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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 2005 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, the Family and Youth Services Bureau, and the Head Start 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
HSB Head Start Bureau

Program

AI Abandoned Infant Projects
AO Adoption Opportunities Program
CAN Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
CCRS Child Care Research Scholars
CWT Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
ELOA Early Learning Opportunities Act
FLP National Head Start Family Literacy Center
HBCU Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HLSP Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
TCU Head Start Partnerships with Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges/Universities
CBAE Community-Based Abstinence Education
BCP Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth
FVP Family Violence Prevention and Services

Other Related Terms

CAPTA Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
CCDF Child Care and Development Fund
FR Federal Register
FY Fiscal Year
ICPSR Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
JJDPJA Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
NCCP National Center for Children in Poverty
RHYA Runaway and Homeless Youth Act
QUINCE Quality Interventions in Early Care and Education

CHILD CARE BUREAU



THE CHILD CARE BUREAU

The Child Care Bureau (CCB) is dedicated to enhancing the quality, affordability, and availability of child care for all families. It 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.

CCB administers 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 promising strategies. The Bureau supports States in establishing child care policies/programs that take advantage of the flexibility that CCDF offers and that respond to the needs of children and families. The Policy Division administers policy-related research and evaluation activities and disseminates findings that document emerging trends in the child care field and encourage evidence-based practices; it also administers the Early Learning Opportunities Act discretionary grant program. The Bureau also provides 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

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2000, Congress authorized CCB to spend \$10 million of CCDF discretionary funds annually for research, demonstration, and evaluation. Based on recommendations obtained through a broad-based planning process that involved an HHS task force, a two-day Child Care Leadership Forum, and a request for input from child care organizations and researchers across the country, the Bureau developed a strategic research agenda designed to address questions of pressing concern to Federal, State, and local policy makers and to build a national infrastructure for child care research.

The Child Care Bureau's Research Priorities

CCB seeks to address the questions that are most relevant to Federal, State, and local community policy makers. For FY 2004-2005 these questions include:

- What are the effects of alternative child care subsidy policies and practices on children and families served?
- What are cost-effective investments in child care quality?
- What are the issues and outcomes related to caregiver professional development and training?
- How does school readiness vary among young children in a range of care settings and what factors promote children's early learning?
- What are promising models of coordination between child care and other services for children and families in the States?

Research Activities in Progress

The Bureau's research projects support implementation of Federal and State priorities including the President's early learning initiative, *Good Start, Grow Smart*, and involve sophisticated research methodologies including quasi-experimental and experimental designs. The following provides an overview of CCB's research initiatives.

Child Care Policy Research Consortium. During FYs 2000-2004, CCB expanded its national Child Care Policy Research Consortium. The Consortium's purpose is to help the Bureau increase national capacity for sound child care research, identify and respond to critical issues, and link child care research with policy and practices. In cooperation with the Bureau and *Research Connections*, the Consortium sponsors an annual

meeting each spring attended primarily by researchers and policy-makers involved with Bureau-sponsored research projects. This meeting provides an opportunity for participants to highlight new research activities and findings, work collaboratively on important technical and conceptual issues, consider emerging research and policy concerns, build cross-cutting partnerships, and produce new ideas for the next generation of child care research.

Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (*Research Connections*). After a three-year developmental period, *Research Connections* was launched in April 2004 through a cooperative agreement with the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) at Columbia University and the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan. *Research Connections* is a web-based, interactive database of child care research information and public use data sets for conducting secondary analyses on topics related to early care and education. *Research Connections* also supports activities of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium and sponsors listservs designed to update subscribers about emerging opportunities in child care and early education, and to stimulate discussion on relevant research issues in the field. The website for Research Connections is <http://www.childcareresearch.org>.

Quality Interventions in Early Care and Education (QUINCE) - Evaluation of Promising Models and Approaches to Child Care Provider Training. In FY 2003, the Bureau, in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS, awarded two cooperative agreements to a consortium of seven academic institutions that are partnering with State and local agencies and community organizations. Using an experimental design, the consortium is evaluating the effectiveness of two models of child care provider training. One model compares the effectiveness of a training curriculum for providers caring for infants and toddlers across three different delivery conditions, while the second model compares the training intervention to a control group that have access to training that is normally available to providers in their communities. Outcomes will be assessed in terms of caregiver's knowledge, skills, and practices as well as children's early learning and literacy. The lead universities for this effort are the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and the Georgetown University Center for Health and Education, at Georgetown University.

Evaluation of Child Care Subsidy Strategies. In FY 2001, ACF contracted with Abt Associates, Inc. for a multi-state evaluation to study the impact, implementation, cost, and benefits of various child care subsidy strategies. This evaluation will expand the knowledge of subsidy policies by assessing causality through experimental design. Implementation is underway in Miami-Dade County, Florida where an experimental test of the effects of training child care providers to implement three early language and literacy curricula in centers serving low-income and subsidized preschoolers is being conducted. Outcomes will be measured through classroom observations and child assessments related to school-readiness. In FY 2005, experimental evaluations were initiated in three additional States – Illinois, Massachusetts, and Washington. In Massachusetts, the evaluation is testing the effectiveness of a provider training curricula for family child care home providers. The evaluation is testing the impact of alternative subsidy eligibility ceilings and certification periods in Illinois. And in Washington, the evaluation is testing the impact of alternative co-payment schedules.

Field-Initiated Research Discretionary Grants. Since FY 2000, CCB has funded 34 Field-Initiated Research discretionary grants to research a broad range of issues highlighted by policymakers and investigators in the field. Topics include outcome assessment related to the quality of child care children receive; quality ratings of child care facilities; evaluation of parents' choice of child care based on information about quality of care; care availability for infants and toddlers, children with special needs, and underrepresented populations; child care workforce issues; administrative barriers that may affect low-income families' access to child care; and strategies that States and communities are implementing to improve their child care services and systems.

State Child Care Data and Research Capacity Discretionary Grants. These grants assist State CCDF Lead Agencies to develop greater capacity for policy-relevant research and analysis. In partnership with research organizations, these States are designing more effective child care policies and programs with identifiable outcomes for children, families, and communities. Within each grant, the primary goal is to create a State-wide

research infrastructure to better understand child care needs, services, and outcomes for families in the context of social, economic, and cultural change. Three States received grants in each of FY 2001 and FY 2002.

Child Care Research Scholars Discretionary Grants. Since 2000, the Bureau has awarded 23 discretionary grants to support doctoral candidates to conduct dissertation research on child care issues. Projects have examined the effects of child care disruptions on working parents; informal care in a tribal community; the influences of caregiver, contextual, and group characteristics on the quality of family child care; training strategies for providers of infant and toddler care; and the impact of kindergarten entrance age policies on families' child care needs.

Early Learning Opportunities Act

In Fiscal Year 2001, 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.

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.

On September 30, 2005, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families awarded the Fiscal Year 2005 ELOA discretionary grants to 42 Local Councils in 26 States, including one federally recognized Indian Tribe. The awards range from \$369,450 to \$1 million and the project period for all of the grants is September 30, 2005 through February 28, 2007 (17 months).

Each of the grantees (Local Councils) will promote enhancing early childhood literacy as part of their approved project. In addition, each grantee is required to include two or more of the following ELOA activities as part of their project: 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.

Child Care Research Scholars

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90YE0087
Target Population:	Center and home-based child care providers
Fiscal Year:	2005
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Program Director:	Jean Fallow
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Amount of Award:	\$30,000
Program Name:	Child Care Research Scholars
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2007
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Founded in 1789, the same year the U.S. Constitution took effect; Georgetown University is the nation's oldest Catholic and Jesuit university. Today, Georgetown is a major international research university that embodies its founding principles in the diversity of our students, faculty, and staff, our commitment to justice and the common good, our intellectual openness, and our international character.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The proposed study will document the literacy levels of a sample of early care and education providers and examine the relationships among adult literacy level, traditional measures of child care quality, and child language and cognitive outcomes. As a secondary goal, the study will examine variations in literacy levels of early care and education providers and its relation to their current economic status.

This study will replicate the findings of a previous study that found provider English literacy associated with quality of the language environment in both child care centers and licensed home-based care in Alameda County, California. To address the research questions, a sample of center and home-based providers whose settings were observed as part of the Child Care and Children's Temperament Study (supplement to Temperament over Time Study - TOTS) will be recruited.

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Grant Number:	90YE0085
Target Population:	Relative child care providers
Fiscal Year:	2005
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Program Director:	Paul Lowe
Telephone Number:	785-532-6804
Amount of Award:	\$30,000
Program Name:	Child Care Research Scholars
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2007
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	1, 2, 4

Organization Description:

Kansas State University is a comprehensive, research, land-grant institution first serving students and the people of Kansas, and also the nation and the world. Since its founding in 1863, the University has evolved into a modern institution of higher education, committed to quality programs, and responsive to a rapidly changing world and the aspirations of an increasingly diverse society. Together with other major comprehensive universities, Kansas State shares responsibilities for developing human potential, expanding knowledge, enriching cultural expression, and extending its expertise to individuals, business, education, and government. These responsibilities are addressed through an array of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, research and creative activities, and outreach and public service programs. In addition, its land-grant mandate, based on federal and state legislation, establishes a focus to its instructional, research, and extension activities which is unique among the Regents' institutions.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The purpose of this study is to assess the quality of care in subsidized relative care settings to inform policymakers regarding the efficacy of this investment. The objectives are two-fold: 1) to assess and compare quality of care observed in both subsidized and non-subsidized relative child care settings and 2) to conduct a needs assessment of subsidized relative child care providers from which governmental agencies can facilitate support mechanisms or quality initiatives meeting the specific and unique needs of these providers. Sample pools of 30 subsidized and 30 non-subsidized relative child care providers from select Kansas counties will be created and the Child Care Assessment Tool for Relatives (CCAT-R) will be used to measure the quality in relative care environments. The student-researcher will also facilitate focus group interviews if subsidized and non-subsidized child care providers. Focus group interviews will be used to gather qualitative data to complement quantitative data gathered through CCAT-R.

