 days. The focus of the program is to alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless teens via individual, family and/or group counseling; to provide teens with accurate information to enable them to make positive life choices; to encourage youth to develop an appreciation of individual differences; to improve family relationships; and to find stable living situations upon discharge from the program. The program seeks to provide youth with services that encourage and empower them to become knowledgeable about resources and develop skills. Youth are encouraged to participate in the ongoing development of outreach materials utilized by the project, in the evaluation of service delivery, and in identifying other services needed by runaway and homeless youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6300

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Harbour, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $110,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Randi Gurian

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Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

The Harbour, Inc. operates a Basic Center for Runaway and Homeless Youth as part of a community-based collaboration serving the immediate needs of youth and their families in north and northwest suburban Cook County and in greater metropolitan Chicago. The Basic Center program has been operation since 1991 and has the continued support of three partner youth service agencies: Omni Youth and Family Services, Youth Organizations Umbrella, and The Bridge. The collaboration serves the comprehensive needs of runaway and homeless youth by ensuring prevention and positive youth development programs, temporary shelter care, assessments, counseling, crisis intervention, aftercare, and outreach. The Harbour's Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter Program provides temporary shelter, crisis intervention, and comprehensive services to youth ages 12-18. Last year, the shelter program served 59 youth and reunited 86 percent of them with family. Significantly, 95 percent of youth discharged were in the same safe and stable placements 3 months later. The outreach program educated over 1500 people about at-risk youth and the services they need. The program is expanding the Positive Youth Development/Prevention and Outreach components of the programs. These programs assist at-risk youth and their families in developing and sustaining behavioral and emotional health through community-based services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09CY5092

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $135,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 21

Principal Contact Person: Alma Kowaski

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) operates the Sanctuary Youth Shelter, the only shelter available to youth in the 15,000-mile radius of central California. EOC-Sanctuary has successfully served more than 12,200 runaway and homeless youth in 11 years and advocacy efforts have increased service delivery for vulnerable and underserved youth. The goal is to provide a safe alternative to street life, addressing crisis needs and alleviating the problems of youth who've run away from home or are homeless. They serve youth outside of formal systems, addressing service needs through case management, advocacy, and personal empowerment. The program embraces the youth development model, promoting a safe and successful transition to adulthood. Young people are partners in addressing intra-family issues, strengthening personal relationships, promoting stable living, and developing reasonable responses to their crises. Community businesses, churches, and agencies serve as partners, enhancing services to this population by becoming shelter access points. Annual service objectives are to provide a 24-hour/7-days per week, 20-bed, walk-in shelter for 1100 runaway, homeless, and street-youth, ages 11-17 years; to provide 700 sheltered youth with client-centered case management and family mediation; and to ensure that 70 percent of families are successfully reunified.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05CY6299

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Cory Place, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $37,817

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Jheri McAfee

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Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

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CORY Place (Coordination Of Runaway Youth) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) crisis intervention agency that provides temporary shelter and support services at no cost to runaway and homeless youth of Bay, Arenac, and Gladwin counties in mid-Michigan. Current programs include the CORY Place Temporary Shelter Care Program and the Street Outreach Program. The Temporary Shelter Care Program provides a safe, stable living environment and services that allow youth and family the opportunity to resolve conflicts. In 2001, CORY Place provided free services and education to more than 5,000 youth. CORY Place is currently constructing CORY House, a 12-bed, 13,000 square foot facility in Hampton Township, which will enable CORY Place to expand the Temporary Shelter Care Program and provide a new Transitional Living Program for homeless and runaway youth. The Temporary Shelter Care Program will have six beds available for youth ages 10-16. The Transitional Living Program will utilize an additional six beds for youth ages 16-21.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07CY0523

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: reStart, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/28/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Evelyn Craig

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Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

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reStart Inc., an interfaith ministry with homeless persons, is committed to providing shelter and supportive services to homeless men, women, youth, and families with the goal of helping persons move toward independence and self-sufficiency. reStart Youth Network (RYN) is their program for street, runaway, or throwaway youth living in the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri. RYN's goal is to get young people who haunt the streets into a safe place and work to reunite them with family or other meaningful support systems. The objectives of RYN are to provide for the immediate needs of homeless youth - shelter, food, clothing, health care needs for104 youth per year; to meet the needs of homeless youth and their families through counseling and case management for 70 youth per year; to meet the needs of homeless youth through case management and referrals for 70 youth per year; to educate youth on critical issues, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, legal issues, etc. for 70 youth per year; to keep young people in school or current with their studies for 104 youth per year; and to achieve reunification of youth with their families where possible and to develop new support systems where necessary.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0742

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Lutheran Services Florida

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $89,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Beth Deck

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Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

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Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.-Northwest (LSF-NW) serves Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton Counties in northwest Florida. The program is the only one of its kind in these four counties that offers services specifically for runaway and homeless youth. Locally controlled and community- and faith-based, the CINS/FINS Program provides services outside the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. The program's goals focus on meeting the needs of runaway and homeless youth by seeking to reunite them with their families and to work with the families to resolve problems and strengthen relationships. In addition, the development of a Non-residential Youth Group (NRYG) strengthens youth/adult partnerships, as youth receive mentoring and support from both adults and peers that may assist them in deciding on constructive courses of action for their lives. In addition to two shelters, Currie House (with 12 beds) and HOPE House (with eight beds), the CINS/FINS Program provides a wide array of services in five offices across the four counties. These services include prevention/education; emergency services (crisis counseling, food, clothing, and medical assistance); individual screening and intake; comprehensive assessment; case management; residential and non-residential counseling (individual, group, and family); aftercare; and follow up.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0135

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Friends of Youth

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $99,541

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: Joan Campbell

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Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 206-615-2632

Friends of Youth, established in 1950, will to continue and strengthen their community-based Basic Center Program. Since 1983, the agency has addressed the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The agency's two youth emergency shelters are the only Basic Center programs providing 24-hour services in the east and north areas of King County outside the city of Seattle, and Lower Snohomish County. The agency is part of a regional system of providers that offer services to an estimated 2,000+ runaway and homeless youth. Program goals are to: alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; reunite youth with their families; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions of youth; and help youth decide upon constructive courses of action. Principal Objectives are: prevent youth from becoming runaways and/or homeless life by intervening as early as possible with youth and families most at risk; provide safe and secure emergency shelter in two facilities for a minimum of 130 runaway or homeless youth a year, in 12 beds for a projected 2,718 bednights; deliver the program in a fashion that attains the 15 Program Performance Standards; continue our major focus of early intervention with at-risk youth and their families while reconciliation is still a viable option (e.g. before youth becomes acclimated to street life), and ensure that 97% of youth who complete the program will be returned to safe stable living environments; and promote a positive asset-based Youth Development framework in the delivery of these services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0134

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Cocoon House

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $85,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Lee Trevithick

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Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

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Cocoon House operates the only Washington-State licensed, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week housing option for homeless, runaway, and abused teens, ages 13-17, in Snohomish County, Washington. Cocoon shelters and provides supportive services to 160 teens annually in its eight-bed residential facility. The program plans to expand services by opening a second eight-bed facility that will help 260 additional youth. Day shelter services, such as food, showers, phone, laundry, and other services, are provided to 30 to 50 street youth annually. Case planning is provided to 300 additional homeless and/or disconnected youth. Targeted outreach presentations reach 600 youth and 600 adults. Prevention services are provided to 140 families each year. Cocoon Shelter has been in operation for 12 years and has operated as a Basic Center Program for 6. Cocoon's method is to focus intensively on homeless teens and their issues, provide an all-encompassing set of connected services that allow the child to reclaim their youth, and help youth discover their value, strengths, talents, and achieve an overall goal of being self-sufficient. Cocoon Shelter prioritizes work with families, and they try to return youth home when it is safe. The services are effective and efficient; in 2002, 82 percent of youth served moved on to safe, appropriate housing.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08CY0192

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: The Ogiala Sioux Tribe Emergency Youth Shelter

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Norma Rendon

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The Ogiala Sioux Tribe Emergency Youth Shelter fosters a community-based, positive youth development approach to address the needs of runaway and homeless street youth under the age 18. Services and activities are based on the belief that Lakota youth who are nurtured in traditional customs grow to become respectful and successful members of the community. Traditional ceremonies, values, and beliefs remain a vital part of the program. It is the intent of the project to establish a wellness program and provide leadership on youth issues to individuals and organizations. The program serves children that might otherwise become statistics, forfeiting their opportunities to learn and become independent. Many of these youth turn away from their own culture and religion due to lack of support. The shelter serves approximately 20 to 28 youth quarterly at one shelter. With the efforts of the outreach worker and the collaboration of all youth programs networking together, they anticipate the ability to serve well over 1,000 adolescents in the future. They strive to attain positive alternatives for youth in at-risk situations and give them the opportunity to exercise leadership, build skills, and become active in a positive way in their own communities and family unit.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0130

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Janus Youth Programs, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $98,704

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Dennis Morrow

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Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

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Harry's Mother was created in 1976 as the only community-based resource available for runaway youth in Portland, Oregon. Operated by Janus Youth Programs, the Harry's Mother Crisis Line is the primary access point into the community-designed Youth Investment System for runaway and homeless youth. The program also provides 24-hour face-to-face crisis intervention, intake, assessment, individual and family counseling, transportation, and temporary shelter. Temporary shelter is provided at an 11-bed professionally staffed facility or through referral to the Crisis Shelter. Aftercare/follow up services are provided directly by Harry's Mother counseling staff or through a referral to an extensive array of community-based, culturally specific agencies. Annual service goals for this project include: The capacity to respond to 5,000 crisis phone calls; intake, assessment, and crisis counseling for 600 youth; and family intervention and mediation services for 200 families.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10CY0131

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Integral Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $62,727

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/28/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Dean Thomas

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Federal Project Officer: Judith Wood

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Integral Youth Services (IYS) is a 501(c)(3) social service agency in Klamath Falls in south central Oregon. Since opening Exodus House in 1993, an average of 100 runaway/homeless teens per year have received shelter and intervention services. Exodus House offers the only voluntary shelter and intervention available to non-system youths in Klamath and Lake Counties. They are currently improving service delivery, increasing outreach, and recruiting and training rural host homes to provide emergency shelter throughout 19 rural communities. This model ensures that rural youth have access to shelter and intervention without being removed from the community, school, and support system. Anticipated outcomes are the provision of shelter and intervention for 130 youths annually and intervention for another 25 non-shelter youth, with a 90 percent success rate for preserving family unity or exiting shelter to stable housing. Services include: Intake and needs assessments; team staffing and case plan development; safe, structured shelter for teens 10 to 17; support and intervention for at-risk youths and families; parent/teen mediations; assistance with substance abuse issues and emotional/mental health issues in coordination with other providers; assistance accessing health insurance; and referrals to other IYS programs for education, school supplies, clothing, alternative education, work experience, and independent living skills development.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07CY0521

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Christian Home Association, Children's Square U.S.A

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $78,282

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Karen Jones

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Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

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The Christian Home Association-Children's Square U.S.A. was established in 1882 as an orphanage. Since that time, the scope and focus of services has evolved to meet the changing needs of the community. The Christian Home Association's project "To Eliminate Runs" was created in 1981 to address the needs of youth and families who are experiencing conflict, are runaways, or are homeless. Youth experiencing these types of crises may be vulnerable to exploitation, sexual or physical abuse, and/or violence. In addition, they may have medical and/or emotional needs. In accordance with the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the project utilizes a community-based, positive youth development approach to: Alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth by providing a safe atmosphere that encourages positive choices and by involving the community to reduce the risks and dangers faced by youth; reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth by building positive assets and increasing family communication and coping skills; and help youth decide on constructive courses of action.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01CY0142

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Brookline Adolescent Outreach Program

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 4

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Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

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The Metro Boston's Runaway and Homeless Youth Network by way of the Brookline Mental Health Center will expand the number of host homes available to minority gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning (GLBTQ) youth; and youth with disabilities and disabled youth through extension of their youth development, host home, and aftercare programs. The Network will reach out to 2,650 youth through street outreach and youth development activities using peer educators, mediators, and leaders drawn from the same communities frequented by runaway and homeless youth. Working with Network Street Outreach workers, youth will learn new skills to prevent high risk behaviors and contribute to capacity building in their neighborhoods. Information, education, and referral will be provided to 1,200 youth, parents, and community agencies through community education presentations, minority/GLBTQ media, and Network agency web sites and publicity. As a result of outreach, the Network will provide shelter and immediate services to 150 runaway and homeless youth and family members, recruiting an additional four host homes to specifically serve Latino, multi-cultural, and GLBT youth. Aftercare services will be offered to these youth and an additional 200 youth referred directly from outreach to strengthen family relations and stabilize their living situation. Services include short and long term counseling, substance abuse services, educational and vocational programming, and other activities offered through the Network's five community based health centers and outreach sites. Innovative features of this grant include the use of Peer Educators and Mediators to reach youth, and the recruitment of four minority and GLBTQ host homes.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04CY0735

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - no more than 18 years of age

Name of Grantee: Act Corporation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Carolyn Wood

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Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

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Act Corporation operates the Family Therapy Aftercare Project from the Basic Center Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Volusia and Flagler Counties in the State of Florida are greatly lacking in-home based family therapy services for youth. Family involvement and aftercare are well documented as best practices with positive outcomes for youth who receive short-term, emergency shelter and in which family dysfunction is a root cause of problem behaviors. Act Corporation, a behavioral health care organization, has provided such prevention and intervention programs for youth and their families in the Volusia and Flagler County areas since 1975. Act's Youth Prevention programs include Project Safe Place, a nationally sponsored program, and emergency shelter and case management services through State of Florida's Children In Need of Services/Families In Need of Services (CINS/FINS) program. The Family Therapy Aftercare Project is adding in-home family therapy services to improve outcomes for youth and families. The program is expected to further impact the community by increasing family bonding as a protective factor, addressing illicit substance abuse, and providing a haven for runaway and homeless youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08YO0004

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Urban Peak Denver (UPD)

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,619

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Roxane White

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Federal Project Officer: Al Martinez

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Urban Peak Denver (UPD) is a multi-service, non-profit organization providing a comprehensive cadre of services specifically for runaway, homeless, and street youth. Founded in 1987, UPD is recognized as a premier program for disenfranchised youth and is and the only licensed runaway and homeless youth shelter in the State of Colorado. The need for street outreach services in Denver include: the rising costs of rental housing; increasing unemployment and job instability; lack of youth access to mental health and drug treatment programs; and increasing numbers of street youth making contact with UPD. The agency has continuously provided a street outreach program since 1997, serving progressively more youth each year and more than 7,000 unduplicated youth to date. UPD has exhaustive collaborations with other organizations, groups, and funders to assist runaway and homeless youth, and they focus on the hardest to reach street-involved young people. The street outreach program employs a youth development approach and has goals that align precisely with the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. The street outreach program provides case management services for more than 800 youth annually through direct services or one of the sister programs or affiliates, helping more than 420 transition to shelter and safe housing.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03YO0412

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Mother Seton House, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Kathryn Jeffreis

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Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

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Mother Seton House, Inc. (Seton House), a private, nonprofit, non-sectarian organization, operates two temporary shelters in Virginia Beach, Virginia, one for boys and one for girls 12 to 17 years of age. It serves as the only available resource in the area for youth that are not involved in the social service or juvenile justice system. Seton House also provides a regional temporary crisis shelter. The organization is now expanding the existing Street Outreach Program in providing Street-Based Services, Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Services, and Street Based Outreach and Prevention to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. At a minimum, the program will provide treatment, crisis intervention, counseling, information, referral services, and shelter placement follow up. They expect to reach 4,500 youth each year, targeting the more than 4,334 annual reported runaways. Seton House's project goal is to establish and build relationships between street youth and staff members to help youth leave the streets and have an impact that benefits youth, families, and communities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01YO0025

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Tom Howard

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Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

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The goals of the Rural Street Outreach Program are: 1) To provide education and prevention services to runaway, homeless, and street youths who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse; and 2) To establish relationships between street youths and program outreach staff to help youths leave the streets. The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys and Girls Club, as part of the Vermont Coalition Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs (VT Coalition) is implementing a "New Start" Street Outreach Program. This approach will create opportunities for homeless and street youth to develop a sense of industry and competency, a feeling of connectedness to others and to society, a belief in their control over their fate in life, and a stable identity. Program sites are hiring, training, and supporting local teens as Street Outreach Workers. Over the 3 years of the project period, it is anticipated that Street Outreach Workers will annually make approximately 5,000 outreach contacts, distribute approximately 1,800 resource cards, plan and implement 120 outreach events, distribute 2000 food items, and distribute 1,500 health products.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03YO0413

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Family Lifeline

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $60,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Larry Lacina

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Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-861-4027

The Family Lifeline Street Outreach Program targets street youth between the ages of 12-17 living in three urban neighborhoods in Richmond, VA and two bordering areas in Chesterfield County. Street outreach services are provided by three full-time staff members who use a two-track strategy of prevention (presentations and groups) and intervention (street outreach and home and community-based counseling and support services). Program staff conduct the prevention-oriented presentations with 4,000 youth in schools, youth groups, and other community settings to make them aware of the dangers of life on the streets and provide them with alternative sources of help. The intervention team makes contact with approximately 400 street youth each year, providing them with concrete survival aid, such as food, clothing, medical supplies, and toiletries. The program assists youth in exiting the street to return home, enter the agency's runaway shelter and/or transitional living program, or find another alternative living arrangement. They provide individual and group counseling at neighborhood locations and on the street to 75 street youth each year and conduct individual risk assessments with an additional 75 youth. Approximately 50 youth and their families are provided with home-based crisis intervention and stabilization, family mediation, information and referral, and follow up services annually.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06YO0530

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Montgomery County Youth Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Anne Barker

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Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

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Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS), a private, not-for-profit, multi-service, youth and family agency in Montgomery County, Texas has a "take it to the streets" approach to service delivery, which includes a team of trained professional staff whose primary responsibility is to provide information, education, and prevention services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. The staff provides solution-focused crisis resolution counseling, access to supportive services, including emergency shelter, and access to medical and mental health services, including alcohol, tobacco and other drug treatment. Emergency shelter services are provided directly through the MCYS Connections Program and/or long-term residential living through the MCYS Fairway Home. MCYS has provided services to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth for 24 years through a variety of programs. They are currently hiring staff, purchasing literature, and providing food, health, hygiene items, and phone cards for distribution to youth, and providing transportation and other necessary support services and assistance to the homeless and street youth of Montgomery County. We plan to provide services to a minimum of 300 homeless and street youth on an annual basis.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04YO0642

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Child & Family Tennessee

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Kathy Hatfield

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Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

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The Runaway Shelter of Child and Family Tennessee program provides street-based intervention and community-based prevention services to establish and maintain relationships with runaway, homeless, and street youth to help them leave the streets and to decrease the incidence of sexual exploitation. The program strengthens the Runaway Shelter continuum that includes a Basic Center and Transitional Living Program. The Street A.R.T. program provides 24-hour, 7 day-a-week accessibility to crisis intervention and shelter care through a combined system of extensive street programming and community referrals. Outreach workers provide crisis intervention, education, individual and group counseling services, shelter assistance, specific assistance to youth (food, clothing, etc.), referrals, and other services. Program objectives are to identify and provide outreach to runaway, homeless, and street youth; and to meet the physical and safety needs of these youth to overcome fear and resistance to accepting assistance. The program expects to provide specific assistance to more than 1,000 youth annually and Intensive Services will assist approximately 125 youth annually.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06YO0533

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Youth Development, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Diana Lopez

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Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

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Youth Development, Inc. (YDI) is a private, non-profit, community-based organization that has provided social services to children, youth, and families in New Mexico for the past 32 years. Among the 40 program components of YDI are Amistad, a basic center program, and Casa Hermosa Transitional Living Center, a program for youth. YDI established the Youth Reaching Youth Street Outreach Program in 1997, which provides services for runaway, homeless, and street youth age 13-21 in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. The program works cooperatively with the basic center and transitional living programs in providing services to runaway/homeless youth in the community. Youth Development, Inc. is now formally collaborating with New Day Youth and Family Services to provide additional services. New Day is a National Safe Place affiliate operating in Albuquerque and Bemalillo County. New Day is a private, non-profit, community-based organization that has been operating in Bemalillo County for 27 years and currently operates a Basic Center program called New Day Shelter.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02YO0036

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Long Island Crisis Center, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Linda Leonard

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Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

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Founded in 1971, Long Island Crisis Center (LICC) is Long Island's oldest 24/7 crisis hotline service. With a deep commitment to Youth Development, LICC incorporates youth participation at all levels of service, from the Board of Directors to peer intervention. LICC is a collaborative agency participating in and partnering with an extensive list of coalitions and agencies serving Nassau County's runaway and homeless youth. The project uses a van and professional adult and peer workers to provide street-based services and education in Nassau County's highest need communities of Hempstead, Roosevelt, Freeport, Uniondale, and Westbury. Outreach is supported by the full range of LICC services and by over 1,000 resources in the agency's Information and Referral System. The Project incorporates Youth Development in both service delivery and design. Services offered include formal youth development structures, such as recreation. Annually, 2,000 young people receive at least minimal service, with approximately half receiving in-depth services, including harm reduction counseling, case management, crisis intervention, or assistance in accessing shelter or other safe living options. The Project is also designed to educate and involve the community through formal mobilization efforts and the creation of a county-wide task force.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2046

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Diogenes Youth Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: James Bueto

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

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The Diogenes Youth Services, Inc. Street Outreach Program (SOP) is a comprehensive street outreach services project that integrates in-place basic center and transitional living programs and targets runaway, homeless, and street youth who are victims of or are at high risk for sexual abuse and exploitation. The overall goals are to intervene early in situations that place youth at risk of abuse and exploitation; gain the confidence of street youth to develop trusting relationships with them; identify and provide resources to meet street youths' immediate medical and subsistence needs; and help street youth access medical, social, and psychological resources that will encourage and support a transition from street life to independence. The program uses a mobile, full-service medical clinic and classroom to provide street-level outreach to 4,000 youth and provides education and prevention workshops to 1,000 students, teachers, parents, social workers, and other health professionals working with youth. Key strategies include community prevention education and awareness activities; street-level counseling during late afternoon and evening hours using age-appropriate, culturally relevant, bilingual adult and teen staff; a free, full-service, mobile health clinic; a satellite shelter option; an eight-passenger van that transports youth; and education and training in sexual abuse and related issues to outreach and caseworker staff.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04YO0644

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: YMCA of Greater Louisville

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Dennis Enix

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Federal Project Officer: Linda Calhoun

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The YMCA of Greater Louisville's Shelter House was founded in 1974 on the principles of caring, immediate, and accessible help to teens in crisis. As Louisville Kentucky's only 24-hour free option for runaway, homeless, throwaway, and street youth, the agency has always been committed to finding better ways to reach the community's most vulnerable youth. In 1983 they founded the Safe Place program to assist with community outreach. They are now adding services for the community's runaway, abused, neglected, and homeless youth. The local continuum of care for Louisville's teens and parents of teens has expanded to include quality shelter services, counseling services, outreach services, youth leadership and development, and specialized prevention and intervention programs. They plan to reach 120 young people on the street annually and serve hundreds more with the knowledge that the shelter doors are open and the crisis hotline is answered 24 hours a day.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2044

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Open-Inn, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Nancy Panico

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

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Open-Inn, Inc. operates Project SAFE, a street outreach program serving runaway, homeless, and street youth in metropolitan Pima County and rural Yavapai County, AZ. Utilizing an ecological, strength-building model, Project SAFE employs supervised peer counselors who are participants and graduates of Open-Inn programs to engage youth who are in need of services. They offer basic and comprehensive services to address the immediate and ongoing needs of runaway, homeless, and street youth and to provide education and prevention services to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse, including therapeutic support for youth who have been victimized at home or on the street. Objectives are to make a minimum of 3,600 street outreach contacts and provide extensive program services in Pima and Yavapai counties. Open-Inn is the oldest and largest provider of shelter and supportive services for runaway and homeless youth in Pima County and the only service provider in Yavapai County. Open-Inn addresses the needs of runaways, homeless, and street youth through intake, assessment, and referral; crisis intervention; temporary shelter; transitional housing; individual, family, and group counseling; HIV/AIDS education; advocacy; a 24-hour hot line; and aftercare and life skills training for Arizona's troubled youth and families.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07YO0018

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: TLC for Children and Families, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/1/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Patricia Jaime

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TLC for Children and Families, Inc. provides services to 500 street, runaway, and homeless youth in Johnson County, Kansas; Kansas City; and Jackson County, Missouri. TLC anticipates coming into contact with nearly 1,800 young people each year, exposing them to the information, referrals, and skill sets necessary to re-establish connections to their community and families, if appropriate. Of these, 500 youth will receive more intensive intervention, including prevention services and assistance with their essential needs, ranging from free food and hygiene packages to crisis counseling and emergency shelter. TLC's goal is to help 25 young people get off the street and away from the entanglements of sexual exploitation and victimization and find safe, stable places to live. These youth can then positively re-establish themselves in society. The focus of the program is to reduce sexual abuse and victimization among street youth through prevention, education, and intervention services. Culturally diverse, well-trained staff members utilize a youth development approach as they reach out to street youth with voluntary services. The outreach team uses an outreach van to travel to pockets of the metropolitan area where youth congregate after school, evenings, and weekends. Prevention and educational activities take place in a number of targeted venues.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01YO0026

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Virginia Price

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Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

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Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc. (Bridge) street-based outreach services utilize the country's first Mobile Medical Van and longest continually operating streetworker team. The program counteracts the isolation and dangers of street life by maintaining a consistent presence on the streets in areas where youth congregate. Goals include outreach to runaway, homeless, and street youth; providing a supportive presence with opportunities and supports that prevent sexual abuse and exploitation; and helping youth explore alternatives to street life. Objectives are to reach out to a minimum of 1500 youth per year to provide short-term information and emergency shelter on the streets, in adult shelters, on the Bridge Mobile Medical Van, and other areas where youth congregate; to provide 600 street youth with tools to help them avoid sexual abuse and assault and resources and support for those who experience sexual abuse and assault; to offer assessment, counseling, and access to in-house services to 150 street youth to help them overcome the painful emotional effects of life on the streets and ultimately, to help them exit street life; and to provide 300 street youth with accessible drop-in services. Interactions with staff help youth increase their self-esteem and make progress toward a transition into healthy and productive adulthood.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2048

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Ocean Park Community Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 36

Principal Contact Person: John Maceri

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Ocean Park Community Center/Night Light coordinates and strengthens outreach to the thousands of runaway and homeless youth who spend time on the streets of Los Angeles. Through direct street outreach linked with drop-in services, emergency shelter, and transitional housing, homeless and runaway youth in Los Angeles have the opportunity to leave the streets, improve their lives, and engage with the community in a positive manner. The program is a collaboration between the Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), a highly effective homeless services program based in Santa Monica, and the Los Angeles Youth Network (LAYN), a Hollywood-based program devoted to transitioning homeless and runaway youth into positive alternatives, including home, alternative living, employability, and creative expression. The program is engaging homeless and runaway youth with consistent, culturally acceptable services that support the safety, health, and future of those who are now living on the streets and beaches of Los Angeles. Youth are developing the trust necessary to leave the streets and enter the continuum of care through the LAYN shelter system. They have increased opportunities for positive use of time through program activities, access to services, and volunteer engagement. Other program activities, such as counseling groups, education sessions, and life skills training, enable participating youth to spend their time in a positive manner and learn time management and responsibility.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0042

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Ain Dah Yung Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Yvome Barrett

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Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

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Ain Dah Yung (literally "Our Home" in Ojibwe) was created almost 20 years ago to fill the need for culturally based emergency shelter to runaway and homeless American Indian youth. Since the program's inception, staff members have addressed abuse, neglect, drug and alcohol dependence, depression, and suicidal thoughts, in addition to emergency shelter needs. In 1993, Ain Dah Yung added Ninijanisag (Our Children), an aftercare component, to the shelter program focused on prevention and intervention. In 1995, the Family Support Program was initiated to provide home-based support to families of children and youth in the programs. The following year, Ain Dah Yung opened the Youth Lodge transitional living program for youth who have no safe home to go to after shelter care. The Street Outreach Program was established to identify and assist youth who are unwilling or unable to enter the shelter program. Every year, Ain Dah Yung has developed new programs and services based on the expressed needs of the community, including street outreach to homeless and runaway youth, family preservation services, domestic violence support, legal advocacy issues, culturally based mental health services, and suicide prevention programming.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02YO0037

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Covenant House/Under 21, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Elizabeth Foley

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Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

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The Youth Street Outreach Program at Covenant House New York/Under 21, Inc. is a street outreach program for runaway, homeless and at-risk youth that provides services citywide. The goals of the program are to build relationships with young people who are living on the streets or at risk of homelessness and encourage them to accept services, including emergency shelter, medical care, educational/vocational assistance, legal aid, substance abuse counseling, and mental health services. They assist youth who choose to not leave the streets by providing food, clothing, educational, and vocational opportunities and referrals to other non-residential programs. The approach of the program includes van and foot outreach 6 days a week during early evening and late-night hours, concentrating on locations where homeless and runaway youth are known to congregate. The teams utilize all services available at the Crisis Shelter, Regional Training Center, Rights of Passage program, and Community Resource Centers. Results and benefits expected include: immediate services on the street to 400 homeless and runaway youth, with 3,500 units of service provided. The program plans to connect 225 homeless and runaway youth with concrete services at Covenant House New York, including emergency shelter, medical care, educational and vocational opportunities, legal services, substance abuse assessment and referral, and mental health care.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02YO0035

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: SAFE, Inc. of Schenectady

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 23

Principal Contact Person: Dr. Edmonds-McIntosh

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Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

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SAFE, Inc. of Schenectady (Project SAFE'S) Street Outreach Program establishes positive relationships between street youth (especially the sexually exploited) and the outreach staff to help youth leave the streets. Program objectives are to identify youth in need of services, assist them in obtaining a safe and secure place to live, provide youth and family members with interpersonal counseling to deal with the issues that led youth to the streets, provide case management to youth who live on the streets (i.e., bag lunches, clothes, toiletries, transportation to a medical facility), assist youth in obtaining employment or prospects for future financial independence, and provide referrals and advocacy. Project SAFE'S program provides street outreach, temporary shelter, individual and family counseling, groups, service linkages, recreation, meals, case management and ongoing client and Board of Directors planning. During the past 2 years, Project SAFE'S Street Outreach Team made contacts with 920 individuals in need of services between the ages of 12 and 21. During this time, 481 meals and bag lunches were provided; 59 youth were referred to SAFE House (Project SAFE'S sister program\an Emergency Youth Shelter) and other shelters; 335 youth were referred to Project SAFE'S other components and to other community agencies; and 250 youth and family members received case management and interpersonal counseling.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06YO0532

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Promise House, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 24

Principal Contact Person: Harriet Boorhem

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Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

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Promise House, Inc. has been serving runaway and homeless youth in the Dallas area for 19 years in shelter programming, 13 years in transitional living, 6 years in street outreach, and 15 years in professional counseling services. Support services for these programs include on-site school programs; substance abuse prevention; individual, group, and family counseling; and parent education. Promise House oversees the Providing Outreach to Street Teens (P.O.S.T.) program, which is designed to disseminate information to as many as 2,000 street youth regarding the risks of sexual exploitation, services available if they want to come off the street, and those available if they choose to continue life on the street. The program directly addresses the needs of 200 identified street youth with direct services, such as assessment, shelter care, case management, medical and dental services, and professional counseling. In each target area, staff link street youth with the services necessary to either return home to their families or to plan for an alternative residential placement that will offer them a safe and supportive environment. The Promise House emergency shelter is licensed and accredited to serve youth ages 10-17. For street youth older than 17, the Salvation Army provides shelter and Promise House staff provide case management services leading to permanent placement and other services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 06YO0531

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: The Children's Center, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: James Keel