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Grant Number:	90YE0082
Target Population:	American Indian child care directors
Fiscal Year:	2005
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Amount of Award:	\$30,000
Program Name:	Child Care Research Scholars
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2007
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, chartered by the Legislature in 1869, is that part of the University of Nebraska system which serves as both the land-grant and the comprehensive public University for the State of Nebraska. Those responsible for its origins recognized the value of combining the breadth of a comprehensive University with the professional and outreach orientation of the land grant University, thus establishing a campus which has evolved to become the flagship campus of the University of Nebraska. UNL works cooperatively with the other three campuses and Central Administration to provide for its student body and all Nebraskans the widest array of disciplines, areas of expertise, and specialized facilities of any institution within the state.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This study proposes to investigate American Indian child care directors' perceptions of the reservation community's efforts to promote and preserve cultural integrity in the local transmission of cultural values to children aged birth to five who are enrolled in tribal child care programs on American Indian reservations. In addition, the study will address the directors' perceptions of how statewide quality improvement systems are (or are not) assisting them in their efforts to promote continuity of cultural education and quality child care. Sixteen American Indian directors from child care centers in tribal communities will participate in a multiple case study design. The program directors, each a member of a different tribe, will represent sites located in diverse geographic regions, and will be selected to provide variation among different stages in their professional careers and encountering different kinds and levels of challenge in their work - four equal groups defined by leadership experience and tribal affiliation/enrollment.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90YE0084
Target Population: Young children from 24 months through age 8
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Program Director: Kelly Parker
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Amount of Award: \$29,975
Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2007
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

Founded in 1869, the University of California system includes more than 208,000 students and 121,000 faculty and staff. The central purpose of UC Davis, as a land-grant university, is the generation, advancement, dissemination and application of knowledge. In this, UC Davis is committed to developing and sustaining leading programs in the arts, humanities, biological and physical sciences, and social sciences—disciplines at the core of all universities; agricultural and environmental disciplines and engineering; and professional studies in education, law, management, medicine, and veterinary medicine.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This investigation proposes to employ a series of longitudinal models to examine the importance of a multi-faceted definition of school readiness in the context of out-of-home child care environments. Readiness will include children’s development of social competence and executive functioning, and their ability to adapt to the transition from child care to school. These competencies will be evaluated for links from earlier longitudinal patterns of sensitive caregiving in child care, and will also be examined for their contributions to children’s development of academic and behavioral competence in elementary school. The study will employ Phase I, II, and III of the data from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Study of Early Child Care. Study 1 will examine individual differences in developmental trajectories of social competence and executive functioning from 24 months of age through second grade. Study 2 will identify the importance of early child care experiences that may contribute to children’s individual differences in development of executive functioning and social competence. Study 3 builds on the first study including social competence with peers and executive functioning. Study 4 utilizes data from the first three studies to investigate individual and family level risk factors.

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Grant Number:	90YE0083
Target Population:	Low-income single women
Fiscal Year:	2005
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Amount of Award:	\$29,147
Program Name:	Child Care Research Scholars
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2007
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

The University of Maryland, College Park, is a public research university, the flagship campus of the University System of Maryland, and the original 1862 land-grant institution in Maryland. It is one of only 61 members of the Association of American Universities (AAU). In keeping with the legislative mandates of 1988 and 1999, the University of Maryland is committed to achieving excellence as the State's primary center of research and graduate education and the institution of choice for undergraduate students of exceptional ability and promise.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The proposed research focuses on cost-effectiveness of child care subsidies along two dimensions. First, it compares measures of cost-effectiveness to the alternative of an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Second, the research exploits the substantial cross-state policy innovation in order to clarify an optimal design strategy. In both cases, outcomes of interest include the extent to which these policies increase incentives for labor supply and human capital development, while reducing poverty and receipt of cash assistance. The empirical approach involves three broad steps: 1) modeling labor supply as a function of key budget constraint variables, including child care costs and the EITC, using a sample of single women; 2) modeling a number of indicators of educational attainment, in-school status, and job training enrollment as a function of child care costs and the EITC; and 3) analyzing various components of states' CCDF policies to clarify an optimal design strategy. Data will be drawn primarily from the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP).

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Target Population: Child care health consultants
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Amount of Award: \$29,993
Program Name: Child Care Research Scholars
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2006
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has existed for two centuries as the nation's first state university. Through its excellent undergraduate programs, it has provided higher education to ten generations of students, many of whom have become leaders of the state and the nation. Since the nineteenth century, it has offered distinguished graduate and professional programs. The University is a research university. Fundamental to this designation is a faculty actively involved in research, scholarship, and creative work, whose teaching is transformed by discovery and whose service is informed by current knowledge.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care project (NAP SACC) is an intervention for child care centers and family child care homes aimed at improving nutrition and physical activity policies and practices through self-assessment and targeted technical assistance. The goals of the program are to improve nutritional quality of food served, amount and quality of physical activity, staff-child interactions, and center nutrition and physical activity policy. With the help of a trained Child Health Care Consultant (CCHC), centers complete a self-assessment instrument at pre and post-intervention to evaluate center nutrition and physical activity policies and practices in fifteen areas. The dissertation proposal focuses on the training component for the CCHC. Two training methods will be compared for their overall effectiveness at preparing CCHC to deliver the intervention. Twenty CCHC that volunteer to bring NAP SACC to their counties will be randomized into either web-based or in-person training group. CCHC will be evaluated on their overall nutrition and physical activity knowledge and their ability to provide technical assistance to centers.

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Early Learning Opportunities Act

Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0157
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Action for Children (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Chicago Early Learning and Literacy Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director:	Maria Whelan
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Amount of Award:	\$989,637
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9

Organization Description:

The Chicago Early Learning and Literacy Council (CELLC) includes 29 representatives from a wide variety of organizations that provide, support, and facilitate early learning and child care services in the city of Chicago, as well as the parent policy groups that serve these organizations. Action for Children will be the fiscal for the project. Founded in 1969, Action for Children has long been dedicated to the promotion and expansion of quality child care in Illinois. Over the years, Action for Children has expanded its activities to meet the needs of working families and to make the most of gains made in the policy arena.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Chicago Early Learning and Literacy Project (CELLP) will improve and expand services in three Chicago low-income regions with a high concentration of children under the age five of years-old and few quality early learning opportunities. CELLP will provide information, training, and resources to parents, caregivers, and child care providers. Three early learning community collaborations will be established to: identify and engage low-income families and children not enrolled in early learning programs; provide parents and caregivers with culturally appropriate materials and training to help them integrate learning and literacy activities into daily care; establish book lending libraries in child care and community centers; and provide early literacy training to program staff. The anticipated results and benefits of the program include: 3,500 additional children will receive early learning services; 1,000 children in existing programs will receive improved early literacy services; 1,000 parents and 150 caregivers will more frequently engage children in early learning activities; 30 early learning programs will receive assistance to meet changing community demographics and family needs; and the collaborations will ensure optimal use of early learning resources. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; developing linkages among early learning programs and health care services for young children; 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0162
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Cambridge Public Schools (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Cambridge 0-8 Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Heather Searles
Telephone Number: 617-349-3003
Amount of Award: \$999,483
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 1
Congressional District Served: 8

Organization Description:

The Cambridge 0-8 Council is an established, collaborative assembly of practitioners in early care and education and other key stakeholders in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Council was established over 15 years ago to oversee the expansion of early childhood education and care services and to identify and address community needs. Membership includes over 25 service provider agencies and organizations, as well as parents and other community members. The Cambridge Public Schools will serve as the fiscal agent for the Council.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Cambridge Family Support and Early Childhood Advisory Council (Cambridge 0-8 Council), based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is utilizing grant funding for its project entitled "Learning, Language, and Literacy for All" to serve at-risk young children and families along with their early care providers. This dynamic collaborative of community-based organizations, Cambridge Public Schools, and health care agencies will address the following ELOA goals: enhancing early childhood literacy; helping 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, and promote learning readiness in 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. ELOA activities will be undertaken in three areas: parent/child services, professional development, and collaboration and systems building) designed to ensure the sustainability of effective services and the continued improvement of child outcomes, including children's early literacy and readiness for school.

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Grant Number: 90LO0172
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Catawba County Partnership for Children (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Kim Lyke-Salyards
Telephone Number: 828-328-4848
Amount of Award: \$394,060
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 10

Organization Description:

The Catawba County Partnership for Children is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization established in 1993 to administer the SmartStart early childhood grant from the state of North Carolina. The Partnership’s Board of Directors is comprised of 28 members representing various public and private organizations and parents of young children. Many of the board’s members represent organizations and agencies that will be directly involved in the Asset-Based Capacity Development (ABCD) Literacy Initiative, including the superintendent of public schools, chair of local day care directors association, and Head Start directors.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of the Asset-Based Capacity Development (ABCD) Literacy Initiative is to build the capacity of community providers and parents to develop and embed asset-based everyday learning strategies from Literacy by Leaps and Bounds Tool Kits for providers and parents, and two Asset-Based Early Learning Tool Kits in formal and informal child care opportunities (e.g., faith-based preschools, child care centers, child care homes, pre-kindergarten, More-at-Four classes, informal child care situations); and parents and primary caregivers everyday interactions and learning activities through parenting classes, parent support groups, child care centers, church gatherings. The two Asset-Based Early Learning Tool Kits will be translated into Spanish. The first four objectives of the ABCD Literacy Initiative focus on the development of the various tool kits moving from completing the research syntheses to creating the practitioner and parent practice guides that make up each tool kit. The last four objectives focus on strategies for developing the capacity of child care providers and parents to provide early learning and literacy experiences. The ABCD Literacy Initiative focuses on the following ELOA activities: enhancing pre-literacy and literacy development; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness; and promoting effective parenting.