Address of Grantee: 4428 Ave. N, PO Box 2600, Galveston, TX 77553

Telephone of Grantee: 409-765-5212

Federal Project Officer: Ralph Rogers

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 214-767-2977

The Children's Center, Inc. has served Texas youth and families since 1878, and has a long history of providing both basic center and transitional living programming. They operate a Street Outreach Program to meet the needs of a substantial population of runaway, homeless, and street youth needing these services to prevent maltreatment and sexual exploitation. The Children's Center provides outreach and education, individual assessment, counseling, prevention, information and referral, crisis intervention, follow up support, supervised training and street-based outreach supervision and training, individualized to meet the presenting needs of youth. Goals for the project include: provision of street outreach services to youth in Galveston County and Southeastern Harris County Texas, sustained involvement with youth (75 per year) at the shelter, a transitional living program, or alternative living arrangement once the youth leaves the streets, and coordinated aftercare services with residential staff after discharge to ensure the ongoing safety of the youth. The project allows for the creation of a Street Outreach Program that can be integrated with two very successful basic center and transitional living programs to better meet the needs of significant numbers of at-risk runaway, homeless, and street youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03YO0411

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Alternative House

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,619

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 10

Principal Contact Person: Judith Dittman

Address of Grantee: PO Box 694, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Telephone of Grantee: 703-506-9191

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-861-4027

The purpose of the Alternative House Street Outreach Program is to provide education and prevention services to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse among runaway, homeless, and street youth and help these youth leave the streets. The program addresses the needs of youth who are living on the street or in other unsafe environments for counseling, access to emergency shelter, education, peer support, and other direct support services. Alternative House is a community-based, private, nonprofit organization that has provided comprehensive services to support and strengthen young people and their families since 1972. Staff members believe that people have unique resources and strengths and are capable of changing behaviors and contributing to the community. This guiding philosophy is supported by an underlying commitment to the principles of youth participation, cultural competence, and sensitivity to individual differences. They seek to provide an array of services that meet immediate needs, as well as to promote the healthy development of youth and families, such as individual, group, and family counseling; youth leadership opportunities; and community resource development and referral. Alternative House engages in community education, community development, and advocacy on behalf of youth and families. They seek to improve accessibility of services and build community awareness regarding the needs of runaway, homeless, and street youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0041

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Youthlink

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Matt Halley

Address of Grantee: 41 N. 12th St., Minneapolis, MN 55403

Telephone of Grantee: 612-252-1207

Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

For over 15 years, Project OffStreets has been working to end poverty and homelessness among youth. With a dedicated commitment to providing the services necessary to move runaway and homeless youth off the streets, Project OffStreets makes a significant impact in the lives of over 1000 youth each year. Project OffStreets uses street outreach as a frontline activity to bring resources to vulnerable youth and provides a buffer against the continued degradation of street youth and the adults that seek to exploit them. The program moves runaway and homeless youth into case management and into healthy living situations. Project OffStreets has an impressive staff team that is both qualified and passionate about their work with runaway and homeless youth. In addition, Youthlink, the parent organization of the Project OffStreets program, has assembled a broad net of community partners that are actively engaged and working together to provide the widest array of services to street youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 03YO0410

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Deborah Shore

Address of Grantee: 741 8th St, SE, Washington, DC 20003

Telephone of Grantee: 202-675-9340

Federal Project Officer: Susannah Matthews

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 215-861-4027

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) operates a Street Outreach Program for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to, sexual abuse. The purpose of the program is to provide education and prevention services to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse of runaway, homeless, and street youth and to alleviate the consequences of sexual abuse for these young people. SBY employs a youth development approach that is competency-based. The program provides 40 hours of street outreach services each week (reaching 2,200 youth); distributes survival aid (to 100 youth); facilitates sexual abuse prevention and treatment groups (for 80 youth); provides street-based assessment, counseling, information, referral services, and crisis intervention; provides follow up support; offers referrals to shelter and supportive services; and facilitates 40 Safe Place groups for 2,000 youth. They are expanding their street outreach program by adding a special outreach team targeting runaway, homeless, and street youth who are involved in prostitution. In addition, SBY is strengthening the street outreach program by incorporating the Project Safe Place efforts into the street outreach effort. Project Safe Place has a crisis telephone hotline and a city-wide network of businesses and fire stations where young people in crisis can find immediate access to shelter and services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08YO0005

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Mountain Plains Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Doug Herzog

Address of Grantee: 225 W. Rosser Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501

Telephone of Grantee: 701-255-6909

Federal Project Officer: Al Martinez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 303-844-1172

Youthworks, a direct services, non-profit agency, by way of Mountain Plains Youth Services, is conducting street outreach to complement its runaway youth and transitional living programs in Bismarck/Mandan, ND and Fargo, ND/Moorhead, MN. Three objectives have been established: To build relationships between street youth and project outreach staff, helping them make more informed decisions and helping them leave the streets; to assist street youth in improving their decision-making skills and provide the information necessary for informed decisions; and to provide support services to assist youth in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate alternative living arrangement. Youthworks street outreach workers will make 4200 contacts with 300 street youth. Services will include 2000 counseling or crisis contacts, 1000 snack kits or meal vouchers, 100 safer sex and survival packs, 200 ride coupons or vouchers, 50 crisis placements and 25 transitional living placements. Based on the experience of other programs, they estimate that 100 youth will seek comprehensive services and complete the intake process. Youth seeking comprehensive services will have access to subsidized transitional living, counseling, crisis intervention, advocacy, tutoring, and all other services in place at Youthworks and in the community. The street outreach workers will be engaging youth "on their own territory" in a low-key, non-threatening manner.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2049

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Center for Positive Prevention Alternatives, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 11

Principal Contact Person: Linda Mascarenas

Address of Grantee: 729 N. California St., Stockton, CA 95202

Telephone of Grantee: 209-929-6700

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The Center for Positive Prevention Alternatives, Inc. (CPPA) has the goal of providing education and prevention services to runaway, homeless, throwaway, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. Three full-time Outreach Specialists are supervised directly by the CPPA Youth Service Bureau Coordinator, who has primary responsibility for service delivery. Program activities are designed to meet the following objectives: engage in regular contact to build trusting relationships with street youth; provide access/transportation to CPPA's Safe House Emergency Shelter, Opportunity House Transitional Living Program, and/or Youth Center to ensure access to comprehensive services; provide education, information, counseling, and shelter alternatives to reduce the incidence of sexual exploitation or abuse, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and other sexually transmissible infections; and provide homeless youth with access to medical and mental health treatment through the direct services of the CPPA Youth Service Bureau (YSB) and through referral. The Street Outreach Program is a key component of the YSB. The program draws on collaborative resources from the community, including the Women's Center of San Joaquin County.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0044

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Walker's Point Youth & Family Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Andre Olton

Address of Grantee: 2030 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204

Telephone of Grantee: 414-672-5300

Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

Street Beat is a collaboration between Walker's Point Youth and Family Center and The Counseling Center of Milwaukee/Pathfinders Program. The goals of the project, which is in its seventh year, are to prevent or reduce the risk of sexual abuse and exploitation of street, homeless, and transient youth by providing targeted street-based outreach and education services; to help youth find safe and stable living environments to minimize the risks of sexual abuse; and to assist youth in developing appropriate independent living and survival skills. The project plans to initiate street-based outreach contacts with at least 3,000 youth annually and develop more in-depth, street-based encounters with at least 120 targeted youth. Outreach services include survival aid resources; access to local services (including basic center, transitional living, and adolescent sexual abuse treatment services); provision of education and skill-building services on reducing the risk of sexual abuse or exploitation and leaving the streets; and follow up with targeted youth. Street outreach sites include local 24-hour restaurants, coffee houses, youth dance clubs, city parks, Milwaukee's warehouse district, local shopping malls, and various streets known to attract youth and youth involved in prostitution.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04YO0643

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Children's Home Society of Florida

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 23

Principal Contact Person: Ellen Feir

Address of Grantee: 2100 45th St., West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Telephone of Grantee: 561-844-9785

Federal Project Officer: Frank McBeth

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2844

The Children's Home Society (South Coastal Division) is expanding its existing programs for runaway and homeless youth. A current street outreach project allows a diverse team to cruise specific neighborhoods of Palm Beach County two nights a week in search of runaway and homeless youth, and is expanding to four nights a week to reach more street youth. In addition, a Drop-in Center provides services such as showers, clothing, food, and telephone calls. They also provide counseling, educational opportunities, job readiness skill development, and referrals to community resources for physical and mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, vocational training/job placement, and assistance with housing, including temporary shelter at Safe Harbor. The goals of the program are to assist youth so they can leave the dangers of life on the streets. The youth and the community benefit through reductions in crime, prostitution, and sexually transmitted diseases. Families are encouraged to participate in counseling. Follow up services are provided by the Family Reunification Program, an intensive home-based counseling program, and by Non-residential Counseling Services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0048

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Project Oz

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $97,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 15

Principal Contact Person: Peter Rankaitis

Address of Grantee: 502 S. Morris Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701

Telephone of Grantee: 309-827-0377

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

Project Oz of McLean and DeWitt Counties, Illinois uses a well-chosen staff with 30 years of experience and a multitude of community linkages. They employ a strategy called "Collaborative Outreach," which enlists the help of a broad sector of the community. They are adding services for an additional 140 street youth and another 50 in intensive interventions, linking them to emergency shelter, individual assessments, referrals, crisis intervention, and prevention/education activities over the coming year. The staff has developed a rapport with runaway, homeless, and street youth, who recognize and interact with them, call on them for assistance, and help them follow up with other street youth. The objectives are to remove street youth from harmful or potentially dangerous living situations and find long-term placement for them. The area is served by cross-county truck and rail service, has two State Universities, and has become a magnet for youth and families leaving the City of Chicago. The plan for the coming 3 years is to continue their successful work with staff that are capable and eager to reach out to runaway, homeless, and street youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07YO0015

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Youth in Need, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: James Braun

Address of Grantee: 400 N. Fifth St., Suite 109, St. Charles, MO 63301

Telephone of Grantee: 636-946-5600

Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 816-426-5401

Youth In Need, Inc. (YIN) Street Outreach Program for runaway, homeless, and street youth up to age 21 serves the Greater St. Louis and Eastern Missouri region. YIN is expanding significantly to offer comprehensive services at a drop-in youth center, including: shower and laundry facilities, hot meals, a clothing and food pantry, skill-building and support groups, and case management. A leadership development/service-learning component, Community Youth Leaders, will offer opportunities for runaway, homeless, and street youth to become involved in meaningful volunteer experiences. YIN's Street Outreach program (1) delivers tangible items such as food, clothing, and hygiene products to street youth; (2) provides counseling services to street youth; (3) connects street youth with needed community resources; (4) delivers educational information to street youth and the community as a whole; (5) identifies youth who have been victimized and assists them in finding a safe environment; and (6) places youth seeking shelter or independent living in Youth In Need's Basic Center or Transitional Living Program. Over a 3-year period, the program will assist a minimum of 360 youth to transition off the streets, provide 1,200 youth with a comprehensive drop-in center, and assist 12,000 street youth with emergency assistance and referrals to community resources.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08YO0009

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Tumbleweed Runaway Program, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $88,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Sally Habeck

Address of Grantee: 3311 4th Ave. N., Suite 5, Billings, MT 59101

Telephone of Grantee: 406-259-2558

Federal Project Officer: Albert Martinez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 303-844-1172

The Tumbleweed Runaway Program, Inc. provides services to runaway, homeless, and street youth ages 10 to 18. The program serves Yellowstone County, Montana, which is characterized by low income levels, youth suicides, substance abuse and drug trafficking, and teen prostitution. The program provides street youth with opportunities to develop caring and trusting relationships with adults that influence healthy development and motivate them to access shelter services or be placed in safe, stable living environments. The goal of the program is to prevent sexual victimization and sexual exploitation through intervention and education services. Tumbleweed staff travel the streets of Billings and the rural surrounding towns in a van or on bicycles, providing food, clothing, transportation, shelter, and other immediate survival needs. Staff members offer counseling, individual assessment, referral, and substance abuse treatment and education services. Program staff work closely with the YWCA's sexual assault program, the Youth Services Center, and other youth shelter options, including Tumbleweed's shelter family homes and Transitional Living Program. It is expected that services will also help some family participants address the issues that led to the youth's departure from the home, with the goal of family reunification. The community is called upon to contribute to the success of the program through mentoring relationships.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2050

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $70,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Janet Garcia

Address of Grantee: 1419 N. 3rd St., Suite 102, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Telephone of Grantee: 602-271-9904

Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development is providing a multifaceted program of street outreach, education, and prevention for the purpose of reducing sexual exploitation of runaway, homeless, and street youth. Tumbleweed is partnering with DIGNITY HOUSE through Catholic Social Services, Essential Theater, and Creative Arts Therapy Services. DIGNITY HOUSE is the only program of its kind in Arizona that offers services to break the cycle of commercial exploitation of young women and girls. Essential Theater has extensive experience using arts as a tool to encourage self-expression, re-scripting, and healing for at-risk youth and adults. Creative Arts Therapy Services integrate music, art, and dance/movement therapy with other client-centered programs. Outreach teams work on the streets of Phoenix and outlying areas 7 days a week, and it is estimated that 900 contacts will be made with runaway, homeless, and street youth and 500 youth will use the Drop-In Center services. Youth serve on Tumbleweed's Youth Advisory Board. The project is coordinated by the Outreach Program Manager, with direct service staff including Street Outreach Workers, contract artists with Essential Theater and creative Arts Therapy Services, specialists from DIGNITY HOUSE, Drop-In Center staff, and residential programs staff.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01YO0028

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Spectrum Youth and Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Mark Redmond

Address of Grantee: 31 Elmwood Ave., Burlington, VT 05401

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Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Conners

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 617-565-1119

Spectrum has been providing services to homeless, runaway, street, and at-risk youth in Chittenden County, Vermont for the last 33 years. Spectrum One Stop (SOS) provides a full array of services to homeless youth. On-site services include a 13-bed emergency youth shelter, drop-in center, and services such as counseling, education, employment, and medical and recreational support. Spectrum has been successfully utilizing Peer Outreach Workers (POWIs) as a main focus of its outreach program for the last 10 years. POWIs are Spectrum employees under the age of 21 who provide one-to-one contact with street youth. They manage the drop-in center, including free meals, clothing, showers, laundry, and recreational activities, as well as doing street outreach. The goal is to build relationships between street youth and program outreach staff to help youth leave the streets. Spectrum's specific goals for this project are to continue to provide on-site treatment, counseling, shelter, opportunities, referrals, and support services to 500 youth a year who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse in the community, including approximately 250 adolescents in Spectrum's residential programs (emergency shelter, apartment programs, group homes). Spectrum will provide prevention information and referral services to approximately 10,000 youth and 5,000 adults in the community and throughout the State through presentations, media events, and Internet communication.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07YO0016

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Panhandle Community Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Brent Anderson

Address of Grantee: 3350 10th St., Gering, NE 69341

Telephone of Grantee: 308-635-9089

Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 816-426-5401

Panhandle Community Services (PCS) is creating a network that will assist street youth to reduce unhealthy risk behaviors and encourage them to leave the streets and other high-risk living situations. They operate a full-time mobile outreach van and provide crisis counseling/intervention, including peer counseling, street education and information, outreach counseling in collaboration with the public schools, survival aid and supplies, referral services and follow up support. They also provide case coordination with existing runaway and homeless youth services, provide transportation, and run a Drop-In Center where youth can feel safe, welcomed, and receive help. The population of runaway, homeless, and throwaway youth in this rural setting has fewer survival options than their urban counterparts, and as a result are quicker to adopt high-risk survival strategies. The majority of youth the program has contact with survive by “shacking up” or “crashing” at the homes of people they know or come in contact with through street activities. Other unhealthy housing options include unkempt trailer courts with landlords that will rent to anyone with the ability to pay. This population of homeless youth is at times invisible to law enforcement and other community support systems and in critical need of help from programs such as Panhandle Community Services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 10YO0036

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Teen Hope

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Pam Gates

Address of Grantee: 915 N 199th St., PO Box 7005, Shoreline, WA 98133

Telephone of Grantee: 206-546-1010

Federal Project Officer: Caron Dwyer

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 206-615-3656

Located north of Seattle in the city of Shoreline, TeenHope provides emergency overnight shelter and crisis services for homeless and at-risk youth ages 13 to 17. The licensed shelter is one of only four in the State of Washington and the only regional agency offering teen crisis services. Under the supervision of TeenHope's Program Director, they are recruiting and training outreach staff and volunteers to establish a Street Outreach Program and Drop-In Center to increase efforts to provide education and prevention services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to, or are at-risk of, sexual exploitation or abuse. The staff builds relationships with street youth to provide the necessary assistance to help youth leave the streets. Using the Positive Youth Development model, a trained team of staff and volunteers will conduct outreach in a variety of situations and areas where youth congregate. The team will offer crisis intervention, information on issues facing youth, abuse education, prevention and advocacy, referral to local services for physical and mental health needs, and provide support services that will assist youth in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate alternative living arrangement.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 07YO0017

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: The Kitchen, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Todd Duncan

Address of Grantee: 1630 N Jefferson Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

Telephone of Grantee: 417-865-6400

Federal Project Officer: Dale Scott

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 816-426-5401

The Kitchen, Inc. will oversee the Rare Breed Youth Outreach Center (RBYOC) which is a community coalition consisting of youth volunteers and local agencies. It provides comprehensive street outreach services and positive youth development through a drop-in center that has served 1,943 homeless, runaway, and street youth. The RBYOC has numerous recreational activities and a professional staff. It provides a safe place for youth, with prevention and intervention services, including food, clothing, bathing, laundry, and toiletries. The center also provides transportation assistance, birth certificate and identification procurement, crisis intervention, assessment, information and referral, case management, and guaranteed access to off-site emergency shelter. The goal is to connect with homeless, runaway, and street youth; establish trust through relationships; determine their needs; and provide services to 500 youth per year, helping them leave the streets and reducing sexual exploitation and abuse. The drop-in model helps with family reunification, process-oriented youth development, community service activities, relationship-building, socialization, and meaningful education, in addition to meeting youths' immediate needs. The program provides a seamless continuum of care designed to meet youth on the street and provide a full range of services to promote independence and self-sufficiency.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02YO0034

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Anchor House, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-8/31/2004

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Judy Hutton

Address of Grantee: 482 Centre St., Trenton, NJ 08611

Telephone of Grantee: 609-396-8329

Federal Project Officer: Danny Blackmon

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 212-264-2890

Anchor Link is a street outreach program serving runaway, homeless, at-risk, and street youth under age 21 in Mercer County, New Jersey since 1997. Program goals are to provide education and prevention services to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse and/or exploitation of runaway, homeless, and street youth and to assist this population in leaving the streets. Objectives are to build trusting relationships between street youth and program staff with the goal of helping youth leave the streets; to provide services for youth who are victims and/or at risk for sexual abuse and/or exploitation; to provide access to emergency shelter for youth willing to leave the streets; and to have constant access to youth in shelter. Anchor Link has contact with 2,400 youth and provides comprehensive services to an additional 400 youth annually. They are guaranteed access to shelter through the Anchor House shelter or transitional living programs. Anchor Link's interventions are planned using a positive youth development perspective. The program provides comprehensive services to youth on the streets, in schools, and in convenient community locations during hours that youth are likely to be out.

Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	05YO0043
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21
Name of Grantee:	Positive Alternatives
Fiscal Year:	2003
Amount of Award:	$120,000
Program Name:	Street Outreach
Project Period:	9/30/2003-9/29/2006
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	3
Principal Contact Person:	Patricia Balke
Address of Grantee:	603 Terrill Rd., Menomonie, WI 54751
Telephone of Grantee:	608-241-2649
Federal Project Officer:	Beulah Presley
Telephone of Federal Project Officer:	312-886-4928

The Wisconsin Association for Runaway Services (WARS) by way of Positive Alternatives is a coalition of 23 runaway and homeless youth service providers. Members provide preventive and crisis counseling, temporary shelter, and referral services to this population. Family counseling is also provided to assist families to reconcile problems, enabling the youth to return home whenever possible. The members of WARS have a history of working cooperatively with each other in the provision of these services. WARS is responsible for program coordination, development, training, and reporting. Association staff provide on-site technical assistance to participating programs to aid in program development, startup, and implementation. WARS, in its 22-year history of providing assistance to runaway programs, has been instrumental in the development and implementation of 19 of the current 23 programs in the State.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0045

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Connecting Point

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: Jeff Deckebach

Address of Grantee: 1212 Cherry St., Toledo, OH 43608

Telephone of Grantee: 419-243-6326

Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

The Street Outreach Program of Connecting Point provides a clearly identifiable and readily accessible service committed to assisting runaway, homeless, and street youth in facing their social, emotional, and health issues. They provide immediate, intensive services to runaway and homeless youth and help reunite them with their families, encouraging the resolution of intra-family issues through counseling and other, less traditional, services. They work in cooperation with other community organizations to serve runaway, homeless and street youth. Connecting Point educates the general public and targets at-risk youth and their families to reduce the risk of running away and other destructive behaviors. They also advocate for the needs and rights of street youth. As a part of the development of the outreach effort, a youth Advisory Board is being established to assist in the continuing evolution of the program. Connecting Point provides a van outreach to street youth throughout the evening hours and on weekends. It is estimated that approximately 1,850 contacts with youth will be made through this outreach effort. The van is marked appropriately for approachability, and acts as a marketing tool to spread word of the outreach services throughout the street youth population. Through this program, street youth benefit from the caring and supportive interaction of staff, as well as having their immediate and basic needs met.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0040

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Common Ground Sanctuary

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Jim Perlaki

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Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

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Common Ground Sanctuary (CGS) provides strength-based street outreach services to 1,500 runaway and homeless youth, ages 12 to 21 through a comprehensive continuum of street-based counseling, drop-in center counseling, intensive youth services, and basic needs services. The organization includes a wide range of community-level solutions for youth and families in crisis. Researched, designed, and implemented by young people, the street outreach team services are delivered primarily through youth. The newest level of community-based care is the drop-in center. Clients participate in the evaluation of services offered and delivered. The client can choose from a menu of options, including street-based services, basic needs, drop-in counseling, intensive personal and family counseling, and/or shelter and home-based care. The ongoing philosophy of building on youth strengths requires that the youth create a plan that works best for them. Results and benefits are found as youth change their attitudes towards street life and high-risk behaviors. Expected outcomes include fewer incidences of court or legal intervention, a safe and stable living situation, an improvement in the issues that brought youth in for services, a reduction in alcohol and drug use, and increased avoidance of high-risk sexual behaviors.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2051

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: The Children's Cabinet, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $99,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Kathleen Sandoval

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The Children's Cabinet provides street outreach, temporary shelter, case management, and education and prevention services to runaway and homeless youth at risk of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse. They are expanding outreach services to youth in northern Nevada by adding evening outreach hours (from 7 p.m. to l a.m.) five nights a week, to address sexual abuse and sexually exploitation. The goal is to make a minimum of 1,000 outreach contacts, providing temporary shelter and intensive case management in conjunction with the McGee Center for Adolescent Programs. Outreach activities are provided throughout the community to inform sexually abused and exploited youth of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Mentoring and Equipping (RHYME) Program services and to reach out to runaway and homeless youth on the street. The objectives of outreach service delivery and intensive case management are to establish a positive relationship between RHYME staff and street youth; to provide educational and supportive services to street youth who are at risk of, or have a history of, being sexually abused or exploited; and to provide additional services that will assist youth in making the transition from the street to a safe and appropriate alternative environment. These services include individual and family counseling, parenting classes, employment skills training, tutoring, and information and referral services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 01YO0027

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Brookline Community Mental Health Center

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Dr. Cynthia Price

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Federal Project Officer: Maryellen Connors

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The goals of the Metro Boston Runaway and Homeless Youth Network, by way of The Brookline Community Mental Health Center, are to strengthen the capabilities of high-risk teens and families to prevent runaways and homelessness; to reunite youth and families; to allow youth to live stably in their homes, schools and communities; and to help youth make positive life choices. Using an interlinked neighborhood-based, youth development approach, the Network has created multicultural programs providing shelter, food, clothing, outreach, counseling, aftercare, and other services for youth living in economically deprived areas of Boston. Serving all youth outside the juvenile justice and social welfare systems, the Network targets minority, immigrant, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, or questioning youth, and youth with disabilities. The program also seeks to reduce the incidence of sexual abuse and exploitation among 1,770 runaway, homeless, and/or street youth and their families. The Network relies on three teams of street outreach workers and 60 Peer Leaders who live in the same neighborhoods as target youth and reflect their cultural and sexual orientation. Street workers and Peers meet with youth on the streets, in their home communities, in schools, and on “the Web” to build trusting relationships. The program has an innovative prize-winning Web site developed by a Peer Leader and Peer Mediators who resolve disputes between youth and/or gangs in schools.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0047

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Aunt Martha's Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 15

Principal Contact Person: Jerome Flagg

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Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

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Aunt Martha's Youth Services Center serves runaway and homeless youth in south suburban Cook County and surrounding counties. Through a new Street Outreach Program and Aunt Martha's Runaway and Homeless Youth Services, street youth have access to a comprehensive continuum of care. Youth and staff members collaborate to develop individual action plans to assess the youths' need for survival aid (food, emergency shelter, clothes, condoms, and other necessities), information and referral, prevention and education services, counseling, and follow up services, with action steps to meet those needs. The Street Outreach Program has also helped Aunt Martha's educate homeless youth and provide referral information on topics such as substance abuse, gay and lesbian issues, and counseling programs. These services help clients succeed in short-term shelters and in long-term transitional placements. Aunt Martha's Street Outreach Program incorporates a variety of strategies to reach the at-risk and homeless youth population, including neighborhood sex worker street outreach, fixed-site outreach, information distribution, and community education. They educate youth on the issues of sexual abuse and exploitation, maintaining 51 information distribution sites where materials are delivered on a regular basis. The locations are at known "hot spots" for homeless youth, including bookstores, record shops, bus stations, gas stations along interstates, libraries, and 24-hours restaurants.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04YO0641

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Haven House, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Michael Rieder

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Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

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Haven House provides education, support, preventive services, and linkages to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at significant risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. Haven House has offered a 24/7 youth shelter and crisis intervention center for immediate access since 1981, a countywide Safe Place network to facilitate access to the shelter services since 1987, and a multifaceted Transitional Living Program since 1981. The new program for runaway and homeless youth provides housing, individual/family counseling, information and referral, treatment, case management, and residential care. The youth drop-in center provides food, clothing, laundry, and showers. The street outreach team has full access to the shelter programs to maintain interaction with the youth during their time in the shelter. Safe and appropriate living arrangements are made available through shelters, host homes, scattered sites apartments, and linkages with the community for additional shelter beds and special needs services (e.g., HIV/AIDS, substance abuse services, medical/mental health care). Youth benefit from exposure to educational materials, presentations, and workshops, medical and preventive care, and access to caring, professional staff with whom they can develop positive, trusting relationships. The ultimate goal of the project is to assist runaway, homeless, and street youth in leaving the streets.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04YO0640

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Sea Haven, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Barbara Martin

Address of Grantee: PO Box 600, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29597

Telephone of Grantee: 843-399-3125

Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

Sea Haven Inc., a private nonprofit corporation in North Myrtle Beach, SC oversees a street outreach program that provides education and prevention services for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. The goal of the program is to establish and build relationships to encourage them in moving from the street and adjusting to a safe and appropriate alternative living arrangement. By establishing teams of Street Outreach staff and operating a Street Outreach center in the area where youth are known to congregate, the program meets the youth where they are and offers services consisting of counseling, medical/health services, food, clothing, laundry/bathing facilities, family and individual assessments, and other services. Youth are guaranteed access to the Sea Haven shelter, where Street Outreach staff continue to work with them to develop a life plan. The program is supported by the Sea Haven Shelter, the Sea Haven Youth Development program, and the Transitional Living Program, currently in the early stages of development. It is anticipated that direct contact will be made with at least 100 street youth and that services will encourage these youth to leave the streets for a healthier life.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0046

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Bonnie Strycker

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Federal Project Officer: Jennifer Gardner

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-5333

The Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County's street outreach program addresses the following objectives: education and prevention services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who are subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation/abuse; establishment of relationships between street youth and program staff to help youth leave the streets; support services to assist the youth in adjusting to a safe and appropriate living arrangement; treatment, counseling, and provision of information and referral services; access to local emergency shelter; and ongoing relationships with youth once in shelter, through agreement with the shelter provider. Street outreach staff members provide a consistent presence in various locations in St. Joseph County, concentrating on the South Bend and Mishawaka areas, where most youth reside. They also serve several small towns located in the rural farming area of southern St. Joseph County. The City of Walkerton hosts a Safe Place site for the agency, and allows them the opportunity to provide rural street outreach. Street Outreach has the goal of making 50 youth contacts weekly; provides Safe Place cards with a Safe Station phone number to all youth; provides educational materials; conducts crisis counseling; and supplies basic need items, including snacks. In year one, it is anticipated that 125 youth will receive services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04YO0645

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Metro Group Homes, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Janet Vessels

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Telephone of Grantee: 859-252-3126

Federal Project Officer: Linda Calhoun

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2887

Metro Group Homes, Inc. is addressing the problems of runaway and homeless youth through street-based outreach and counseling/education services designed to reduce the incidence of runaway and homeless youth in the Central Kentucky area. The primary mission of Metro Group Homes, Inc. is to serve the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth. This need is due in part to the area's rapid growth and central location in Kentucky, which is experiencing an increasing incidence of troubled youth who are running away and becoming homeless. Metro Group Homes, Inc. is the only agency in the Central Kentucky area that has an existing youth street-based outreach program supplemented with an emergency shelter, transitional living program, independent living program, Safe Place program, and aftercare services. The goals and objectives of the program are achieved through street-based outreach, individual and family counseling, training modules offered through educational programs, and safe place services. Outreach and program retention is being significantly enhanced with a strong peer education program and the addition of a Drop-In Center. The agency has an extensive network of linkages with a broad spectrum of local, regional, and State social service organizations.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2052

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 30

Principal Contact Person: Wendell Glen

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

The Mobile Health Outreach Project, operated by Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, Inc.(GLASS), has an 8-year history of providing clinical social services and medical care on the streets of Los Angeles, targeted to the city's homeless youth. Services are provided though a mobile medical van in conjunction with other social service providers and by GLASS outreach and social services staff, who set up tables and services on the streets at locations where homeless youth gather. GLASS is expanding to provide a countywide program that addresses the child abuse and neglect prevention, treatment, and intervention needs of homeless adolescents and adolescents who are pregnant and/or parenting; youth who are homeless because of families with substance abuse problems; and homeless youth who are survivors of domestic violence. They will receive individual counseling, case management, and 24-hr telephone intervention and housing placement. The GLASS approach brings interventions and prevention services out of the traditional clinical setting and puts them "onto the streets," where homeless youth are able to access and benefit from them most readily. The model of service deployed maximizes the utilization of each community's social services by recruiting clientele at times when clinics and services are generally not available, and by arranging the linkage and integration with community services immediately and/or as soon as possible.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2047

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Mendocino Family & Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Karin Wandrei

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 415-437-8426

Mendocino Family & Youth Services (MFYS), a private nonprofit agency that is a component unit of the Mendocino County Youth Project, provides rural street outreach services to runaway and homeless youth who have been sexually abused or are at high risk of being sexually abused or becoming homeless. The agency serves those residing in Mendocino County and the North Coast of Sonoma County in northern California. Early intervention through education and prevention activities is provided to youth, parents, educators, and community members. Outreach workers provide street-based outreach and education, survival aid, individual assessment, crisis intervention, information and referral, counseling, emergency shelter, follow up support services, and prevention and education activities. Emergency shelter is provided through a network of host homes throughout the county. These services are integrated with the existing Project SHARE (a Basic Center program), the countywide school-based services, the youth drop-in center in Ukiah, and the McKinney Homeless Education program found in most school districts. The street outreach program allows MFYS to provide accessible services to runaway and homeless youth in geographically challenging counties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Expected outcomes are fewer homeless and runaway youth, fewer sexually exploited youth, increased skills among youth in keeping themselves safe, and more reunification between alienated, homeless youth and their families.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 05YO0049

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Alternatives For Girls

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 15

Principal Contact Person: Amanda Good

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Federal Project Officer: Beulah Presley