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Grant Number: 90LO0161
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Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Children and Families First Commission of Ventura County (local council and grantee)
Address: 2580 East Main St., Suite 203
City/State/Zip Code: Ventura, CA 93003
Program Director: Carrie Murphy
Telephone Number: 805-648-9989
Amount of Award: \$1,000,000
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 23, 24

Organization Description:

Children and Families First Commission of Ventura County serves as the Local Council and is responsible for developing the County’s Early Childhood Strategic Plan, distributing and monitoring \$10 million each year in California Proposition 10 funds, and creating collaborative partnerships that support young children’s early childhood health and development. The Commission is an independent public entity established by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in 1998. The Commission has identified three principle goal areas, which translate into core initiatives: school readiness, health, and family strengthening. Key to all funding initiatives is the development of strong collaborations with parents, along with public and private sector partnerships.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Ventura County has developed a detailed plan to improve children’s readiness for school through expanding access to high quality pre-kindergarten programs, providing health and other screenings, and providing expanded parent education opportunities. This project is entitled “Preschool for All” or “PfA,” and will be carefully evaluated to ensure it is meeting the community goals. These goals include: within five years teachers and family child care providers will have BA degrees in child development or a related field with specialized early childhood coursework and associate teachers/aides will have AA degrees in child development or a related field; PfA will be offered in both licensed centers and family child care homes, and in a combination of existing and new pre-kindergarten programs; PfA sites will be encouraged to use Creative Curriculum; sites must achieve a rating of 5 (good) on the ECERS/FDCRS; PfA sites will be expected to achieve NAEYC or NAFCC accreditation within five years of acceptance as a PfA site; PfA sites will conduct at least two child assessments each year using the Desired Results Developmental Profile; through collaboration with county and community-based services, PfA sites will provide access to dental, vision, and health screenings for all PfA children; PfA sites will have access to developmental screenings for children suspected of having special needs or developmental delays; PfA sites will include comprehensive nutrition programs for children and nutrition education materials for parents; and PfA sites will encourage parent involvement through home visits, parent-teacher conferences, and parent education programs. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Grant Number:	90LO0179
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Children's Council of Watauga County (local council and grantee)
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Program Director:	Jennifer Wilson-Kearse
Telephone Number:	828-262-5424
Amount of Award:	\$369,450
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

The Children's Council has been advocating for the children and families of Watauga County, in northwest North Carolina, for over 25 years. The Children's Council is also the Watauga County Partnership for Children, SmartStart office. The Children's Council funds and administers 11 projects focused on the educational development, health, and family support of families with children ages from birth to 5 years-old including: child care subsidy; eliminating the waiting list; early childhood faculty; infant/toddler incentives; center license upgrades; More at Four; Parents as Teachers; post-partum visits; and salary supplements.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Children's Council of Watauga County is developing a multi-stage project to increase, support, expand and better coordinate early learning opportunities for children and their families through the local community organizations of Watauga County. Watauga County has utilized both a state survey and a SmartStart county needs assessment to substantiate the needs of children age birth to 5 years old, using geographic, social, economic, and educational factors. Due to very alarming results from these surveys, the Children's Council has chosen five objectives on which to focus Project C.H.I.L.D. (Children Having Increased Literacy Development). In an attempt to provide the best early learning opportunities and improvements for these children, Project C.H.I.L.D. has developed activities that adhere to the goals developed from the ELOA objectives. The target population for services includes: the 61 percent of children and families not currently enrolled in regulated child care; current and future child care centers; the providers working in the child care work force; current and future parents; and the expanding network of organizations that provide direct services to children and families in Watauga County. The primary goal of Project C.H.I.L.D. is to ensure that all young children of Watauga County are ready to become successful learners throughout their educational careers. The activities are far-reaching into a rural community, and diminish transportation and time-limitation barriers such that 100 percent of the children and families in Watauga County will be positively impacted by Project C.H.I.L.D. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; 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, 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.

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Grant Number: 90LO0143
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Choctaw Early Learning Council (local council and grantee)
Address: PO Drawer 1210
City/State/Zip Code: Durant, OK 74702
Program Director: Michelle Holloway
Telephone Number: 580-924-8280
Amount of Award: \$698,415
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

The Choctaw Early Learning Council is in its early stages of organizational life. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is an federally-recognized Indian Tribe. The Choctaw Nation's coverage area includes 10 counties in the southeastern corner of Oklahoma. The Choctaw Nation provides a number of social services for families, including: health care through clinics in Idabel (pediatric care) and Hugo (family clinic); financial assistance programs(e.g., WIC for baby formula; home visits from nurses for maternal and infant care; child care assistance referral program; child care for children birth through age twelve; and Head Start programs for three and four year old children).

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Choctaw Early Learning Council has targeted two counties in southeastern Oklahoma (Choctaw and McCurtain) for the ELOA project entitled "Project LIGHT" (Literacy Increases Greater Hope for Tomorrow). Assessment revealed the need to expand and enhance early childhood services in southeastern Oklahoma, with the greatest need indicated in the Enterprise Communities in Choctaw and McCurtain Counties based on adults' high levels of illiteracy, high poverty level, and the high number of children in need of reading remediation by the third grade. The three goals are to develop linkages and cohesive coordination among early learning programs, child care programs, and health care services for young children, including children with special needs; improve the quality of early learning programs providing quality professional development and training activities for early childhood care providers; and enhance early childhood literacy and school readiness skills of children age birth through four years-old in Choctaw and McCurtain Counties. The focus will be on providing early literacy and school readiness skill development activities for children from birth through age four years and their parents through center (Breakthrough to Literacy) and home-based instruction (Parents As Teachers for children birth through age two years-old and Home-Based Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters for children ages three and four years-old). Linkages among early learning programs and health care services will be developed, and training activities to help parents, teachers, and caregivers to better assist with children's skill development will be provided. The community partnership building activities and Early Steps to Literacy three credit hour course will be provided by the Early Childhood Center at the University of Oklahoma.

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Grant Number: 90LO0164
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: City of Boulder (fiscal agent) on behalf of County Early Care and Education Council of Boulder County (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Karen Rahn
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Amount of Award: \$960,000
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 8
Congressional District Served: 2, 4

Organization Description:

The Early Care and Education Council of Boulder County was established in 1998 to coordinate the planning and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated, quality early care and education system within Boulder County, Colorado. Since then, the Council has established itself as the primary vehicle for collaboration and coordination of early childhood initiatives in Boulder County. The mission of the Early Care and Education Council is to expand and improve quality child care and early education opportunities for families. The Council pursues its mission through activities in three key goal areas: quality of care; availability, accessibility, and affordability of care; and an adequately financed system of care.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Early Care and Education Council of Boulder County (ECECBC) is developing a comprehensive system of early care and education in Boulder County including the expansion of existing child care quality enhancement activities of a school readiness program for licensed providers and informal child care network support.

ECECBC is utilizing a range of activities to accomplish the following goals and objectives: develop a framework for a comprehensive, fully-funded system of early care and education for Boulder County, including: analyzing fiscal and policy issues (incorporating “lessons learned” from the services proposed in Goals #2 and #3 below); engaging key stakeholder groups; developing a shared community vision; identifying community indicators that will measure progress; and creating and implementing a strategic plan; enhance and expand the School Readiness Program, including: extending child health promotion, mental health consultation, and quality enhancement services to eight to ten new child care homes and centers (serving up to 250 children) and incorporating a developmentally and culturally appropriate literacy component targeting parents and early childhood education providers; and develop a replicable community-based model for improving the quality of care provided by a network of 30 Spanish-speaking Latino informal care providers (serving an estimated 10-150 Latino children) by providing early childhood education professional development, improving language and literacy skills, providing access to child health promotion and other community services.

Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Coastal Economic Development Corporation (fiscal agent) on behalf of Coastal ACCESS (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Peter Lindsay
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Amount of Award: \$919,346
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 1
Congressional District Served: 1, 2

Organization Description:

Coastal ACCESS (Alliance for Children’s Care, Education and Supporting Services) is a regional chapter of the statewide ACCESS, and alliance of early care and education providers and advocates whose mission is to ensure the availability of family-focused services through collaborative relationships with traditional and non-traditional partners. ACCESS has spent more than eight years assessing community needs from the early care community of parents, providers, and businesses and gathering data to develop goals for the state and the region. The Coastal Economic Development Corporation (CED) is a 501c(3) private non-profit Community Action Agency. CED was incorporated in 1975 and provides a variety of social service programs throughout the mid-coast area of Maine. CED has considerable experience in successfully managing Federal and State grants and contracts.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Coastal ACCESS Early Learning Project will improve early learning opportunities for children and their families in Mid Coast Maine, including Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, and Northern Cumberland counties. The project includes five allowable ELOA activities: enhancing early childhood literacy; increasing parents’, caregivers’, providers’, and educators’ capacity to promote learning readiness in young children; promoting effective parenting; improving quality of early learning programs; and increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs. This project will increase the capacity of parents and providers to incorporate literacy and early learning activities into the daily lives of young children and improve collaboration among local organizations supporting program opportunities for children with special needs. Training, technical assistance, professional development, and quality improvement are key to this project’s success. Coordination and linkages across local community organizations ensure training and technical assistance complement one other and are offered in a variety of formats.

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Grant Number: 90LO0185
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Collaborative for Children (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Harris County Early Learning Council (local council and grantee)
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City/State/Zip Code: Houston, TX 77098
Program Director: Suzanne Hinds
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Amount of Award: \$965,512
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 7, 22

Organization Description:

The Harris County Early Learning Council includes key leaders, parents, early care and education providers and leaders from the community, and representatives of all project service providers. The Council, Collaborative for Children, the Houston Independent School District, the Children’s Museum of Houston, ChildBuilders and the Child Development Center of the Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Institute have a long history of working effectively together on collaborative projects. Collaborative for Children is well positioned to serve as fiscal agent for the HELP for Kids, Phase II Project because of its significant past experience in managing collaborative projects which have had significant impact on the lives of children and families in the community.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Harris County Early Learning Council in Harris County, Texas, is launching HELP (Harris County Early Learning Program) for Kids, Phase II in Harris County, Texas. The project will be community-based, developed and implemented by a collaborating group of community leaders, representatives of community organizations, child care providers and other early care and education professionals, parents, six highly-skilled local early learning service providers, and one health service provider in Harris County (which includes a large part of the city of Houston). This project will be implemented in a multiethnic community in Harris County (the Southwest Houston community), which has a significant number of young minority children at-risk for beginning kindergarten ill-prepared.

Project activities for the targeted community will focus on: enhancing early childhood literacy; helping 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 and promote learning readiness in young children; 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. Through a comprehensive and coordinated array of interventions, the project will result in 1,800 to 2,100 children in Southwest Houston improving their skills and succeeding in kindergarten. It will also result in 550-600 parents or extended family members of young children acquiring the knowledge and skills to be effective parents/caregivers.