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 312-886-4928

Alternatives For Girls (AFG) serves girls and young women throughout Detroit and beyond who are homeless or high risk, living on the streets, involved in prostitution and other dangerous and sexually exploitative activities, or involved in substance abuse, violent relationships, and other behaviors that threaten their health, safety, future, and lives. AFG provides services through Street Outreach, Individual and Family Services/Casework, Shelter/Transition to Independent Living, and Neighborhood-Based Prevention Services. AFG is enhancing street outreach efforts aimed at young women, ages 13 to 20, who are homeless, runaway, and street youth. The goals are to identify runaway, homeless, and street young women; build relationships and address their immediate needs; reduce the incidence of high-risk behaviors and increase self-esteem and critical thinking skills,; strengthen education and employment skills; and provide a range of prevention and support services for young women to help them to exit street life and reduce the risks inherent in street life. AFG is accomplish this through 500 hours of street outreach and 150 hours of community outreach to 1750 eligible young women; 550 workshop hours, 70 tutoring hours to 100 eligible young women; and peer education job training for 16 young women.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 04YO0646

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Marshlands Foundation, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Linda Lamas

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Federal Project Officer: Marie Shaw

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 404-562-2845

The Savannah Runaway Home, a program of the Marshlands Foundation, Inc., is reactivating its mobile Street Outreach Team and partnering with another youth-serving agency to establish a drop-in center for homeless youth in midtown Savannah. As a "new and improved" program, the Street Outreach Program is increasing peer counselor involvement, streamlining the timeframes for street activities, assisting the city with a youth survey, and offering a drop-in center as a new alternative for safety. The program builds on and will continue to provide the services offered by the previous outreach program that was in operation from 1997 to 2000. It utilized a mobile team of peer counselors and supervising professionals to travel to 15 to 20 sites a week, accessing youth where they congregated. The team visited local homeless feeding sites and shelters, identifying youth in need of service and working closely with the Savannah Police Department and its Juvenile Curfew Enforcement Program, following up on youth picked up for curfew violations and returned to their homes, families filing juvenile court runaway complaints, and, whenever possible, establishing a visible presence in the community through information booths at the numerous weekend cultural and recreational events held throughout the city and county.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 08YO0006

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Volunteers of America, Dakotas

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Pamela Bollinger

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Federal Project Officer: Albert Martinez

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Volunteers of America, Dakotas provides street outreach services to youth throughout Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. The services are based at the Bowden Youth Center, the agency's state-of-the-art youth drop-in center. The center is located in the heart of downtown Sioux Falls, directly on the local teen cruising loop. Services at the center include hot meals, clothing, shower/laundry facilities, and crisis services. The overall goal of the Street Outreach program is to move youth from the dangers of street life into safe living arrangements, meaningful employment, and a healthier lifestyle. Specific goals of the program include: alleviate the immediate needs of street youth, stabilize their living conditions, and work with street youth to develop plans for safe living arrangements and a return to school or employment. When possible, a resolution is sought for family problems. Street Outreach staff have a set schedule to establish trust with street youth and to allow the youth to easily locate them when in danger or crisis. Concrete assistance is provided in the form of print materials on harm reduction, non-perishable food items, condoms, safer sex kits, and hygiene kits. Youth also receive aftercare and follow up services as they begin the process of developing a healthy lifestyle.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 09YO2045

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: Community Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-10/1/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 17

Principal Contact Person: Robin McCrae

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Oppenheim

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Community Human Services has operated a Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Program in Monterey County since 1987, providing crisis intervention and ongoing counseling for runaway/homeless youth and their families and emergency shelter for up to 2 weeks while problem resolution, reunification, or alternative housing is found. The new Street Outreach Services program is designed to take services to a more challenging runaway youth population at locations throughout the Monterey Peninsula where youth congregate. Goals are to provide outreach to runaway, homeless, and street youth to build trusting relationships with staff and to assist runaway, homeless, and street youth as they leave the streets for safe situations where they can establish healthy and independent lifestyles. Two street outreach workers distribute food, clothing, and hygiene kits and assist youth in finding emergency shelter, medical treatment, and other needed services. A drop-in center is open for 4 hours, 2 nights a week at the Monterey Youth Center to provide a warm, safe place and to provide information and referral services. A dedicated crisis resolution home is licensed to provide emergency shelter to street youth. Street Outreach Services complements the Basic Center Program and transitional living program, Safe Passage, which is currently under development.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 02YO0038

Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth - youth up to age 21

Name of Grantee: The Salvation Army

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Street Outreach

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 25

Principal Contact Person: Thomas Roshau

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Federal Project Officer: Estelle Haferling

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The Salvation Army will oversee the YMCA Youth & Family Services (YFS) of San Diego County, along with its collaborative partners, Vista Community Clinic (VCC) and StandUp for Kids (collectively referred to as The Collaborative), is providing Street Outreach services to runaway, homeless, and street youth in Oceanside, California and the surrounding region. The Collaborative's Street Outreach Program, through regular contact and by developing healthy mentoring relationships, provides the education and prevention services, medical and mental health case management, community referrals, and access to emergency shelter needed to transition runaway and homeless youth from the streets to safe and appropriate living arrangements. The Collaborative meets on a bi-weekly basis to determine the effectiveness of the program, to continually train staff, and to plan for program sustenance and expansion. Each year, The Collaborative provides general street-based outreach services to 2,500 street youth and distributes information and basic Street Outreach supplies to 1,250 of those youth. In addition, 150 long-term chronically homeless youth receive survival backpacks and assessment, intervention, and case management, until they are stabilized in a safe and supportive living situation and free from sexual exploitation.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0023

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Family

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Bryon Garrett

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

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The Arizona Positive Youth Development (AzPYD) Initiative, which was previously administered under the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES), is transitioning to the Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families (GOCYF) to heighten awareness of youth development, strategically support community efforts, provide more policy/program direction, access resources to ensure youth development outcomes, and convene additional stakeholders on youth development issues. This project is building on the collaborative efforts of the last 5 years to expand these outcomes at the local level. AzPYD is a collaborative of State and local agencies, youth, Tribes, runaway and homeless youth providers, community stakeholders, and youth-serving community organizations dedicated to aligning resources for youth. AzPYD's current objectives are to select a local community for the demonstration project; raise awareness of positive youth development while generating support for the project; provide opportunities for youth to have a voice in the planning phase; draft a plan to increase opportunities for positive use of time, self expression, civic engagement, and youth participation; incorporate youth development principles into communities to build the capacity for youth development; provide resources to help build on current youth development activities in the State; and coordinate communication between local community stakeholders for project finalization.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0022

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: Illinois Department of Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Doris Garret

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Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson-Geist

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Over the past 20 years, the State of Illinois, in partnership with communities, has initiated an array of programs and services to treat troubled adolescents and prevent negative behaviors. Specifically, the Division of Community Health and Prevention of the Department of Human Services supports a range of programs that improve the lives of children and adolescents and assure that they reach their full potential as adults. The State is now applying what it has learned in four pilot sites over the past year to a single community, and plans to fully implement a youth development approach in all its agencies, organizations, and institutions over the next 5 years. A project team made up of the State youth development coordinator at the Department of Human Services, the State youth development specialist, State program administrators, and regional administrators and staff, along with experts in strategic planning and the youth development approach will assist this community in planning and implementing a youth development approach. The result of these plans and activities will be to increase opportunities for young people to use their time positively, express themselves positively, participate in their community, and become engaged in civic affairs.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0021

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: Glenn Daly

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

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Massachusetts is continuing to sponsor collaborative approaches to positive youth development. An initial 5-year project, coordinated by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, (EOHHS), established successful partnerships to promote collaborative youth development efforts among State-level agencies, municipalities, community agencies, and youth. They are now expanding these partnerships to the community level through a Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Project, (SLCDP). Massachusetts will establish a youth-centered, family- focused and community-based pilot that, for youth: 1) increases opportunities and avenues for the positive use of time, 2) increases opportunities for positive self-expression, and 3) increases opportunities for participation and civic engagement. Massachusetts is selecting a community pilot site through an analysis of risk factors and assets related to that community, including EOHHS caseload, poverty rates, crime rates, health measures, and academic performance. Following a deliberative process, EOHHS will enter into an agreement with a school superintendent, mayor, or other local lead official(s), a juvenile court representative, and a local lead agency that agree to meet pilot goals. Selected pilot site stakeholders will establish a shared vision, goals, and performance outcomes. Following a 1-year planning process, stakeholders will benefit from a comprehensive 4-year plan that meets all programmatic objectives.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0019

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: State of Louisiana

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 6

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The Louisiana Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Project supports the Louisiana Workforce Commission's goal to promote collaboration between the State-level Youth Policy Network and a pilot local community to provide increasing opportunities and options for positive youth development. The partners operate according to the vision and youth development principles embraced under the State's current Blueprint for Investing in Youth (2002). They are implementing the program through a demonstration project developed with a local community. A Youth Collaborative Committee promotes effective youth policy and practice. The Commission—with the Louisiana Youth Policy Network (LYPN) as advisory council—is contracting with a local intermediary, Career Builders, to convene their parallel local youth-serving partners, including a Runaway and Homeless Youth program. Together, they plan and implement youth development activities and engage local and regional employers and stakeholders. Partners infuse positive youth development principles and community service into the State's far-reaching reforms: school accountability with high- stakes tests, Career Options, Juvenile Justice reform, and initiatives that respond to the Skills Gap Task Force Report (2002): industry-based certification, expanded use of technology, Work Ready! Certificates, and others.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0016

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 6

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The University of Kentucky, Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H/Youth Development Programs and Kentucky Child Now!, through the Kentucky Youth Development Partnership (KYDP), serves as the focal point for strengthening existing partnerships and exploring new ones to establish and support project objectives. The KYDP plays a lead role in involving State youth-serving agencies and organizations, statewide children and youth advocacy organizations, and State nonprofit organizations that have a vested interest in positive youth development. They coordinate with local government, young people, parents, citizens, and community-based and faith-based, youth-serving organizations. During the 1-year planning phase, the KYDP plans to accomplish three specific goals that will shape the implementation of the demonstration project: (1) identify and secure commitments from the local community and the programs that will be the collaborating partners during the implementation phase; (2) conduct a collaborative planning process focusing on strategies for pursuing the three programmatic objectives set forth for the demonstration; and (3) review and finalize the proposed plans for implementation.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0020

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: Iowa Department of Human Rights Criminal & Juvenile Justice Planning

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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The Iowa Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Project is building on the work of the last 5 years, placing emphasis on establishing a State-local collaboration, with a concentrated effort to expand positive youth development opportunities in one pilot community. The Iowa Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice serves as the fiscal agent and lead agency, and many additional State and local partners are involved in the project. The Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD), comprised of State agency staff, youth, statewide associations, representatives from communities, and local youth-serving programs, are continuing to serve as a forum for networking, information-sharing, and coordination at the State level to guide much of the project's activities. This ensures that a multi-agency infrastructure exists at the State level to engage in State-local collaborative efforts. The State-local collaborative effort to promote positive youth development is a natural progression of the work of the Youth Development State Collaboration demonstration project, which recently ended. Work with a pilot community as it focuses on ways to increase youth opportunities and improve results for young people will provide the agency with information and lessons learned that can be applied in other communities in the State.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0015

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: State of Nebraska Health & Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 1, 2, 3

Principal Contact Person: Mark Mitchell

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Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson-Geist

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The state of Nebraska Health and Human Services Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Project is attempting to increase awareness of the importance of youth development activities. It is hoped that through the efforts of this project, youth will be viewed as a resource worth investing in and will be taken into consideration when public policy decisions are made. Five areas of youth development have been identified: 1. Learning (basic and applied academics), 2. Thriving (physically healthy development), 3. Connecting (socially healthy development), 4. Working (vocational development), and 5. Leading (healthy civic development). Specific program objectives include: opportunities for recreational activities, volunteerism, organized sports, and employment; opportunities for positive youth self-expression; representation by youth in school and community affairs and institutions; increased investment by the community in youth-serving programs and services; and increased communication and coordination among youth-serving agencies. A variety of partners are engaging at the State level to identify barriers and facilitate necessary policy and programmatic changes. They hold each other accountable for reaching goals and support best practices through coordination and information-sharing. Local communities are working closely with the State, building relationships and sharing resources to reach the objectives listed above.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0017

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: State of Oregon

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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The State of Oregon Commission on Children and Families (SLCDP) is providing the State with the opportunity to support a local community collaborative planning process to strengthen positive youth development. A strong State and Local, and possibly Tribal collaboration will facilitate the success of the pilot site, which is expected to serve as a model for future collaborations for positive youth development. The project will also allow Oregon to maintain its statewide efforts to build local capacity by providing technical assistance to increase youth/adult partnerships and training for local service providers and other interested parties. The Oregon Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) is continuing to work with State and local partners to implement policies that support positive youth development and better meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth. The project is beginning with a fair and open selection process for eligible jurisdictions to determine the local partner and jurisdiction. The jurisdiction selected must have a Runaway and Homeless Youth program and focus on use of time, positive self-expression, and civic engagement for youth. The process will build local awareness and community enthusiasm for positive youth development strategies and increase the accessibility of youth development opportunities and services through local coordination and efficiency.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90YS0018

Target Population: Youth (no lower/upper age requirement)

Name of Grantee: NYS Office of Children & Family Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Youth Development State Collaboration

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2008

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 21

Principal Contact Person: Sally Herrick

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The Positive Youth Development State and Local Community Demonstration Project is overseen by New York State's Office of Children & Family Services. It builds on the broad youth development activity that has occurred in New York over the past 5 years. Much of this activity focused on clarifying the issues of youth development to broad constituencies statewide and providing trainings on youth development and on the agency's policies and practices. It is now focused on developing a local collaborative infrastructure in a selected community that will serve as a local partner. Through this infrastructure, the community, in partnership with county and State agencies, will achieve project objectives. The objectives for youth ages 10-24 are to increase opportunities for positive use of time, opportunities for positive self-expression, and opportunities for participation and civic engagement. Five bidders' informational sessions will be held regionally to announce the opportunity to apply. Criteria for selection will include the presence of a federally funded Runaway and Homeless Youth program, emphasis on risk and protective factors, existing collaborations, and key leader buy-in and commitment. It is hoped that a strong, broad-based, local-county-State collaboration will develop that will invest time and resources in the project.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0044

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Indiana Behavioral Health Choices, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $172,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 7

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Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson Geist

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Indiana Behavioral Health Choices is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis, C.H.A.N.C.E.S...for Indiana Youth, Aftercare for Indiana through Mentoring, and Public Action in Correctional Effort/Offender Aid and Restoration to implement a program that serves youths with incarcerated parents and their families. The project offers a mentoring program for children of prisoners, ages 6-15, who reside in Marion, Vigo, and Parke Counties in Indiana. Unique aspects of this initiative include opportunities for participation in Youth as Resources, Strengthening Families, and/or Family Circles programs, and in Choices' Time Dollar Network. Mentors are carefully screened and matched to participating youth and asked for a minimum commitment of two contacts per week for 12 months. A comprehensive mentoring training program and professional ongoing mentor support ensures that the majority of matches are sustained for 12 months or longer. Community- and faith-based organizations contribute to the pool of mentors and to the overall success of the program through their involvement with families of mentored youth. Matches are professionally supervised and data on the progress of each child is collected regularly for process and outcomes evaluations. Collaborating partners serve on an Advisory Committee that oversees the program and works toward program sustainability.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0046

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Missoula County

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $60,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: At large

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Missoula County has a long history of building community coalitions to meet identified gaps in services for Missoula's at-risk populations. Through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and The Parenting Place, Missoula County will provide a comprehensive program with multiple strategies to provide mentoring to children of incarcerated parents, along with support services to their families and/or caretakers. The approach includes providing one-on-one mentoring to youth and offering parent education classes, home visiting, and respite care to their families or caretakers. Prisoners in Missoula's Pre-Release Center and Regional Prison will have access to parent education activities and opportunities to visit with their children. All services will be coordinated through a mentoring network whose member organizations will provide training and make and accept referrals to Big Brothers Big Sisters for services for these children and their families.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0042

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Volunteers in Prevention, Probation, and Prisons, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $240,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 10/1/2003-9/30/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 13, 15

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Volunteers in Prevention, Probation and Prisons, Inc. (VIP), has been providing mentoring services in close collaboration with the justice system for over 30 years. The VIP Mentoring Children of Prisoners program will expand current efforts to increase child-mentor matches through research-proven mentor identification, recruitment, training, and match supervision strategies. The VIP program will work in collaboration with the Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Michigan Department of Corrections, and Wayne County Sheriff's Department to identify children of incarcerated parents in the service delivery area of Wayne County, Michigan. Specifically, youth who participate in the program will show decreased risk in the areas of Aggressive Behavior/Delinquency, Educational Status, Peer Relationships, and Substance Use/Abuse.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0031