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Grant Number: 90LO0165
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties (fiscal agent) on behalf of Success by 6 Council (local council and grantee)

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Program Director: Cathy Heath
Telephone Number: 859-233-4600
Amount of Award: \$921,494
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 6

Organization Description:

Success by Six, the designated ELOA Council, will provide overall leadership to the project. United Way’s Success by Six program is a national community-based movement of public and private partnerships that work together to deliver proven solutions in early childhood development that ensure all children ages zero to six are healthy, nurtured, and ready to succeed. In addition to literacy activities, Success by Six targets specific child care centers to explore the issue of quality child care. The Community Action Council for for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, a non-profit organization, was established in 1965 to study the causes and effects of poverty and create opportunities for individuals and families which enable them to become self-sufficient.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Early Learning Opportunities Project will serve Fayette County, Kentucky. This project is built on increasing capacity in five “pillar” areas or strategies for early childhood development in the Lexington community. These pillars are: Governance Capacity Building and Organization - a community organization initiative that brings together the various governance entities and strategically plans for better communication, collaboration, and reduced duplication; Pre-School-to-School Transition, an initiative between Success By Six, Fayette County Public Schools, and the other project partners to identify and implement a unified vision and plan for pre-school to school transition; Parent Engagement, an outreach program that engages parents and assists them in becoming more involved in their children’s education; a capacity building initiative that increases quality in private independent child care centers; and Pre-Literacy, a capacity building initiative that assist private independent child care centers in building improvements in the area of literacy.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0159
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Douglas County Child Development Association (fiscal agent) on behalf of Success by 6 Coalition (local council and grantee)
Address: 2518 Ridge Ct., Suite 239
City/State/Zip Code: Lawrence, KS 66046
Program Director: Richard Minder
Telephone Number: 785-842-8719
Amount of Award: \$853,605
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 7
Congressional District Served: 2, 3

Organization Description:

The Success by 6 Coalition has been collaborating on early childhood issues since its inception in 1997. In addition to early literacy efforts, Success by 6 identifies, selects, designs, and evaluates projects, programs, and policies to increase the availability and quality of early learning opportunities especially for infants and toddlers and for children with special needs. Douglas County Child Development Association (DCCDA) is a non-profit membership and service organization committed to developing programs to support early childhood care and education in Douglas County. It currently has a membership of 178 family child care providers and centers. The program also manages the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program for 115 early learning programs.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Project PROPEL (Program for Partnerships in Early Learning) serves seven child care centers and five family child care homes in Douglas County, Kansas, including Lawrence and Baldwin City. The three goals of the project, as identified in the needs assessment, are: develop an early literacy program for preschool children (ages 3 to 5 years-old) and address the need for early and emergent literacy programs and activities; provide professional development on scientifically-based reading research and address the lack of professional development in early literacy in Douglas County early learning programs; and facilitate early learning opportunities by increasing available child care slots and provide technical assistance programs on issues pertaining to children with special needs. Approximately 424 preschoolers, 40 teachers, and five families of children with special needs and their providers will benefit from Project PROPEL's programs, activities, and professional development. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs; increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Grant Number: 90LO0150
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Easter Seal Society of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties (fiscal agent) on behalf of Mahoning County Family and Children's First Council (local council and grantee)
Address: 299 Edwards St.
City/State/Zip Code: Youngstown, OH 44502
Program Director: Brenda Garcia
Telephone Number: 330-743-1168
Amount of Award: \$730,524
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 6, 17

Organization Description:

The Mahoning County Family and Children First Council (MCFFCFC) was established in 1995 with the mission to "promote, maintain, and facilitate community collaboration of multi-system services to the children of Mahoning County." The collaborative efforts of MCFFCFC have been effective in the planning and implementation of numerous Ohio Family and Children First programs, as well as additional public and private funding awards. The Council's focus is children and families whose needs challenge traditional structures and service delivery styles and require systems to respond in more creative, strengths-based and individualized ways. The Easter Seals Society, the fiscal agent for the project, was established in 1951 as a non-profit organization and provides services to children and adults in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Growing Readers, Creating Leaders Project will be implemented in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Ohio. These Counties are located in the northeastern part of Ohio, along the border with Pennsylvania. The project will serve children ages birth to six years-old, and particularly low-income children, parents, and child care providers. In addition, professional growth opportunities for early childhood educators and health services providers will be available. The objectives of the project include: increasing the understanding and skills of parents to improve early education and literacy skills in their children; offering early literacy activities for children; increasing the knowledge of child care providers on how to enhance early learning and literacy in the children in their care, including children with special needs; and providing networking and cross-training opportunities for professionals in early care and education and health services to improve outcomes for young children in the target area. The approach is an unprecedented community effort to enhance the literacy skills of young children. Sixteen community organizations will coordinate their efforts to provide training, resources and technical assistance to families of young children, offer literacy experiences for young children in physician's offices, libraries, community centers, parks, and child care settings, and train child care providers on ways to enhance early learning and literacy in their centers or homes. In addition, networking forums will be offered to early childhood and medical professionals to increase their awareness and understanding of both fields and their interrelationship. The Growing Readers, Creating Leaders Project will: enhance early childhood literacy; 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; promote learning readiness in young children; and increase access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs.

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Grant Number: 90LO0167
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Every Person Influences Children, Inc. (EPIC) (fiscal agent) on behalf of Erie County Early Learning Enhancement Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Steven Harvey
Telephone Number: 716-332-4126
Amount of Award: \$999,237
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 28

Organization Description:

The Erie County Early Learning Enhancement Council is currently composed of representatives who have a vested interest in the success of Erie County children and families, including Every Person Influences Children, Inc. (EPIC), Baker Victory Services, Buffalo Public Schools, Child and Family Services, the Early Childhood Direction Center, Literacy Volunteers, the Seneca Nation Head Start, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County/Success by 6, all four county birthing hospitals, parent representatives, and other key members from education and the community.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Erie County Early Learning Enhancement Council (ECELEC) will improve early learning environments for children by increasing the effectiveness of parents, caregivers, and child care providers to promote early literacy and learning readiness throughout Erie County, New York. The majority of the Erie County population resides in the City of Buffalo and therefore most project participants will come from the City. The project, will provide a continuum of services and programs that reach parents, caregivers, and child care providers from the time of birth until the age that children enter school. Within the framework of its three primary objectives the ELOA activities include: increase parent effectiveness to facilitate the healthy development of their child and promote learning readiness by providing EPIC'S READY, SET, PARENT program to parents of newborns in four area birthing hospitals; promote early childhood literacy by providing EPIC'S READY, SET, READ program to parents, caregivers, and child care providers; by distributing literacy information; and by increasing the literacy skills of parents with literacy tutoring through Literacy Volunteers; and improve the quality of early learning environments for children who receive care outside their home and increase access to quality early learning programs for children with special needs by implementing our Quality Improvement Project.

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Grant Number: 90LO0183
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Family League of Baltimore City, Inc. (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Family Support Strategy Committee (local council and grantee)
Address: 2700 N. Charles St., Suite 200
City/State/Zip Code: Baltimore, MD 21218
Program Director: Diane Banchiere
Telephone Number: 410-662-5500
Amount of Award: \$842,608
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 3, 7

Organization Description:

The Family Support Strategy Committee is designated as the Local Council for the I-ELF (Increasing Early Literacy for Families) Project. Since its inception, The Family League of Baltimore County, Inc. has laid the foundation for coordination and community building by developing inclusive processes for key stakeholders to share in the decision-making on children's and family issues.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc.'s primary objective is to improve the early language and literacy skills of children ages birth to four years-old in seven Baltimore communities: Druid Heights/Reservoir Hill/Upton, Highlandtown/Camton, Historic East Baltimore, Liberty/Walbrook/Mondawmin, Park Heights/Pimlico, Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park, and Southwest Baltimore Consortium. The activities are aimed at achieving three secondary objectives: increasing the capacity of numerous stakeholders to facilitate language and literacy development among young children and their families; improving linkages among stakeholders invested in young children's language and literacy development; and promoting effective parenting. The specific activities span a range of approaches aimed at multiple stakeholders, including parent-child groups; distribution of materials; enhanced training of parents and early childhood staff; implementation of health care-based literacy promotion models; and engaging faith-based providers. These activities will result in proximal results and benefits that include: improved stakeholder knowledge regarding developmentally-appropriate language and literacy activities for young children; improved stakeholder attitudes regarding their roles in young children's development of language and literacy; increased literacy and social-emotional orientation of stakeholder environments; improved stakeholder awareness of available community resources; and increased maternal self-efficacy and mother-child interaction.

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Grant Number: 90LO0180
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Family Support Council, Inc. (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Success by 6 Leadership Committee (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Thomas Bartley
Telephone Number: 706-272-7919
Amount of Award: \$688,244
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 10

Organization Description:

As part of Georgia’s Family Connection Initiative, the Success by 6 Leadership Committee is well positioned to implement this project. Factors for project success include years of collaborative experience, sensitivity to local needs, successful brokering of relationships and leveraging resources, and innovative implementation that has garnered the praise of policymakers and funders on state and national levels.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Success by 6 Leadership Committee, representing the counties of Murray and Whitfield in rural Northwest Georgia, will implement an Murray-Whitfield Early Learning Project that will further promote integrated, family-focused services and coordinated child care delivery systems to enhance early childhood literacy. Through culturally sensitive and community-based services, the project will: enhance early childhood literacy; enhance community capacity to facilitate child development and learning readiness; promote effective parenting; and improve the quality of early learning programs. This project will enable the community to continue to strengthen its service delivery system for early learning and school readiness through existing home visitation programs; utilization of resource parents; enhancement of access to libraries and books for young children; linkages to existing services and supports; and further professional development options and access for early childhood workers.

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Grant Number: 90LO0173
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. (fiscal agent) on behalf of Partnerships for Children Council (local council and grantee)
Address: 305 Essex St.
City/State/Zip Code: Lawrence, MA 01840
Program Director: Gayle Williams
Telephone Number: 978-681-4996
Amount of Award: \$958,827
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 1
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

The current membership of the Greater Lawrence Community Partnerships for Children Council is comprised of 77 individuals from 48 different organizations including representatives of elementary education, child care resource and referral services, early education and care providers, local libraries, faith-based organizations, health and other support services, parents of young children, and other key stakeholders from the Greater Lawrence Community. Established in 1965, the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc. is serving as the fiscal agent. It has a 40-year history of operating a wide variety of community-based programs serving over 20,000 individuals.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Partnerships for Children Council's early learning initiative is entitled "CAREs: Comprehensive Approaches to Resources for Education." The geographical location for the project are the cities of Lawrence and Methuen, in Essex County, Massachusetts. The goal for CAREs is to build an infrastructure of early childhood services across community borders to support the development of young children so that they enter school ready to learn. Selected ELOA activities are: early childhood literacy; helping parents and providers facilitate child development; and supporting access for children with special needs.