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Committed Partners for Youth

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Susan Walsh

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Committed Partners for Youth (CPY)'s Together building Resiliency, Understanding, and Empowerment (TRUE) Friends Project is a multi-systemic mentoring intervention that targets children between the ages of 4-16 whose parents are incarcerated within the criminal justice system. The TRUE Friends Project will accept three cohorts of youth: 50 in Year 1, 60 in Year 2, and 60 in Year 3. The purpose of the mentoring intervention, coupled with family/caregiver intervention and support services, is to improve each child's academic performance, relationships with significant other adults and family members, self-efficacy, and reduce prevalence towards delinquent behavior. Youth and their caregivers will be referred to CPY by school counselors, probation and parole counselors, social service agencies, churches, parents, and other community organizations to participate in the TRUE Friends Project. Youth will engage with an adult volunteer in a one-on-one mentoring relationship and group activities aimed at dispelling feelings of isolation by building a strong sense of community. Individual outings between mentors and youth will provide social support, as well as an exploration of the youths' particular interests and future goals. Youth and their caregivers will receive services that include family/caregiver support groups, skill-building activities, home visits, as well as education about processes within the criminal justice system and how to improve relationships and facilitate communication with the incarcerated parent. The formal intervention will last one year for each youth participant, with continuing support services provided as necessary into future years.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0032

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Alabama Attorney General's Office

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $461,568

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Lynn Childs

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Faithful Friends is a collaborative effort to establish and operate a program that uses a partnership network of secular and faith-based entities to provide mentoring to Alabama children who have incarcerated parent(s). Leadership is provided by Mentor Alabama, a statewide mentoring initiative administered by the Alabama Attorney General's office. The goal of the program is to provide children of inmates with one-on-one mentoring relationships, access to community-based social service providers, and nurturing relationships that can help them learn, serve, and work in the communities in which they live. Mentors are screened, trained, and supported in their efforts to develop a support network for the whole family and provide these children with access to social and academic enrichment opportunities. The program model was developed by a steering committee comprised of dedicated mentoring organizations, representatives of inmate advocacy groups, prison chaplains, and a strong coalition of State Government agencies led by the Alabama Attorney General's office. Strong influence for the program model was provided by the structure of the Amachi initiative, a highly focused program that partners secular and faith-based institutions and church volunteers in an effort to mentor children of prisoners. Aspects of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters programs were also incorporated in the model.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0003

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Montgomery County Youth Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 8

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Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS) is a private, not-for-profit, multi-service, youth and family agency in Montgomery County, Texas. The MCYS Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program has one primary goal: to create safe and trusting relationships between responsible adult mentors and children of prisoners or children whose parents are on parole or probation. MCYS is working with 50 mentors who have passed all screening procedures, successfully completed training, and agreed to participate in effective mentoring activities each week for a year. Mentors implement a positive youth development approach that provides healthy messages about life and social behavior, promotes increased school attendance and improved grades, and increases participation in civic service and community activities.

MCYS assesses and meets the needs of the youth's family by strengthening the connections of children with the incarcerated parent, increasing exposure to a full range of support services for siblings and families, and increasing the skill caregivers need to access relevant services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0045

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Northern Valley Catholic Social Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 2

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Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS), the North State Mentoring Coalition, and Youth Violence Prevention Council (YVPC) have jointly developed a plan to provide mentoring and support services for children age 4-15 who have at least one incarcerated parent. They are recruiting, screening, training, monitoring, and matching 70 mentors with 70 children. They are also providing mentoring and peer support for 10 first-time juvenile offenders between the ages of 12-15 who have at least one incarcerated parent. They assess the whole family's needs and develop individualized service plans to provide targeted support to the participating child, the siblings, and other family members (or caretakers).The organization offers reunification groups on a quarterly basis in the four local county jails and in the two large correctional facilities in the area. They also assist children in communicating with their incarcerated parent(s). The program plans to evaluate the outcomes and collect data for future planning and program reporting to the funding agency.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0019

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 25

Principal Contact Person: Marsha Weissman

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Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

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Connections: A Mentoring Program for Children with Parents in Prison, addresses the need for a comprehensive strategy for adolescent children ages 13 to 15 who have incarcerated parents in Syracuse, New York. Connections will recruit and train 75 to 100 mentors a year to be matched with 100 youth with parents in prison. Key program elements build on and expand existing local services to mentor and support youth, their caretakers, and their parents, upon release. The services are coordinated by the Center for Community Alternatives (CCA), a private, not-for-profit agency that has been a pioneer in working with children of incarcerated parents. The Syracuse City School District (SCDC) is the primary partner and the chief referral source. Other community agencies, coalitions, and faith-based collaborations play important roles in recruiting and training mentors and providing services to youth, caretakers, and parents. CCA is enhancing the many services it provides to high-risk and juvenile justice system youth, such as support groups for students in the SCSD's alternative schools who have incarcerated parents. The goal of the program is to improve the prospects of these children by helping them develop effective skills and supports to avoid problematic behaviors, such as delinquency, drug use, and school problems that are often associated with parental incarceration.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0049

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Chatham County Together!

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $30,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Kim Caraganis

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Chatham County Together! (CCT!) is the only mentoring program in Chatham County, North Carolina and the primary source of services to at-risk youth after school, on weekends, and during the summer. The County is rural, has minimal recreation and enrichment opportunities for youth, and has no public transportation. CCT! is recruiting, screening, and matching mentors for 40 children of prisoners, probationers, and parolees over the next 3 years. CCT! will provide academic support through tutoring services and advocacy for the 40 participating children and will sponsor a variety of activities (recreational, cultural, and community service) that teach social skills and give youth exposure to new experiences and opportunities. When possible, other siblings or children in the home will be included in these activities. Youth and their caregivers will be able to meet with a family support worker to identify dynamics or behaviors within the family that may be contributing to the stress of the family. The caregiver will have access to parent/caregiver support groups, as well as referrals and guidance to other key support services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0011

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: San Diego Youth and Community Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 53

Principal Contact Person: Donald Stump

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

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In cooperation with the courts, health and mental health care providers, social service agencies, schools, and the child welfare establishment, San Diego Youth & Community Services (SDYCS) is identifying the children of incarcerated parents and their families and providing them with a range of mentoring and support services. This effective infrastructure will ease the impact of the potentially devastating situations these families face. SDYCS is launching a mentoring and family support system to youth and new service partners who would benefit from expanded programs. Mentoring matches will be accomplished through the SDYCS Volunteer Services Department, which recruits, screens, and trains mentors and other volunteers. Activities will be facilitated by the two Youth Education Town Centers, which offer academic and social support. Family self-sufficiency and mental health services will be coordinated through the staff of the Coastal Communities Center, which offers emergency assistance and clinical services. SDYCS is working with many community partners to better identify the target population and more effectively meet their needs.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0030

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $65,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Laura Fernandez

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One Plus One: Mentors Making a Difference, is a 3-year comprehensive mentoring project for prisoners' children, run by the Incarcerated Mothers Program (IMP), which has over 17 years experience working with imprisoned women, their children, and their caretakers. IMP is a program within Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families, which has 65 years of experience and is currently one of the largest minority- administered foster care agencies in New York City. Their strong alliance with New York City's child welfare system is helping them develop a program model that will work effectively for large, urban child welfare providers nationwide. The One Plus One: Mentors Making a Difference program serves approximately 50 children, ages 4-15 who have an imprisoned parent. They are designing a formal method for systematic tracking to identify all children within the Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families agency who have an incarcerated parent. They provide one-on-one weekly mentoring partnerships in which caring, supportive adults use the best practices of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentor Supervisor Training Program. Mentors receive training from a specialist with New York City's child welfare system on overcoming the barriers that exist in working with children of imprisoned parents.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0002

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Community Service Center, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $62,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Octavia Edinburg

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Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

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The Community Service Center's (CSC) "Someone to Watch Over Me", is a mentoring program created to improve the youth outcomes for children of inmates. This comprehensive program includes a mentoring component, support services, as well as educational enhancement for the children, with added components for the caretaker and releasing parent. The CSC will provide 25 children of incarcerated and recently released offenders with mentoring that will promote social competency, emotional wellness, and stability as it connects to the incarceration or absence of the parent. The children will have an opportunity to establish and maintain a trusting relationship with an adult, as well as be provided with supportive services, educational enhancement, social skills training, creative activities, and counseling to ensure that a holistic approach is utilized to enhance their life experiences.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0005

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: The Osborne Association, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 14

Principal Contact Person: Elizabeth Gaynes

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Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

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The Osborne Association, in collaboration with Catholic Charities Big Brothers Big Sisters, will provide mentoring and family support services to children of prisoners ages 4 to 15, and their siblings, incarcerated parents, and caregivers. Annually, this program, entitled the Children of Promise Project, will organize 50 mentoring matches and provide comprehensive family services including family counseling and case management, prison family support groups, supervised prison visits, in-prison parenting classes, reentry services for incarcerated parents, and family-friendly social events to over 200 prison family members in New York City and in prisons throughout New York State. The Children of Promise Project has three goals: to reduce the risk factors and strengthen the protective factors associated with behavioral, emotional, health, and educational difficulties for children who have an incarcerated parent; to promote social competency, school success, and well-being among participant children; and to improve each child's care-giving environment by increasing family stability, improving parenting practices, maintaining the parent/child relationship (when appropriate) when a parent is incarcerated, assisting with family reintegration at the time a parent is released from prison, and providing a caring stable adult outside the family.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0051

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: YMCA of Greater Louisville

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $52,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Dennis Enix

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Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

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YMCA Safe Place Services' intensive mentoring program, Project N.O.W. - New Outlook Within, serves 35 youth of incarcerated parents, ages 12-15 in Louisville, Kentucky. The goal is to mentor these youth to help ensure that they realize their full potential and to fulfill the YMCA's national promise to "build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities." The agency has partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services for 29 years in serving the community's runaway and homeless youth and also operates a Department of Justice - Juvenile Mentoring Program targeting one of Kentucky's lowest-rated high schools. They are now expanding services to help adult prisoners reconcile and/or restore relationships with their adolescent children as they transition back into the community. This new effort is taking place through a partnership with a leader in residential community corrections centers, Dismas Charities Inc. The agency also receives the assistance and cooperation of Kentucky's Justice Cabinet - Jefferson County Division of Probation and Parole.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0041

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Franklin Williamson Human Services, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 12

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Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson-Geist

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Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Inc. has provided mentoring services to children for the past 8 years in Franklin, Jefferson, Marion, and Williamson counties via its Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Illinois program. Last year, the program served 228 children in both site-based and traditional community based programs. The organization will expand its services by establishing the Children and Mentors Prison Support Program (CHAMPS), to serve children of incarcerated parents. Over the next 3 years, CHAMPS will create approximately 170 children (115 matches ongoing) mentor matches. CHAMPS will follow the Big Brother Big Sister program policies and procedures for recruiting, screening, training, selecting, and matching children with mentors.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0001

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Alamo Area

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $487,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 20

Principal Contact Person: Elizabeth Myers

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Telephone of Grantee: 210-225-6322

Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8586

The Mentoring Children of Promise Project, conducted through the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) programs in San Antonio, North Texas, Southeast Texas, Central Texas, El Paso, and Abilene is providing one-to-one mentoring relationships to 1,000 children of incarcerated parents on probation or parole. In the future, they plan to serve up to 1,440 children. Additional family support services will be provided by the Southwest Key program and the Texas Network of Youth Services. The ultimate aim of the program is to help children develop positive social behaviors, promote their engagement in the mentor relationship and the community, and assist them in acquiring the assets they need to grow into confident, competent, caring adults. The BBBS program attempts to offset the negative effects of having an incarcerated family member and help facilitate the development of strengths in the child by providing a positive role model who spends quality time with them. In 2002, Big Brothers Big Sisters program-based outcome measures demonstrated that more than 85 percent of the children mentored improved or maintained positive relationships with their peers and family members, improved or maintained their ability to avoid substance abuse and other delinquent behaviors, and improved or maintained their attitude toward school and school performance.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0035

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Denver County Area Youth Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Robert Tiernan

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Yatsko

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-690-7843

The Mentoring Valuable People (MVP)-Denver project addresses the need for services and resources for children with incarcerated parents in Denver, Colorado. Denver Area Youth Services (DAYS) was formed in 1982 as a community-based, non-profit agency dedicated to work with at-risk children/youth and their families. DAYS is working on this project with Nicholson, Spencer & Associates Training Institute (NS&A), which is establishing a mentoring program for at-risk youth. The project is developing approximately 200 mentoring relationships over a 3-year period. Highlights include: 1) training for caretakers and incarcerated parents; 2) orientation of mentors to the prison culture; 3) safety training for caretakers, youth, and mentors prior to a completed match; 4) emphasis for mentors on building relationships with caretakers and incarcerated parents; 5) parent training; 6) an education coordinator who will assist in developing strategies to increase the child's school performance; and 7) a system to provide mentors for caretakers. Over the life of the project, expected outcomes include: 1) improved school performance; 2) increased involvement of children in the community; 3) a decrease in youth substance abuse; 4) prevention of juvenile justice system involvement; 5) more effective parenting skills by caretakers and incarcerated parents; and 6) evaluation of the quality of the mentoring relationship.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0039

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $400,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: India McCanse

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Telephone of Grantee: 414-258-4778

Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson-Geist

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-260-2670

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee has a 10-year Strategic Growth Plan that has set a goal of making 5,000 quality matches between high-risk children and responsible adults by 2006. The agency is replicating the Amachi Project of Philadelphia, which is now in its third year of providing mentoring. Wisconsin incarcerates African Americans at 10 times the rate that it imprisons whites and more than 20 percent of the State's prisoners are held out-of-State. Therefore, children of incarcerated parents in the service delivery area have a much higher chance of having a parent imprisoned and of not being able to visit them. Parental incarceration has devastating effects on a child; 7 out of 10 children of incarcerated parents will become incarcerated themselves if there is no positive intervention in their lives. The ultimate outcome of this program is increased community safety through positive change in the lives of 400 children in the city of Milwaukee.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0020

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $450,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Marlene Olshan

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Telephone of Grantee: 215-790-9200

Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

Since its inception in 2001, the Philadelphia-based Amachi program has earned a reputation as the largest and most successful mentoring program for children of prisoners in the country. Statistics show that 70 percent of children who have an incarcerated parent will follow their parent's footsteps to prison. Amachi is a collaboration of individuals from all walks of life and from all political, economic, and social backgrounds, who recognize that the program has the potential to improve the lives and futures of children of prisoners. Amachi uses the power of local congregations, in collaboration with secular organizations, to provide mentors and friends to at-risk children in the neighborhood. These congregations serve as centers of community support and resources for these children. Amachi provides quality mentoring using the Big Brothers Big Sisters model, which sets the national standard for screening, matching, training, and supporting safe mentoring relationships. Children in the Amachi program benefit from the opportunity to have an adult who can share life's simple joys with them. Attending ball games, going for walks, doing homework, running errands, or just "hanging out"—these activities help children develop positive and trusting relationships with an adult. Independent research shows that such relationships can have a significant positive impact on children's lives.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0027

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $82,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Mary Fox

Address of Grantee: 102 Middleboro Rd., Wilmington, DE 19804

Telephone of Grantee: 302-998-3577

Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware, Inc. (BBBSDE) is implementing a new mentoring partnership that serves youth whose mothers are incarcerated at the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI) in New Castle, Delaware. Since BWCI is Delaware's only female correctional facility, this project will serve children throughout the Delaware. The partnership is a new collaboration between BBBSDE, CHILD, Inc., the Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) and Baylor Women's Correctional Institution. The fundamental goal is to foster positive development in youth who are living with a variety of risk factors due to their mothers' incarceration. The methodology for achieving this goal is to match the individual child with a caring adult mentor and to provide comprehensive support services for parents, siblings, and caregivers. The program is based on the rationale that these mentors and accompanying services will help youth to build important assets that can promote positive attitudes and behaviors, as well as reducing the incidence of delinquent behaviors, such as violence and drug and alcohol use. Caring adult mentors will be recruited, screened, and trained by Big Brothers Big Sisters. Additional family and child support services will include: transportation for mother/child visitation, parent aide home visits with caregivers, school visits with the child's guidance counselor and/or teacher to assess the child's needs and adjustment, support groups for youth, and cultural/educational/recreational activities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0004