Intercommunity school readiness and transition plans will be developed and linked to implementation of the new state Standards for Early Childhood Centers; all components of a comprehensive, research-based early literacy program (Breakthrough to Literacy) will be implemented; family literacy programming will be expanded; curriculum kits will be available to providers and parents through local public libraries; center directors, education supervisors and home visitors will be trained to provide literacy coaching/mentoring to providers and parents; training opportunities for parents and providers will be expanded; and support services for children with special needs will be expanded.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0166
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Lancaster County First Steps (local council and grantee)
Address: 115 West Arch St., Suite 105
City/State/Zip Code: Lancaster, SC 29720
Program Director: Lora Bryson
Telephone Number: 803-286-8000
Amount of Award: \$488,592
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

The Lancaster County First Steps Partnership Board is comprised of 34 individuals representing public, private, civic, and faith-based organization, as well as parents. Lancaster County First Steps is one of the strongest, most diverse entities in the community and has had a tremendous record of success since its inception in 1998. In that time the agency has: created 200 new child care slots throughout the community; trained and mentored over 90 child care providers; provided technical assistance, training and renovations necessary for two centers to become nationally accredited; subsidized the cost of child care services for 40 families; created a partnership with 20 local churches to promote school readiness and the parents' role in early learning; established a partnership with the Winthrop University Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Education to assist with training and technical assistance; created the first work-site child care center, operating in a wing of the local hospital; and partnered with two local child care centers to expand hours of operation to include services for parents who work second shifts.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Lancaster County First Steps Partnership Board, is implementing three interventions derived from a county-wide strategic plan. Following a comprehensive community needs and resource assessment and extensive review of best practice literature, a set of detailed strategies was established to improve school readiness in a small rural county in South Carolina. The plan includes a rigorous child care training component designed to improve the developmental appropriateness and quality of instruction, make environmental enhancements, and facilitate a health training protocol required for certification under the new Palmetto Stars rating system. In addition, the plan incorporates an award-winning parent training curriculum, Making Parenting a Pleasure; a summer readiness program to help at-risk youth transition into school and pass the state mandated school readiness exam; a literacy promotion component (Reach out and Read); and a community awareness campaign. Five child care centers will receive training and support; 168 parents will participate in parent training, 800 children will be served in the preschool literacy component; and 180 children will be enrolled in the summer readiness program. The project includes evaluation methodology to track implementation and monitor effectiveness at both the process and outcome levels. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0176
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Lenawee Intermediate School District (fiscal agent) on behalf of Lenawee's CHILD Advocacy Council (local council and grantee)
Address: 4107 N. Adrian Hwy.
City/State/Zip Code: Adrian, MI 49221
Program Director: Karen Roback
Telephone Number: 517-266-4825
Amount of Award: \$715,959
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 7

Organization Description:

In 2000, the Lenawee Intermediate School District (LISD) formed the Lenawee's CHILD Advisory Council representing early learning programs and services for young children in Lenawee County. Focused on infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children, the Council convenes once a month to coordinate services for young children. Established in 1962, LISD administers approximately 40 federal, state, county and private grant awards each year. Well-established in the community as a leader in early learning, LISD has previously acted as the fiscal agent for two ELOA grants awarded in fiscal years 2001 and 2003.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Lenawee County is located in south central Michigan along the Ohio border. The Lenawee Intermediate School District proposes to expand its current early learning program, Lenawee's CHILD (Communities Helping to Increase Learning and Development). Lenawee's CHILD will enhance early literacy; increase access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs; help parents increase their capacity to facilitate the development of cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social-emotional and motor skills, promoting learning readiness; and remove ancillary barriers to early learning. Objectives of the program are: increase parents' knowledge of early literacy strategies that they will incorporate into the daily lives of their children; improve the abilities of child care providers to retain children with special needs; expand services to reach more low-income and rurally isolated families; and increase numbers of parents who incorporate developmentally appropriate activities that promote learning readiness. Lenawee's CHILD will conduct the following activities: design and produce videotapes and readiness kits that depict activities correlated with developmentally appropriate early learning and literacy strategies; broadcast videos over the county's educational television access channel, distributing readiness kits for parents to use along with the videos as they interact with their children; distribute videos and accompanying readiness kits to rural and low-income families who don't have access to the educational channel; conduct follow-up home visits to assess level and quality of participation; and assist child care providers by conducting observations of children with behavior problems, subsequent consultation with providers, intervention activities with families, and referrals when necessary. Objectives and activities are designed to accomplish the ultimate goal of Lenawee's CHILD—that all Lenawee's children enter kindergarten ready to learn and read.

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Bureau Name:	Child Care Bureau
Grant Number:	90LO0170
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Mid-America Regional Council (fiscal agent) on behalf of Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (local council and grantee)
Address:	600 Broadway, Suite 300
City/State/Zip Code:	Kansas City, MO 64105
Program Director:	Nancy Mitchell
Telephone Number:	816-701-8222
Amount of Award:	\$1,000,000
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	4, 5, 6 Missouri and 2, 3 Kansas

Organization Description:

The Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (MCEL) has extensive expertise in developing and managing successful early learning initiatives, as well as extensive partnerships with community organizations throughout the eight-county metropolitan Kansas City area in both Missouri and Kansas. The mission of MCEL is to serve as the catalyst for the development of an effective system of high quality early learning in the metropolitan area. MCEL focuses on measuring and improving the quality of early learning, workforce development, consumer education, early learning financing, program accountability, and generating linkages with health, family support, and social services. MCEL facilitates the work of Partners in Quality, the community's planning entity to ensure high quality early learning services throughout greater Kansas City.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Metropolitan Council on Early Learning's (MCEL) project, The Greater Kansas City Early Learning Initiative, will serve the eight-county bi-state Greater Kansas City region, including Johnson, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri. This project builds on the successes and lessons learned from MCEL's previous fiscal year 2001 and 2003 ELOA grants and the work of more than 60 community organizations collaborating to develop standards and goals for early learning programs.

The focus of the activities proposed is to improve the literacy opportunities for young children and increase the quality of early learning environments in programs employing a continuous quality improvement process. The project has five primary goals: enhance early childhood literacy; increase the capacity of parents, caregivers, early learning providers, and educators to facilitate the development of children's cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social emotional, and motor skills, and to promote learning readiness; improve the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for early learning providers; develop linkages among early learning programs within the Greater Kansas City community and between early learning programs and health care services for young children; and promote effective parenting. Among the proposed activities are: expansion of an intensive literacy curriculum in 30 urban classrooms; development of an evidence-based coaching model to enhance technical assistance to early learning programs participating in the Quality Rating System; creation of a responsive, articulated early learning career development system; and implementation of two national recognized parenting curricula.

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Grant Number: 90LO0177
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: National Children's Advocacy Center (fiscal agent) on behalf of Madison County Children's Policy Council (local council and grantee)
Address: 210 Pratt Ave.
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Program Director: Beth Jackson
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Amount of Award: \$972,590
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 4, 5

Organization Description:

The Madison County Children's Policy Council (MCCPC) was created by Alabama Legislature in 1999, which mandated juvenile judges in each of the state's 67 counties to form local children's policy councils. The duties of the MCCPC include: reviewing the needs of children ages birth to 19 years-old; identifying local resources; developing a local resource guide to services available to children; and communicating the needs of children to the local community. The National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) has a 10-year history of working with community partners to assess community needs, including early childhood services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Building Blocks Early Learning Opportunities Project will serve children ages birth to six years old throughout Madison and Morgan counties in 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. NCAC has been designated by the Madison County Children's Policy Council as the fiscal agent. Community partners will address the following needs: one-on-one parent interaction through home visitation; working with CPS and within schools; early learning training; transportation; competent and caring parents; and an early learning marketing campaign. The Building Blocks Project includes as its objectives seven early learning activities: enhancing early childhood literacy; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate development skills; promoting effective parenting; increasing access to early learning opportunities for children with special needs; increasing access to early learning programs by improving affordability for low income families; 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 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. In short, children ages birth to five years old will have a better chance of receiving the nurturing, stimulating care they need and deserve.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0184
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Northampton Community College (fiscal agent) on behalf of The Literacy through the Arts Council (local council and grantee)
Address: 3835 Green Pond Rd.
City/State/Zip Code: Bethlehem, PA 18020
Program Director: Rebecca Gorton
Telephone Number: 610-861-5472
Amount of Award: \$794,459
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 15

Organization Description:

The Literacy through the Arts Council includes parents, representatives from the city, the Bethlehem Area School District, the Bethlehem Public Library, the Fowler Family Foundation, Lehigh University, Southside businesses, Binney & Smith, the Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations of the Lehigh Valley, and the South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center. Northampton Community College (NCC) is a public, two-year postsecondary institution firmly rooted in a strong tradition of high expectations, hard work, academic integrity, student centeredness, community responsiveness, and affordability. The Early Childhood Education Department at NCC has successfully been managing grant projects for the past 20 years.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Literacy through the Arts Council will create the Promoting and Supporting Early Literacy through the Arts Project (PASELA). The goal of PASELA is to prepare children attending child care programs in Southside Bethlehem for success in school by improving their language and literacy skills. It will be met by providing the children with an arts-integrated education program and building collaborative partnerships among parents, caregivers, and community agencies to effectively address the learning needs of all young children, particularly in the areas of language and literacy development and creative arts. Child care staff from programs, artists from community arts organizations, and early intervention specialists, will form arts-education partnerships, receive Art as a Way of Learning® training, coaching and resources to strengthen the literacy curriculum, create integrated teaching strategies, and support parent/child literacy and art experiences. Project activities include enhancing early childhood literacy, 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Grant Number:	90LO0149
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Partnerships for Results, Inc. (local council and grantee)
Address:	144 Genessee St., Suite 410
City/State/Zip Code:	Auburn, NY 13021
Program Director:	Philip Uninsky
Telephone Number:	315-282-0005
Amount of Award:	\$405,415
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	24, 25

Organization Description:

The Partnership for Results, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) interagency collaborative that fosters the healthy development of children and youth by implementing evidence-based preventative and early intervention programs. The ACCELERATE Community Advisory Board is comprised of 36 early childhood educators, parents, key community leaders, directors of community-based organizations, and other individuals concerned with early learning issues.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Partnership for Results, Inc. is implementing the Auburn-Cayuga County Early Literacy Education, Resilience, and Treatment Project (ACCELERATE) for 1,080 children in Auburn, New York and its surrounding areas. The project provides an innovative continuum of evidence-based programs and services in Auburn's nine child care centers. The goals of this continuum are to increase the literacy and learning skills of pre-school children in child care centers; introduce family-based prevention programs that effectively promote the social, emotional, and behavioral competency skills of young children; effectively address the service needs of children with developmental deficits by implementing validated child- and family-focused therapeutic interventions that occur in natural settings; and increase the percentage of early childhood educators receiving high quality professional development opportunities. ACCELERATED core prevention programs will include Kindersay First Level Language program, Pre-School Second Step, and EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) parenting skills workshops. Children with significant social, emotional, or behavioral problems will, upon parental/caregiver consent and a comprehensive assessment using the validated DECA-C instrument, receive center-based art and play therapy. ACCELERATE will develop integrated service plans that will ensure that these children and their families access community resources to address unmet service needs. Services and referrals will be systematically tracked with the aid of an innovative database, developed by the Partnership, to help maintain high levels of accountability by project staff and community-based providers. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0153
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Puget Sound ESD (fiscal agent) on behalf of Pierce County Early Learning Partnership (local council and grantee)
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City/State/Zip Code: Burien, WA 98166
Program Director: Wendy Roedell
Telephone Number: 206-425-7878
Amount of Award: \$997,686
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 10
Congressional District Served: 6, 8, 9