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $60,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 2

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Regis Donovan

Address of Grantee: 1171 Highway 28, North Branch, NJ 08876

Telephone of Grantee: 908-725-1226

Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8586

The Each One Teach One Mentoring Program benefits adolescent children of mothers incarcerated at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton, New Jersey. The purpose of this project is to provide in-depth mentoring relationships for up to 25 of these girls, from ages 10 to 14. Approximately 12 to 15 volunteer mentors assist in their social, academic, and interpersonal development. The project is an extension of the existing New Jersey Girl Scouting Beyond Bars (NJ GSBB) program operated by Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council (GSRHC), a nonprofit organization based in North Branch, Somerset County, New Jersey. GSRHC launched GSBB in 1995, modeled on a program developed in Maryland with the National Institute of Justice. The program addresses a need for intensive mentoring and assistance for peri-adolescent girls who are most at risk of succumbing to negative influences in their home and neighborhood environments. Each mentor has weekly mentoring sessions with two girls in local community meeting rooms. A full-time coordinator administers the program. The Project Director is responsible for recruiting, training, and retaining volunteers and making matches for a term of at least 1 year. Complementary services are also provided to family members, caregivers, incarcerated women, and siblings through a network of community service programs.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0015

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: City of Longview

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $175,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Lyndell McAllister

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Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8586

The City of Longview's Partners in Prevention Mentor Program was created in 1995 by a coalition of social service staff, doctors, ministers, parents, and individuals to serve 145 children by mobilizing the community to function as caring, responsible mentors for children with the greatest need. With the addition of new program support coordinators, The City of Longview plans to serve 200 children of prisoners over a 3-year period in the Forever Friends and Co-Pilots Mentor programs for the Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rusk, and Upshur counties. The Program will recruit and train positive adult mentors to provide children of prisoners with safe and trusting relationships, healthy messages about life and social behavior, guidance, encouragement in school performance, and participation in community service activities.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0010

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $270,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 22

Principal Contact Person: Wayne Stumpfer

Address of Grantee: 1130 K St., Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814

Telephone of Grantee: 916-324-9142

Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-4866

The Mentoring Youth of Incarcerated Parents Program is part of the Walden House (WH), Brighter Future (BF) project. It uses a multi-organizational approach and has three main functions: 1) quality mentoring and support services to children/youth of incarcerated parents; 2) capacity building for Walden House to incorporate quality, state-of-the-art mentoring services into the overall service delivery system; and 3) establishment of specialized services and service delivery linkages between programs that serve incarcerated adults and programs that serve their children. The project is recruiting and training 116 mentors and selecting 180 youth for mentoring services in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay Areas. The Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) is providing fiscal management, programmatic oversight, and technical assistance to the project. WH is recruiting participants, implementing and managing mentoring and support services, providing outreach, evaluating program efficacy, and promoting systems change to establish specialized services to children, with linkages to programs serving their incarcerated parents. WH's subgrantee partners, California Mentor Foundation, The Mentoring Center, The Los Angeles Mentoring Partnership, and Be A Mentor Foundation are providing expertise and resources to train WH staff and provide technical assistance. Services will be provided to one primary group (youth), and three secondary groups (caretakers, parents in the process of transitioning from incarceration, and Walden House staff).

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0037

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Search Institute

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $150,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Pat Seppanen

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Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson-Geist

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The Search Institute, in collaboration with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities, the Council on Crime and Justice, the Minneapolis Beacons Project, and the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota, will expand mentoring services for children (ages 4-15) of prisoners in Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota. The program will establish and implement an asset-based mentoring-family support partnership model to create 175 mentor-child matches to provide support services for children and their families. The goals of the collaborative include: (1) supporting and guiding children and youth of prisoners to realize their potential via a one-to-one relationship with a mentor and access to year-round non-school activities for academic support and enrichment; (2) providing mentor training to reinforce positive youth development and developmental asset acquisition while a parent is incarcerated; (3) identifying and supporting the needs of parents/caregivers and their children focusing on positive youth development and asset acquisition; and (4) expanding and sustaining the mentoring-family support partnership model.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0013

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Path of Life Ministries

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $480,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 43

Principal Contact Person: Raul Diaz

Address of Grantee: 3340 Durahart St., Riverside, CA 92507

Telephone of Grantee: 909-786-9048

Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-4866

Path of Life Ministries in Riverside County, California is developing a mentoring program for children with parents who are incarcerated, on parole, or on probation. The program is built on a support network of faith-based, community-based, and city and county agencies with experience providing mentoring programs to high-risk children and youth from diverse and low-income communities. Members also have extensive experience serving families with incarcerated parents. The goals are to increase the protective factors and decrease the risk factors of participating children and youth; increase their school attendance and achievement rates; and integrate and increase access to educational, mental health, social, and justice services. The objectives include development of a research-based volunteer mentor program for 600 children/youth with 350 trained volunteer adult mentors, increased reading and math achievement levels, improved school attendance, decreased self-destructive and aggressive behaviors, increased levels of youth engagement, and increased communication and visitations between children and incarcerated parents. Further, the program hopes to facilitate the family unification process when the incarcerated parent is released. The outcomes hoped for will also reflect significant and continuous support for children and families when they exit the mentoring program.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0023

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: The Salvation Army, a New York Corporation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $95,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Bruce Livingston

Address of Grantee: 701 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19123

Telephone of Grantee: 215-787-2802

Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

The Salvation Army, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Division, is developing and operating a Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program in Chester, Pennsylvania. They provide mentoring and support services for 75 children of prisoners, ages 4-15. The volunteer mentors are members of faith communities, students from local colleges and universities, retired adults, and business people and other professionals from the local area. The Salvation Army is partnering with the Occupational Therapy (OT) program at Thomas Jefferson University. The mentoring program screens and trains volunteer mentors, matches children, and supervises and monitors the child/mentor pairs. Occupational Therapy helps with child assessment, mentor screening and training, and structured skill-building activities. Mentors meet individually with children weekly for 3 hours to engage in recreational, sports, educational, and cultural activities. Once a month, the pairs join with other pairs to engage in structured tasks, such as computer training, Internet use, and Web Page design, facilitated by a licensed Occupational Therapist. Pairs sometimes work together to create a larger project or engage in community service activities. The program provides support services to the families, with case management that can refer them to health and social benefits and provide job search assistance for parents transitioning from correctional institutions into the community. Caretaker Support Groups are offered as a way to provide education and support for the parents' responsibilities in caring for their children.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0014

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $420,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: C. Wallace-Booker

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Telephone of Grantee: 410-772-7143

Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

The U.S. Dream Academy provides after-school academic support and mentoring to children of incarcerated parents. To respond to the risks facing these children, eight Dream Academy Learning Centers were established in seven cities across the country: two centers in Washington, DC; Baltimore, MD; Newark, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Jamaica-Queens, NY; Houston, TX; and Atlanta, GA. The Dream Academies' goals are to provide one-to-one mentoring experiences to children of incarcerated parents and teen offenders who have/had a parent incarcerated, to maintain mentor matches for at least 1 year to increase the effectiveness of the mentoring relationship, to provide values training and reinforcement through mentoring, to build critical life skills, such as reading, writing, and math, and to provide support and resources to families separated due to incarceration. The U.S. Dream Academy National Mentoring Program is making 3000 one-to-one mentor/mentee matches over a 3-year period. They serve children in 2nd through 6th grades, ages 7-12. They are screening and training 1400 mentors per year for 3 years, which will total 3000 mentors matched in the program.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0025

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Centerforce, Inc

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $70,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 6

Principal Contact Person: Barry Zack

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-4866

The Leaders in Future Environments (LIFE) Project of Centerforce, Inc. is expanding its mentoring program for children ages 12 to 15 in the San Francisco Bay Area who have an incarcerated parent. The LIFE Project is a prevention-based mentoring program that seeks to break the intergenerational cycle of crime by providing young people with one-on-one mentoring, monthly group activities, and annual retreats that focus on the special needs and unique challenges of adolescent children of prisoners. The LIFE Project provides young people with access not only to mentors, but also to a supportive peer network in which they will not feel like misfits because they have a parent in prison. The project's primary objective is to provide 20 children with a mentoring program that includes 1 hour of one-on-one mentoring each week, supported by monthly group activities, and an annual retreat. The second objective is to recruit, train, and supervise 25 adult mentors to sustain the one-on-one ratio even if there is attrition of mentors during the year. Expected outcomes include: fewer contacts with the criminal justice system; increased participation in positive social outlets, such as after-school groups, religious organizations, and sports; and volunteer activities by some of the children to produce educational materials for other youth and the general public about parental incarceration.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0043

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Volunteers of America Northern New England

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Julia Wilcock

Address of Grantee: 14 Maine St., Suite 205, Brunswick, ME 04064

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-4866

The Volunteers of America of Northern New England's (VOANNE) goal is to ensure that the child of an incarcerated parent is able to make a successful transition from childhood to adolescence. To accomplish this, VOANNE will implement a mentoring program that uses local-level strategies, including informal networks, loyalty to the community, the volunteer "ethos," flexibility of approaches and models, and the commitment of an involved and empowered local community. The program has a centralized approach, including a quality assurance system that monitors performance and safety and a data/information collection and analysis system that enables volunteers (mentors), caretakers, and project staff to document each mentor-youth partnership. This initiative is a collaborative led by VOANNE and includes the Maine Department of Corrections, the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine, and programs of the Maine Children's Cabinet.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0028

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $180,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 14

Principal Contact Person: John Stahl-Wert

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Telephone of Grantee: 412-281-3752

Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

Amachi Pittsburgh, an asset-based initiative of the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, is a network of public and private entities strategically united to provide mentoring services to children of prisoners. Over the course of 3 years, Amachi Pittsburgh will work to establish 360 mentor matches. This mentoring initiative will leverage the strengths of several community entities, including congregations that will provide highly qualified mentors and strong regional mentoring agencies that will screen, train, and supervise the mentors. Amachi Pittsburgh will also work to ensure all partners increase their capacity to sustain efforts in following years. Philadelphia's Amachi Program in coordination with The Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth & Family Services, Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation, and University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development will provide technical assistance in program design, needs analysis, and evaluation.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0029

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Center for Youth and Families, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $525,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Dee Ann Newell

Address of Grantee: 5905 Forest Pl., Suite 200, Little Rock, AR 72207

Telephone of Grantee: 501-666-8686

Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8586

Centers for Youth and Families, a private, nonprofit organization in Little Rock, Arkansas has carefully developed services for children of prisoners and their caregivers over a 12-year period. The HIP program (Hope, Inspiration, and Protection) provides mentoring services to children of prisoners in the areas of greatest concentration in Arkansas. They are partnering with organizations in five Arkansas Counties (Pulaski, Faulkner, Jefferson, Washington, and Benton Counties) to serve children of prisoners. The program plans to provide individual and group mentoring for approximately 350 children in the first year, serving over 1,400 individuals, including parents, siblings, and caregivers. Mentoring focuses on literacy building, including writing, reading, and other communication skills development. They also provide parenting classes for caregivers. The mentors are recruited from the community, screened, and well-trained, with an emphasis on spontaneity and fun in mentoring relationships. The mission is to "let these children be children," while providing positive role models who value them. Evaluation and monitoring of mentor-mentee activities will be conducted by experienced researchers to determine the positive impact on the well-being of the children.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0034

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Montana Human Resources Development Council Directors

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $112,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 8

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Robert Buzzas

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Federal Project Officer: Deborah Yatsko

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The Montana Human Resources Development Council Directors Association (HRDC), a non-profit organization composed of Montana's Community Action Partnership agencies, currently provides comprehensive, family-focused and intensive case management services to help those in poverty. HRDC is continuing their efforts by launching the Montana Children of Incarcerated Parents (MCIP) program, a statewide, multi-organizational network of public, private, faith-based, and tribal entities committed to improving the health and welfare of the families of prisoners. Project partners include HRDC, T.E.A.M. Mentoring, the University of Great Falls, the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, and the Montana Office of Rural Health. Program strategies include mentoring programs for children with incarcerated parents, case management for these children and their families, and the creation of a collaborative system of faith-based and community-based organizations to increase the understanding of the needs of children of prisoners in Montana and improve statewide services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0018

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $90,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 19

Principal Contact Person: Sharon Johnson

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Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8586

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) provides mentoring services to children of families where at least one parent is currently incarcerated or is on probation or parole. Services are provided in four counties in West Texas, including Lubbock, Terry, Hockley, and Garza. These areas are very rural, with a high percentage of families living in poverty and a high Hispanic population. Two coordinators are implementing and managing the program. They recruited community members to form an advisory committee to assist with program design, implementation, and evaluation. Mentors are recruited from various community sources and are carefully selected to include a minimum of 60 mentor volunteers to work with 70 children. They are asked to commit to 1 year of service, with a minimum of one weekly contact. Mentors develop plans to address the needs of the family, as well as the needs of the child. A combination of individual and group activities are implemented so that the child can experience success on an individual level, as well as in a group setting, thus gaining valuable social skills.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0022

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Center for Multicultural Human Services

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $100,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 11

Principal Contact Person: Ricarda Dowling

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Telephone of Grantee: 703-533-3302

Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-404-9358

The overarching goal of the Child and Adolescent Mentoring Program and Support Services (CHAMPS) by way of the Center for Multicultural Human Services program is to help cultural, racial, and language minority children of prisoners cope with and overcome the challenges associated with having an incarcerated parent and promote healthy transitions into adolescence and adulthood. Program objectives include: improving self-esteem and functioning of at least 50 children of incarcerated parents; increasing the knowledge, skills, and confidence of 50 community members so they can provide mentoring activities addressing the needs of children of incarcerated parents; increasing the motivation and skills of 75 percent of participating incarcerated parents and caregivers of children in the program to support the children's healthy development; and increasing awareness, knowledge, and coordination of relevant constituencies to respond to the special needs of the children through outreach, education, and training. Caring, committed, trained, and supported mentors are carefully matched with children. CHAMPS offers an integrated approach that promotes positive youth development. The approach is holistic, comprehensive, and corresponds to the range of special needs presented by cultural, racial, and language minority children of prisoners.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0016

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: San Juan County Partnership

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $200,00

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Pamela Drake

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Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8586

Members of the New Mexico Mentoring Partnership, by way of the San Juan County Partnership are providing mentoring and family support services to children of incarcerated parents in 21 of the 34 counties in New Mexico in a unique collaboration that reaches out to an underserved population. The service area includes Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and other extremely rural areas. The children represent the diverse population of the State. Services are being provided to 159 children and their families in the first year, with the goal of serving 128 in the second year, and 242 in the third year. Six Big Brothers and Big Sisters organizations and one independent mentoring program, Wise Men and Wise Women, have collaborated with community partners in each of the counties to provide services. The mentoring programs adhere to the New Mexico Mentoring Standards and are also collaborating on a statewide mentoring grant. Goals and objectives of the program are to provide quality matches that increase socialization, school success, and problem-solving skills in children; to work with families for reunification and strengthening; and to further mentoring programs and community partner infrastructures to better serve the families of New Mexico. A sound evaluation methodology will be used to determine program effectiveness and provide data for the successful expansion of services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0009

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Hawaii Youth Services Network

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $165,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Judith Clark

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

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Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of more than 45 youth organizations, is developing and maintaining a statewide coordinated system to provide mentoring services to children of prisoners and support to their families that promotes healthy relationships. HYSN works in partnership with seven non-profit organizations and the two State agencies responsible for the criminal corrections system. HYSN and its partners are matching 110 children of prisoners aged 4 to 17 with mentors who have been thoroughly screened and trained. They work to increase contact and communication between prisoners and their children, resulting in stronger families. They are also developing and implementing a statewide training system for mentors and partnering agency staff and creating a public information campaign to inform service providers, prisoners, and families about the mentoring program and to recruit volunteer mentors. Feedback is being provided to correctional system staff and public officials about ways to implement family-friendly policies and procedures. Benefits to children who participate in the mentoring program include less anxiety, guilt, shame, and fear; maintaining or improving school performance; experiencing fewer sleep disturbances; having greater resistance to alcohol and drugs; and having fewer episodes of aggressive or self-destructive behavior.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0033

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Portland

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $105,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 3