Organization Description:

The Pierce County Early Learning Partnership began as a subcommittee of the 2002 Greater Pierce County Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant. It was charged with implementing the birth to six objectives to provide training in violence prevention curriculum and quality child care environments to private preschool providers and the parents of enrolled children and to provide access to school-based prevention, and treatment services to children birth through 12th grade. Subcommittee members included: three major mental health providers; Child Care Resource and Referral; the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department; and four child care providers. The subcommittee was expanded in 2005 to include key community leaders, the Pierce County Library, the Children’s Museum of Tacoma, parents, and school district representatives. In 2005 the subcommittee was renamed the Pierce County Early Learning Partnership to better reflect its role in the County and expanded mission. The Partnership has worked for the past 2½ years in the area of early childhood services providing leadership on issues related to early learning.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Early Learning Initiative will serve 2,500 parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators of children ages birth to six years old throughout Pierce County. Pierce County, population 749,975, is located in the central Puget Sound area of Washington State and encompasses 1,790 miles of urban, suburban, and rural communities. Project objectives are to increase child care providers, caregivers, and parents use of research-based strategies and community resources to enhance young children’s language and literacy; increase parents, caregivers, child care providers and teachers knowledge about and use of resources to support children’s overall development and school readiness skills; and increase caregivers and child care providers’ ability to recognize, serve, refer, and obtain resources for young children with special needs. The approach includes training for child care staff, teachers, parents, and mental health professionals; integration of research-based materials and strategies into classrooms and children’s daily lives; and increased access to library and museum learning experiences for families and their children. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; and increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0169
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Tarrant County Workforce Board (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Local Child Care Advisory Council (local council and grantee)
Address: 2601 Scott Ave., Suite 400
City/State/Zip Code: Fort Worth, TX 76103
Program Director: Lisa Witkowski
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Amount of Award: \$687,138
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 12, 26

Organization Description:

The Local Child Care Advisory Council was established in 1999 as an advisory group to provide input in addressing early learning issues and management of the subsidized child care program. The Council's membership includes early care and education organizations, providers, and parents and is a recognized leader in the county. Tarrant County Workforce Board regularly assesses the need for child care services throughout the county and the availability of resources to meet these needs. One of the goals of the Workforce Board is to "ensure the integration of child care into the workforce development system while promoting and supporting quality early childhood development and education for children in Tarrant County." The Workforce Board has managed millions of dollars of federal and state funds annually since its inception in 1996.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Neighborhood Early Literacy Hubs in two of Fort Worth's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. The majority of the nearly 7,000 children ages birth to five years old in these areas are from low-income Hispanic and African American families with limited educational attainment. The project's goal is to enable 600 children to enter kindergarten with the literacy, language, social-emotional, and motor skills needed to succeed in school. The project is designed to effect change at the system level, the program level, and the personal level through each hub's role as a catalyst for action in focusing its community's attention on the importance of early learning. Each hub will engage a variety of partners including schools, churches, community centers, libraries, and local businesses to form a Neighborhood Early Literacy Council to provide leadership in this effort. The hubs will train parents of children ages from birth to five years-old, the children's kith and kin caregivers, and child care/early education staff to provide intentional early language and literacy experiences for the children. Three hundred parents and 165 caregivers will participate. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; and helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness.

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Grant Number: 90LO0154
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The City of Rockford Human Services Department (fiscal agent) on behalf of Rockford Early Learning Council (local council and grantee)
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City/State/Zip Code: Rockford, IL 61103
Program Director: Margaret Hallin
Telephone Number: 815-484-9442
Amount of Award: \$899,949
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 16

Organization Description:

The Rockford Early Learning Council consists of 35 representatives from a wide variety of organizations that provide early learning and child care services in the City of Rockford, and the parent policy groups that serve these organizations. In addition to the Rockford Public Schools, Head Start grantees, and child care provider associations, many other organizations that have an interest in promoting early learning are part of the Council, including Child Care Solutions (local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency), the United Way, the Rockford Public Libraries, faith-based organizations, and the Mayor’s Office. The City of Rockford Human Services Department is a public Community Action Agency serving the two counties of Boone and Winnebago, Illinois.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Rockford Early Learning Project focuses on strengthening the quality of early learning programs and helping parents support their children’s learning and development at home. The project builds upon several ongoing efforts in the city, including collaborations between and among the Rockford Public Schools, Head Start programs, child care resource and referral agencies, and child care providers. The project has four main areas of activities: implementation of an early literacy campaign to raise awareness of the importance of reading to young children and to ensure that all children have high-quality books in their homes; strengthening instruction in early literacy in preschool and child care programs through intensive professional development and mentoring; strengthening quality in early learning programs throughout Rockford by providing training and implementation support for “The Incredible Years,” a set of programs for parents, teachers, and children that have been proven effective for reducing children’s aggression and behavior problems and increasing social competence at home and at school; and design of a common data system that links Head Start, child care, and the Rockford Public Schools early childhood programs, facilitating greater program integration and creating the foundation needed for follow-up studies of children who “graduate” from these programs. Project activities include enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Grant Number: 90LO0142
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Contra Costa County Office of Education (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Contra Costa Local Planning Council for Child Care and Development (local council and grantee)
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City/State/Zip Code: Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Program Director: Catherine Giacalone
Telephone Number: 925-942-3308
Amount of Award: \$1,000,000
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 7, 10, 11

Organization Description:

The Local Child Care Planning Council was formed in 1977 to provide input and guidance in the development of a countywide plan to improve the quality, accessibility and affordability of quality child care and early education opportunities for all children in Contra Costa County, California. The Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) is the fiscal agent for the Local Council.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Local Planning Council for Child Care and Development of Contra Costa County will utilize the grant funding to provide services to caregivers of young children in low-income regions of Contra Costa County. The project will serve West County, which includes the cities of Richmond and San Pablo and the unincorporated area of North Richmond; Central County, including the communities Pittsburg, Bay Point, and Antioch as well as Concord's Monument Corridor; and East County's Brentwood, and unincorporated areas. Project goals include: expand home visitation services to families; increase the capacity of family, friend, and neighbor caregivers to support children's social/emotional, physical, and cognitive development by providing caregivers with training, support networks career counseling, and financial support; support foster caregivers, homeless parents, and teen parents in facilitating young children's development; and assist child care center directors to build skills in management, quality, and educational leadership. The project will serve 205 low-income families through the Home Instruction Program for Pre-school Youngsters (HIPPY). The project will also include intensive outreach to family, friend and neighbor caregivers, as well as foster parents, teen parents, and homeless parents in target neighborhoods, followed by training in early childhood development and education and ongoing support. It will focus resources on child care center directors, providing training, peer learning, coaching, and on-site technical assistance to help build a culture of quality in centers countywide. It is estimates that the project will benefit over 3,000 young children by increasing their caregivers capacity to provide quality early learning opportunities.

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Grant Number: 90LO0148
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Guidance Center (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Early Care and Education Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Lee Sizemore
Telephone Number: 814-362-6535
Amount of Award: \$700,000
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

Since 2001 the Early Care and Education Council has been assessing the capacity and quality of early care and education in Elk and McKean counties. The Guidance Center is a provider of mental health, education, prevention, and other community services in north central Pennsylvania. The Guidance Center operates programs that are relevant to the planning initiative facilitated by the Early Care and Education Council.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Early Care and Education Council's Early Learning Opportunities Act program targets families residing within the counties of Elk and McKeon in north central Pennsylvania. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; helping 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 and promote learning readiness in young children; and developing linkages among early learning programs within a community and between early learning programs and health care services for young children. Partnering with the Early Care and Education Council to meet the goals and objectives of the project and achieve the results and benefits expected are: Northern Tier Community Action Corporation, The Guidance Center, and the University of Pittsburgh office of Child Development. These partners plan to enhance early childhood literacy through implementation of the Parent Child Home Program, Mother Goose Workshops, and use of the Get Ready to Read! Environment Checklist. Increased capacity of adults to foster positive early learning readiness in young children will be accomplished through Parents As Teachers program expansion and alignment of preschool learning standards. Early learning capacity, linkages, and awareness will result in capacity building of the Early Care and Education Council, linkage between area providers and state resources, and facilitation of a series of community screening events and media efforts. It is anticipated that a minimum of 315 families with 470 young children will benefit from direct services that support early literacy, learning readiness, and early learning collaboration resulting in children entering school ready to learn.

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Grant Number: 90LO0182
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Jacksonville Children's Commission (fiscal agent) on behalf of the The Jacksonville Early Literacy Partnership (local council and grantee)
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City/State/Zip Code: Jacksonville, FL 32202
Program Director: Juliette Dillin
Telephone Number: 904-630-7250
Amount of Award: \$997,763
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC) was created in 1994 to better coordinate and address the multiple needs of children living in Duval County, Florida. JCC is an executive arm of the City of Jacksonville. The JCC provides funding to local providers to promote a seamless continuum of care to a diverse population of children from birth to 18 years of age. From funding for Healthy Families initiatives, to Child Care Subsidies, Early Literacy Initiatives, Parent Education Services, Special Needs Care, After School Programs, Summer Camperships, Mental Health Services, and Training for Youth Workers, the JCC impacts the lives of children in all age groups.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Jacksonville Children's Commission on behalf of the Jacksonville Early Literacy Partnership is utilizing the ELOA funding to create "Bringing Education and Support to Teachers, Parents and Children" (BEST-PC) or the BEST Project. BEST will enhance early childhood literacy for 1,500 children between the ages of birth and 5 years; increase access to professional development for 100 low-income child care workers; and strengthen family literacy skills for 100 at-risk families. This project will be developed in Duval County, Florida (Jacksonville); located in the Northeast section of the State. BEST fills gaps in current early literacy services, provides for scholarship funding and incentives, offers teacher mentoring services, as well as direct classroom instruction, and builds the literacy skills of at risk families. Goals of the BEST Project include: to increase access and support to research-based early literacy training for 100 low income child care workers; to improve the knowledge, education and practical literacy skills of 100 low income child care workers; and to increase the literacy knowledge, proficiency and participation of 100 low income, at risk families in the learning and development of their children. The anticipated result of the program is that early literacy services will be less fragmented and the professional development of early child care workers and the family literacy enhancement efforts will improve the school readiness skills of approximately 1,500 low-income children living in Duval County, Florida.

Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for early learning providers; and helping 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, and promote learning readiness.

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Grant Number: 90LO0146
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Mendocino County Office of Education (fiscal agent) on behalf of
 The Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council (local council and grantee)
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City/State/Zip Code: Ukiah, CA 95482
Program Director: Anne Rosenthol
Telephone Number: 707-467-5143
Amount of Award: \$588,299
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council was formed in 1991 in response to California Assembly Bill 2141, which encouraged the formation of county-level child care planning councils. The Council's membership consists of child care service providers and advocates, consumers, educators, public agency representatives appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, and the County Superintendent of Schools. The Council's mission is to: provide leadership in identifying child care needs across the county and advocate for developmentally appropriate, accessible and affordable, safe, and environmentally enriched child care for families in the rural county; and promote inter-agency collaboration, encourage development of integrated services, and educate the community about child care issues. Mendocino County Office of Education is a public agency whose primary purpose is to provide educational leadership, resources, and services to schools to ensure wide-ranging opportunities for all students.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of the Mendocino County Partners in Early Learning Project is to improve the quality of early learning environments and school readiness through broad based training of child care providers and parents, through support services, enhancement of existing resources, and collaborations. Partners in Early Learning will provide child development training for current and prospective family and center-based childcare providers; school readiness activities and training for child care providers and parents of children entering kindergarten; behavior support services to child care providers and parents; and training and support to increase the health and safety of early childhood environments and link children and families with needed health services. More children will enter kindergarten with early literacy skills because parents and child care providers will have new skills for dealing with challenging behaviors and identifying children with special needs. Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; 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; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0174
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The United Way of the Coastal Bend (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Success by 6 Local Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Isabel Valle-Carpenter
Telephone Number: 361-882-2529
Amount of Award: \$945,550
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 14, 15, 25, 27, 28

Organization Description:

The Success by 6 Local Council is representative of a diverse group of key leaders from the community who represent public and non-profit agencies and organization, local businesses, educational entities, and other human services entities. The multi-sector Local Council represents the cultural and ethnic diversity of the community.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Building on the foundations developed under the previous Coastal Bend Early Learning Opportunities Act grant, Phase II proposes to broaden direct service and community collaboration throughout the 12 county region by supporting children's healthy growth and development in safe child care environments, enhancing parental choice and involvement in their children's care and development, increasing the quality and availability of child care services, and facilitating an expanded linkage of child care with other regional-based services. Phase II collaboration partners will implement measurable activities that will help parents, caregivers, and child care providers incorporate early learning into the daily lives of young children, including children with special needs, and that will promote the learning readiness of young children so that they enter school ready to learn. Activities will be based on 'lessons learned' under the previous project, that is, implementing communication strategies targeting specific populations, and cooperatively expanding integrated services within the rural as well as metropolitan communities. Early learning activities outlined under Phase II will include: promoting effective parenting; enhancing early childhood and adult literacy; increasing the capacity of parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators to facilitate the development of cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social-emotional, and motor skills; increasing the availability of professional development for caregivers and child care providers; and removing ancillary barriers to early learning through expansion of distance learning opportunities for parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators. The project will facilitate the development of region-wide systems and collaborative service delivery models based on research-based frameworks characterized by resource sharing, linkages between appropriate supports, and local planning for services, specifically focusing on incorporating a health care model for young children as a readiness to learn component.

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Grant Number: 90LO0158
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way Capital Area (fiscal agent) on behalf of Success by 6 Leadership Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Adrian Smith
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Amount of Award: \$992,391
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 10, 25

Organization Description:

The Success by 6 Local Council includes members from past collaborations and initiatives that were and continue to be active in creating a system of care for the young children of Austin, Texas, as well as parents and service recipients in the program area. These previous collaborations include the UWCA's Early Childhood Initiative, the Early Start Coalition, and the City of Austin Child Care Council. United Way Capital Area (UWCA) is the host agency for Success by 6 and the ELOA project's fiscal agent.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Eager to Learn: The Next Generation builds upon and expands efforts to enhance early learning opportunities for the youngest and most vulnerable residents of Austin, in Travis County, Texas. Serving nine contiguous local zip codes, where retention rates in kindergarten and first grade are the highest and other indicators of economic and social disadvantage are the greatest, the project is grounded by solid progress achieved locally under a fiscal year 2003 ELOA grant entitled Eager to Learn. Eager to Learn: The Next Generation is based on recent evidence confirming that planned, focused interventions can increase the odds of favorable development outcomes in young children. Utilizing an integrated suite of strategies designed to improve early learning environments, the project focuses on: enhancing early childhood literacy; helping 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 and promote learning readiness; promoting effective learning; and d) increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs, including developmental delays, by facilitating coordination with other programs serving such children. In addition to fostering collaboration between Austin Independent School District and more than a dozen family service providers, the project approach includes launch of the Born Learning public awareness campaign community-wide and a robust plan to ensure efforts continue after the period of federal funding.

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Grant Number: 90LO0147
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way of Berks County (fiscal agent) on behalf of Right From the Start Advisory Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Patricia Giles
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Amount of Award: \$906,217
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 6, 16

Organization Description:

The Right from the Start Advisory Council is comprised of early care and education professionals, community leaders, parents, neighborhood representatives, and other key stakeholders who have a long history of working in coordinated and collaborative processes and activities. The United Way of Berks County will serve as the fiscal agent for the ELOA grant.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Right from the Start Early Care and Education Initiative Project provides comprehensive and community-based early care and education programs for vulnerable young children, particularly those of Hispanic ethnicity, in the City of Reading, Pennsylvania. A continuum of child-focused project activities will establish a system of coordinated services for children, parents, informal caregivers, early learning program staff and child care providers. As a result: children birth to 5 years-old will achieve age appropriate development through nurturing care by parents and other caregivers who receive effective education and home visitation support from involvement in the Growing Great Kids program; children's early literacy skills will be enhanced through their parents' participation in the Raising a Reader program and time spent reading together every day; pre-kindergarten children will increase their learning readiness skills through their parents' active usage of the Early Learning Activities Calendar; and young children with special needs will have access to quality child care and early learning programs through mentoring provided to staff to increase their knowledge and skill in caring for these young children. In addition, emphasis will be placed on employing methods, materials and staff that appropriately reflect the language and cultural needs of the families living in this urban community with a rapidly increasing Hispanic population. The project's activities are: enhancing early childhood literacy; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate learning readiness in young children; promote effective parenting; and increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs.

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Grant Number: 90LO0178
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way of Greater Cincinnati (fiscal agent) on behalf of Hamilton County Success by 6 Community Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Debbie Skiba
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Amount of Award: \$772,459
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 1, 2

Organization Description:

The Hamilton County Success by 6 Community Council has a mission to ensure that all children ages birth to six years of age are healthy and ready to succeed by the time they start kindergarten. In 2004 the Council joined with the Cincinnati Public Schools to assess the early literacy skills and language readiness of young children enrolled in Kindergarten.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Strengthening Early Learning project will serve three geographical areas: Hamilton County; the City of Cincinnati; and the Walnut Hills, Price Hill, and Uptown neighborhoods within Cincinnati. Through project funding the Local Council will achieve its vision for strengthening the early learning system in Hamilton County. The project's activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; helping parents, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development; promoting effective parenting; improving quality of early learning through professional development and training activities; and increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs. Through careful review of the Success By 6® Gap Analysis, the project focuses on four major areas of strategy: professional development and training for child care center directors and staff to support literacy and school readiness in children; specific training and mentoring for child care providers at 25 centers throughout the county, but predominately in Cincinnati, on using the DECA program for supporting children's social-emotional development; development of best-practices parent education curricula through the collaborative work of an affinity group; and delivering parent education in three select neighborhoods in Cincinnati to increase the capacity of parents to support child development.

This project focuses on activities that will increase the capacity of the early learning system to prepare children for kindergarten and direct service activities that will build the capacity of parents to provide early learning opportunities for their children.

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Grant Number:	90LO0145
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	United Way of Greater New Haven (fiscal agent) on behalf of the New Haven School Readiness Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director:	Heather Calabrese
Telephone Number:	203-772-2010
Amount of Award:	\$797,172
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region:	1
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

The New Haven School Readiness Council is composed of representatives from child care providers, the New Haven school system, community-based organizations that serve young children and families, higher education, parent, local funders, and community members. Formed in 1997, the Council serves as a coordinating body of resources for early childhood efforts in the city. Accomplishments of the council include: planning and sponsoring community-wide events to promote early childhood, including an annual Early Childhood Resource Fair for parents; focus groups with parents on early childhood issues; and an annual celebration of early care professionals to recognize the contributions of child care teachers and licensed home care providers. The United Way of Greater New Haven is acting as the fiscal agent for the Early Learning Success Project. As a community impact United Way, its activities are directed at identifying and solving the community's most pressing problems by working to create sustained changes in community conditions.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The New Haven Early Learning Success (ELS) Project is a multi-faceted approach to support children's early literacy and improve the quality of early childhood care and education for children in the City of New Haven, Connecticut. The project's goals are to: improve children's early literacy skills; increase the capacity of child care providers, caregivers, and parents to facilitate young children's optimal development and promote learning readiness in young children; and improve the quality of early learning programs in both home-based and center-based child care settings throughout the City. These goals, and the supporting strategies, address the needs of New Haven's young children and their families. The approach will include a specific focus on supporting children's early literacy by providing information and activities for children and parents at all stages in a child's early years, beginning at birth. The specific strategies include expanding Books for Babies and the Readmobile, creating literacy-based curriculum kits for use in child care programs, and expanding a promising literacy-based arts pilot project. The capacity of providers, caregivers, and parents will be enhanced by expanding access to a multi-disciplinary team of early childhood consultants and increasing parents' awareness of activities that can enhance and support their role as their children's first teachers. Given the clear link between teacher education, program quality, and child outcomes, a significant portion of the grant funds in professional development and training for early childhood providers. The New Haven ELS Project will result in increased early literacy skills and school readiness for the children of New Haven.