Principal Contact Person: Lynn Thompson

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Federal Project Officer: Dorothy Pittard

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Project HOPE is a collaboration among Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Metropolitan Portland, Oregon, the District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Probation, three Family Service Centers (including mental health services), Children Made Visible, and Angel Tree Ministries to serve children affected by parental incarceration. BBBS is partnering with neighborhood churches to screen and train mentors for 150 children of incarcerated parents for 3 years. The mentors also support families involved with the HOPE program so they can connect or reconnect with their children and access needed social, medical, spiritual, and mental health services. Program goals include building character and promoting positive, healthy youth development in children whose parents are incarcerated, on parole, or on probation. These goals are being accomplished through BBBS' nationally recognized community-based mentoring program, in conjunction with the support services of the collaborating agencies. Project HOPE is uniquely positioned to reduce the negative impacts of parental incarceration, facilitate the successful reintegration of the parent into the family and society, and offer hope and positive alternatives for participating youth.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0026

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Breaking the Chain Foundation

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $120,00

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: D. Jackson-Meyers

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Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

This project unites three District of Columbia organizations in a common goal: to enhance the lives of children of prisoners through continuing involvement with a mentor. The Breaking the Chain Foundation, a faith-based non-profit organization, identifies children of prisoners through their established partnership with the DC Department of Corrections, selects appropriate adult mentors from the community, administers mentoring services, and makes youth and family referrals on an as-needed basis to a community network of professionals and youth service agencies. Approximately seventy-five youth living in Ward 8 (the poorest ward in the Nation's Capital) have been recruited by Breaking the Chain staff to participate in the mentoring program. The Maryland Mentoring Partnership guides the Breaking the Chain Foundation in establishing the infrastructure for this new program and conducts orientation and training sessions for program staff, children, and their families and mentors. The University of Maryland, College Park's Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) advises Breaking the Chain to ensure that the mentoring activities have a strong scientific foundation. CESAR also conducts implementation and outcome evaluations to measure program effectiveness. It is anticipated that these children will gain the necessary support needed to navigate through difficult circumstances, make positive life choices, enhance commitments for academic success, and achieve their personal goals.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0021

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Center for Children

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $47,044

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 5

Principal Contact Person: Ellen Sarrett

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Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

The Mentoring the Children of Prisoners, Parolees, and Probationers program, by way of the Center for Children, in Charles County, MD is bringing together 75 mentoring matches over a 3-year period between the children of inmates (or adults under court supervision) and locally recruited adult mentors. Mentors provide support and guidance, academic assistance, life skills, cultural and recreational enrichment, and character development. Caring adults are screened and trained from the local community to serve as mentors and role models. Training combines the traditional one-to-one match model (used by Big Brothers/Big Sisters) with more innovative approaches being implemented by providers around the country who work with at-risk youth. The program also offers educational/recreational outings, prizes for 100+ hours spent in mentoring yearly, youth orientation, a quarterly newsletter that youth can contribute to, group visitation to prisons to visit incarcerated parents/relatives when appropriate, a Youth Advisory Board, a Speakers' Bureau, and Training Assistantships for youth during the orientation of incoming mentees.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0017

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Little Dixie Community Action Agency

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $60,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 6

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Tammy Creacy

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Telephone of Grantee: 580-326-3351

Federal Project Officer: Daniel Corle

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8586

Little Dixie Community Action Agency's Mentoring Children of Prisoners program covers three rural counties in Southeast Oklahoma: Pushmataha, Choctaw, and McCurtain. The program's goal is to provide young people, ages 4-15, who have one or more parents incarcerated (or on parole or probation) with a positive, adult role model in their lives. The program uses an intense recruiting and screening process for mentors to assure that all children are safe. Families of these children are linked to agencies to help with their specific needs, such as Medicaid and food stamps. Parents and guardians are offered workshops on computer training, job skills training, and parenting skills. Many community partners are contributing to this much-needed program, which is the only one in the area helping this high-risk population of children.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0048

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $238,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 4

Congressional District Served: 9

Principal Contact Person: Carol Lee

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Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-401-9358

Big Sisters Big Brothers of Greater Charlotte (BBBSGC) and Energy Committed to Offenders (ECO) have the goal of promoting safety and stability for families with an incarcerated parent in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. BBSGC matches youth with volunteers, primarily from the faith community, for one-on-one mentoring relationships. ECO provides support services for the entire family and helps prisoners transition to life after release. BBBSGC, founded in 1972, is part of a national organization that has focused on developing mentoring relationships for 99 years; ECO has been providing services for prisoners and their families in Mecklenburg since 1973. The program's goal is to support these children with mentoring relationships so that they will be less likely to participate in unhealthy activities, have problems in school, or follow the parent into the criminal justice system. The program uses the Amachi model, developed by BBBS of America, to annually match 300 children with an incarcerated parent with 300 volunteer mentors. Volunteer coordinators in participating churches recruit, support, and maintain volunteers for the program. Children are primarily be referred by ECO, which identifies them through contacts in the criminal justice system and current programs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools also identify and refer children with an incarcerated parent. The students participate in the Amachi mentoring program and in support groups developed by ECO in eight schools.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0050

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Volunteers of America Western Washington

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $165,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Gilbert Saparto

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Federal Project Officer: Dorothy Pittard

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8906

For over 100 years, Volunteers of America Western Washington, a Christian human service agency, has been dedicated to reaching, uplifting, serving, and empowering diverse individuals, families, and communities. Volunteers of America Western Washington will implement a family strengthening and mentoring program, Mentoring Children of Promise, for children of incarcerated parents residing in Skagit, Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties in Western Washington. This project is dedicated to providing children of incarcerated parents with long-term mentors who can model safe and trusting relationships, healthy lifestyles, and social behavior; participate in community activities; and increase children's interest in literacy and education. This mentoring project is designed to serve the whole family of the children, including siblings, caregivers, and the imprisoned parent(s) when appropriate. In addition to Volunteers of America Western Washington, the program is a collaborative effort including the King County Children and Families Commission-Department of Health, Big Brothers Big Sisters/YMCA Snohomish County, Familias Unidas Latino Family Support Center-Lutheran Community Services NW, and Deaconess Children's Services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0006

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Pima Prevention Partnership

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $195,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Harry Kessler

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-4866

The Pima Prevention Partnership (PPP), in collaboration with Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and the Governor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families, the Children of Prisoners Working Group of the Juvenile Services Coordinating Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Prison Fellowship Ministries, and other stakeholders, established the Stars Mentoring Project to improve quality-of-life indicators for Pima County, Arizona's children of prisoners, ages 4-15. The project utilizes a collaborative network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring services for children of prisoners, their caretakers, and families. Mentors are required to undergo extensive background checks, receive training on the practice of mentoring children of prisoners, and make a commitment of at least 1 year, with weekly face-to-face contact. The Stars Mentoring Project provides youth with safe and trusting relationships, healthy messages about life and social behavior, guidance from a positive adult role model, and increased participation in community activities. Project objectives include the implementation of a 3-year public education and recruitment plan; mentoring of 218 youths (ages 8-15) over 3 years, provided by Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Prison Fellowship Ministries; family mentoring, case management, and support for 116 children (ages 4-7) over 3 years; annual training for mentors, case managers, and families on the special needs of children of prisoners; and communication with the imprisoned parent, when appropriate.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0040

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $193,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 7

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Lisa Derion

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Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson-Geist

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri (BBBSEMO), a leader in youth mentoring in Missouri and across the Nation, will serve 300 children of prisoners annually in quality one-to-one mentoring relationships with volunteer mentors from the St. Louis faith community. The mission of BBBSEMO is "Through friendships, we help young people succeed." In addition to identifying youth; recruiting, screening, and training volunteers; and matching and supporting children in mentoring relationships, BBBSEMO is committed to bringing the issues surrounding children of incarcerated parents to the community. In the development and implementation of this program, BBBSEMO will work in partnership with a network of organizations, including Mothers and Children Together, the St. Louis Department of Corrections, and the St. Louis Clergy Coalition to provide mentoring services and comprehensive support to children of prisoners and their families and to establish a network of community entities, all working together, to improve the lives and futures of children of incarcerated parents.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0012

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $270,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 1

Principal Contact Person: Mark Brinkerhoff

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Telephone of Grantee: 860-525-5437

Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-4866

The Coalition of Mentoring Excellence Team (COMET) Project is comprised of three agencies, each with specific areas of expertise, partnering to offer children a comprehensive approach to mentoring. Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters (NBBS), which has been the premier mentoring agency in Connecticut for over 36 years, recruits and trains mentors. Families in Crisis, Inc. (FIC) is the only agency in the State of Connecticut dedicated to serving the needs of offender families. They recruit children for the program and develop family service plans. The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Hartford (IMA) is a coalition of 46 churches that finds and recruits both mentors and children of prisoners from the faith-based community. It is estimated that there are at least 4,400 children who have an incarcerated parent in the Hartford area. For these at-risk children, the three most effective protective factors ensuring their well being are a predictable, caring relationship with an adult, services that enhance family functioning and competency, and spiritual nurturance from communities of faith. The COMET Project will provide these protective factors for 300 children of prisoners in 2004. Within 3 years, the Project plans to expand into other cities in Connecticut and hopes to provide a model that can be replicated nationwide.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0052

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Deschutes County

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $62,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: Robert Burch

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Federal Project Officer: Dorothy Pittard

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8906

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Central Oregon Partnerships for Youth (COPY) initiative provides support and assistance to the children of jail inmates, giving them an equal opportunity to succeed. Additionally, the initiative offers a fulfilling experience to volunteer mentors, aids family members and caregivers, assist transitions between the jail facility and the State corrections institution, and, whenever possible, helps the incarcerated parent achieve successful relationships with the child, family, and community. The initiative uses mentoring to offer positive role models to youth and healthy relationships with adults outside of the immediate family. These measures have been proven to favorably affect school performance, attitude, social skills, and behavior. In collaboration with a number of community partners and assigned staff, COPY is matching 25 youth and children with adult mentors. The team manages all critical elements of the program, including effective recruiting, screening, training, matching, and monitoring participants; providing services and referrals to caregivers and parents; and conducting a thorough and comprehensive assessment and evaluation process. The program is attempting to ensure that Deschutes County's children of incarcerated parents receive an equal opportunity to thrive.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0024

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $82,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 3

Congressional District Served: 8

Principal Contact Person: Angela Jacobsen

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Federal Project Officer: Linda Barnett

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County, Inc. (BBBS) is implementing the BBBS BRIDGE program, a collaborative mentoring program designed for children of prisoners ages 4-15. A comprehensive mentoring partnership between BBBS, Bucks County Correctional Facility and Community Corrections Centers, Bucks County Juvenile Probation, Bucks County Adult Probation/Parole, Bucks County Children and Youth, and the community-at-large serves a minimum of 300 children of prisoners and their families in the Bucks County community. The program matches children of prisoners with screened, trained adult mentors ages 19 or older to serve as positive role models. Mentors are either community volunteer mentors or professional staff members of the BBBS Options program. Three professional "big brothers" on the staff of BBBS serve as mentors, providing one-to-one mentoring services in the community. The mentor meets with the child for at least 1 hour a week for a minimum of 1 year. BBBS also provides case management services. Program staff members work with the community to ensure success, partnership, and accessibility to services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0047

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Girl Scouts - Totem Council

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $67,500

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 10

Congressional District Served: 7

Principal Contact Person: Grace Chien

Address of Grantee: 601 Valley St., PO Box 900961, Seattle, WA 98109

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Federal Project Officer: Dorothy Pittard

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-8906

Girl Scout Totem and Pacific Peaks Councils, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Corrections and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, operate a mentoring program for daughters of women incarcerated in the Washington Corrections Center for Women in the 17-county service area of Western Washington. The mentoring program is an extension of Girl Scouts Beyond Bars (GSBB), a nationally recognized, National Institute of Justice-evaluated model designed to break the intergenerational cycle of incarceration. Totem and Pacific Peaks Councils have been providing GSBB services at the Washington State Correction Center for Women since 1999. The program works to enhance the mother/daughter bond through opportunities for Girl Scout meetings designed and conducted by mothers at the prison. The GSBB Mentoring Program builds girls' assets and strengthens families by integrating a mentoring relationship into existing GSBB programming. Forty youth/adult mentor pairs are being established for girls between the ages of 5 and 14. Mentors meet weekly with their mentees and receive training on the unique issues facing girls whose mothers are in prison. Mentor coordinators provide support for the mentors, caregivers, and girls in providing referrals to partner agencies, including social, educational, health, mental health, and housing services.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0007

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: MatchPoint of Arizona, Inc.

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $75,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 9

Congressional District Served: 2

Principal Contact Person: William Brittain

Address of Grantee: 2730 W. Orangewood, Phoenix, AZ 85051

Telephone of Grantee: 602-841-9007

Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

Telephone of Federal Project Officer: 202-205-4866

Project Restoration One-On-One is a collaboration of three partners organized to address the mentoring needs of high-risk children with incarcerated parents. The collaboration partners are Prison Fellowship Ministries, which provides referrals, MatchPoint of Arizona, Inc., which provides mentoring services, and Tree of Life, Inc., which provides services to families. All partners are 501(c)(3) faith-based organizations in Maricopa County, Arizona. The collaboration identified, according to data from the Arizona Department of Corrections, 29,273 dependents of prisoners living in Maricopa County. MatchPoint, as a recognized mentoring organization of high-risk children, uses volunteer mentors in a one-on-one relationship to restore high-risk children to their full potential. The collaboration is increasing mentoring services to include 50 additional children in the first year of Project Restoration One-On-One. They will add 100 children in year two and 200 children in year three. At the end of 3 years, 350 children will have experienced the restorative relationship provided by a trained mentor.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0038

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Central Ohio

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $256,932

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 5

Congressional District Served: 12

Principal Contact Person: Jennifer Voit

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Federal Project Officer: Kelli Matson-Geist

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Amachi is a one-to-one mentoring program that matches children of incarcerated parents with volunteers from the faith-based community. Successfully implemented as a pilot program in Philadelphia in 2001, Amachi matches a subset of youth that have traditionally served with volunteers from a specific market segment: the faith-based community. The Amachi program capitalizes on the tremendous opportunity presented by the willingness of the faith-based community to mentor youth of incarcerated parents. The project's goals are to successfully replicate and implement the Amachi program for a minimum of 3 years while partnering with 30 local congregations to serve children of incarcerated parents and to connect with 300 children in year 1, 500 children in year 2, and 700 children in year 3. This collaborative effort with the Community Connection for Ohio Offenders, Inc., Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and The Mentoring Center of Central Ohio will work to identify the children of incarcerated parents, recruit and train mentors from local congregations, conduct ongoing evaluation and supervision of the mentor match, and provide supplemental support services to the mentor match, as well as the caregiver, siblings, and incarcerated parents.

Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau

Grant Number: 90CV0008

Target Population: Children of incarcerated parents - age 4 to 14

Name of Grantee: Governor's Partnership to Protect Connecticut's Workforce

Fiscal Year: 2003

Amount of Award: $225,000

Program Name: Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Project Period: 9/30/2003-9/29/2006

ACF Region: 1

Congressional District Served: 4

Principal Contact Person: Susan Patrick

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Federal Project Officer: Victoria Marquez

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The Bright Futures Mentoring Program is a collaboration of The Governor's Prevention Partnership, a non-profit, public-private partnership that operates the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, and Family ReEntry Inc., a non-profit organization serving adult criminal offenders and their families. The Governor's Prevention Partnership and Family ReEntry have a proven track record of creating and running mentoring programs, providing effective programming for prisoners and their families, and developing a wide range of programs to reduce substance abuse and violence by increasing the strengths of the individuals, families, and communities they serve. The Bright Futures Mentoring Program provides mentors for some of the 8,000 children of prisoners living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, one of the most disadvantaged cities in the United States. This comprehensive program: (1) Provides a three-tiered mentoring program (school-based, faith-based, and reentry center-based) for 75 children ages 9-13 residing in Bridgeport; (2) Builds mentoring capacity and infrastructure in Bridgeport faith organizations, schools, and programs serving prisoners/probationers; and (3) Focuses state policymakers on better addressing the needs of children of prisoners and their families. All custodial parents/caretakers receive parenting education and other family support services. Children in all programs are provided with appropriate opportunities to visit their incarcerated parents.

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