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Grant Number: 90LO0160
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way of Greater St. Joseph (fiscal agent) on behalf of Success by 6 Partnership (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Bobbie Cronk
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Amount of Award: \$594,357
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 7
Congressional District Served: 6

Organization Description:

The Success by 6 Partnership is supported by 38 community stakeholders, representing business, schools, health care, early learning, higher education, social service agencies, and parents to achieve its goals. The United Way of Greater St. Joseph serves a primary area of Andrew and Buchanan Counties in Missouri and Doniphan County in Kansas. The United Way has been serving St. Joseph and the surrounding area since 1916, and currently facilitates significant collaborative projects and funding, including Success by 6. The two goals of this collaboration are to promote quality in early care and education, and ensure good health status for our children. The Success by 6 Partnership assists the community in developing plans that will help children be ready to enter school by leveraging resources, addressing system barriers to healthy development, and mobilizing the community around children's issues.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The principal goal of the "Enrichment through Investment" project is to prepare children to enter school ready to learn. Subordinate objectives for the project include: increase the capacity of parents, caregivers, and child care providers to facilitate the development of crucial skills (cognitive, motor, language comprehension, expressive language, and social-emotional); enhance early childhood teaming by increasing parents' awareness of and access to developmentally appropriate materials, resources, and practices; improve the quality of early learning programs by offering professional development and training opportunities for caregivers, and child care providers; and scholarships and incentives for participation in educational activities and courses; improve coordination among early learning programs and between early learning programs and health care; and increase access to early learning opportunities for children with special needs. The project activities will result in increased capacity in parents, caregivers and child care providers to facilitate young children's early development, which will result in children being ready to succeed in school and life.

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Grant Number: 90LO0175
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Success by 6 Early Care and Education Initiative (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Lora Kline
Telephone Number: 864-229-4103
Amount of Award: \$994,926
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

United Way's Success by Six Community Initiative coordinates and collaborates with existing early learning programs and services to improve the quality, affordability, and availability of child care and to improve parent education programs in Greenwood and Abbeville Counties. The United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties provides a wide range of services including operating the Success by 6 Early Childhood Initiative, advocacy for improved child care quality standards, child care quality enhancement through training and administration of funds, parent training, and the Home Visitation Task Force.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The AGES Early Literacy Project is an early learning systems model benefiting young children in rural Greenwood and Abbeville Counties in South Carolina. AGES provides an integrated, systems approach that addresses needs and specific gaps in early learning resources to improve knowledge and skills of adults in child care settings and parents in homes through an early literacy curriculum supported by continuous coaching and modeling in homes, child care centers, and family caregiver homes. AGES strengthens and expands current parent education efforts by extending time for visits to include formal literacy training. In child care centers and family home settings, reading specialists will model and coach dialogic reading skills. Teachers and providers will receive incentives to attend monthly literacy training sessions and to complete early childhood development courses. Child care scholarships will be provided to teen parents actively working on their education. Finally, isolated rural families will receive early learning services via a literacy bus.

Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness; 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.

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Grant Number:	90LO0151
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	United Way of Harrisonburg (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Success by Six Coalition of the Shenandoah Valley (local council and grantee)
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Program Director:	Betsy Hay
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Amount of Award:	\$705,238
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	6, 7

Organization Description:

The Success by Six Coalition of the Shenandoah Valley is a large group of stakeholders responsible for and concerned about early learning issues. The Coalition has designated the United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to be the fiscal agent for the ELOA grant. The Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services (IIHHS) at James Madison University is a major partner in the project. The United Way is a key collaborator with community leaders in conducting comprehensive community-wide needs assessments. IIHHS provides a home to a number of organizations that serve the community including the Office on Children and Youth, Reading Road Show, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, and Shenandoah Valley Migrant Education Program.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Neighborhood Early Learning Project will serve the City of Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, and Page County, located in northwestern Virginia. Harrisonburg is a small city with a growing population of immigrants, mostly Hispanic, who come for low-wage jobs in poultry plants. Rockingham County is a large agricultural area with pockets of poverty throughout. Page County is remote, isolated, and mountainous with a history of socioeconomic problems. Significant numbers of children in the region live in poverty and many have limited English proficiency. The Neighborhood Early Learning Project will identify 20 neighborhoods having concentrations of specific subgroups such as those with English as a second language, minority and economically disadvantaged, and take services to them. It will provide activities through mobile literacy and health education services, early learning awareness training for parents and caregivers, and intensive home visitation services in the targeted neighborhoods. It will also introduce a transition to kindergarten summer school for at-risk children and will include an initiative to strengthen partnerships among early learning programs, faith communities, business and governmental leaders in support of school readiness for all children in the region. These activities will achieve four specific goals: increase the number of at-risk children in early literacy programs; improve parent and caregiver capabilities; promote the overall health of young children; and strengthen relationships among schools, child care providers and the community. A rigorous evaluation process will monitor project outcomes. The ultimate outcome: children from our most challenged neighborhoods arrive at kindergarten ready to learn. Project activities include: promoting effective parenting; enhancing early childhood and adult literacy; increasing the capacity of parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators to facilitate the development of cognitive, language comprehension, expressive language, social-emotional, and motor skills; and removing ancillary barriers to early learning through expansion of distance learning opportunities for parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators.

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Grant Number: 90LO0181
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way of Northern Arizona (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Community Council on Early Childhood Education and Development (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Kara Kelly
Telephone Number: 928-773-9813
Amount of Award: \$415,303
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The Community Council on Early Childhood Education and Development was created to maximize collective resources, reduce or eliminate redundancy of services, and carry out the mission to increase the well-being of children ages birth to five years-old in the community by improving the quantity and quality of early learning experiences. The United Way of Northern Arizona has been collaborating with the Partnership for Arizona’s Children to advance early learning opportunities statewide.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Community Council on Early Childhood Education and Development (CCECED) is establishing Pathways to Early Learning in high need neighborhoods in Flagstaff, Arizona and surrounding unincorporated areas, communities located in Coconino County, Arizona. Expected results are that all children in the Greater Flagstaff Area enter school with skills and abilities necessary for school success. In order to achieve this, the Community Council will address the following: improve and expand access to quality services and activities that support early childhood development, increase parent effectiveness, and promote learning readiness of young children so that they enter school ready to learn; implement a comprehensive replicable model project in county-wide isolated rural areas where there is a critical shortage of early education services; provide professional development and technical assistance to child care practitioners; and plan, develop, and establish an Early Childhood Development Center that will serve as a source of technical assistance. Pathways will extend the work of the CCECE to address the following ELOA activities: enhancing early literacy; increasing capacity of parents, caregivers, providers, and educators to facilitate cognitive development, language comprehension, expressive language, socio-emotional, 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 program through professional development and training activities. Pathways will also remove barriers to early learning opportunities for parents and caregivers by involving parents in the development and provision of activities that are consistent within the cultural context and language of families engaged in this project.

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Grant Number: 90LO0156
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way of Santa Fe, Inc. (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Success by 6 Council (local council and grantee)
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Program Director: Frank Di Luzio
Telephone Number: 505-982-2002
Amount of Award: \$795,137
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

United Way of Santa Fe County has a long history of assessing community needs and bringing together and coordinating local organizations to improve community life. This project launches an ambitious program to address root causes of poverty and disenfranchisement in Santa Fe's most vulnerable neighborhood.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The vision of the Agua Fria Children's Zone (AFCZ) Project is to build and strengthen a disadvantaged neighborhood (the area defined by the Agua Fria Elementary School enrollment area), so that children grow up in an environment that supports them and allows them to achieve their individual goals and aspirations. The AFCZ Project makes family the focus and creates a continuum of resources and opportunities for young children and families and create a network resembling the resources typically available to more advantaged citizens, thus reversing the downward spiral of generational poverty within vulnerable neighborhoods. ELOA funding will cover the early intervention portions of the program (Agua Fria Baby College, Agua Fria Pre-K, and Agua Fria Parent Resource Center), which are places where children and families gather and grow in the midst of a full array of learning opportunities, health, and social services, and communal growth and empowerment. This project seeks to transform the culture and expectations of a whole community, thus the impact of this work will persist long after the initial grant period and will provide an innovative model for other communities who seek to change the circumstances which create disadvantage.

Project activities include: enhancing early childhood literacy; 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.

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Bureau Name: Child Care Bureau
Grant Number: 90LO0171
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley (fiscal agent) on behalf of Muscogee County Smart Start Collaborative (local council and grantee)
Address: 1100 Fifth Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Columbus, GA 31901
Program Director: Sara Blackman
Telephone Number: 706-577-3971
Amount of Award: \$693,406
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 3, 8, 11

Organization Description:

The Muscogee County Smart Start Collaborative has been in business for four years enhancing early childhood literacy, promoting effective parenting, improving the quality of early learning programs, and helping parents, caregivers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness. For more than 50 years United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley has successfully developed and deployed the human and financial resources necessary to identify and address this community's health and human services needs.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The purpose of the project, Muscogee County Smart Start Collaborative: Children, Parents, and Providers Learning Together is to enhance voluntary early learning programs and childhood literacy for at-risk children from birth to five years of age in Muscogee County, Georgia. Through innovative programs and outreach initiatives, Muscogee County Smart Start Collaborative is working to improve the quality of early care and education for their most vulnerable children. The vision is that every child will start kindergarten ready to succeed, preparing them for a lifetime of learning and achievement that results in a better overall quality of life. The project will provide enhanced literacy opportunities, better educated and better prepared parents, caregivers, and providers, and increased accessibility of quality early learning services. Project activities include enhancing early childhood literacy; promoting effective parenting; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness; and improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers.

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Grant Number:	90LO0144
Target Population:	Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	United Way of Thurston County (fiscal agent) on behalf of the Early Childhood Coalition (local council and grantee)
Address:	312 4th Ave. E., Suite A
City/State/Zip Code:	Olympia, WA 98501
Program Director:	Rene Doran
Telephone Number:	360-943-2773
Amount of Award:	\$803,187
Program Name:	Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period:	9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	3, 9

Organization Description:

The Early Childhood Coalition has been meeting since 2003 to carry out its purpose, which is to work collectively to create and promote a comprehensive system of high-quality early care and education that is accessible, affordable, and effective in helping young children develop the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills that they need to succeed in school and life. United Way of Thurston County (UWTC) has been serving the local community for more than seven decades. Established in 1932 and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1959, UWTC is a leading philanthropic and community building organization in Thurston County and will serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Helping Young Kids Succeed: Phase One Project will strengthen early childhood literacy, provider training and expand home visitation programs in Thurston County, Washington. The Early Childhood Coalition assessed needs and resources and developed strategies for supporting its youngest children. After careful analysis, four best practices were selected to implement in Thurston County. Three agencies piloted Raising A Reader, Parents as Teachers, and Nurse-Family Partnership and found them to be effective methods to instill early learning and sound parenting skills. The Early Childhood Coalition will also provide caregivers with additional skills to work with the most challenging children and selected Promoting First Relationships for the training of child care providers, foster parents, Head Start teachers, kinship caregivers, faith-based child care staff, respite care providers, and parents. At the end of Helping Young Kids Succeed: Phase One, more than 1,500 preschool children will have pre-literacy skills that will prepare them for school; 1,500 parents will have increased parenting skills; a minimum of 75 providers will have increased care giving skills; the community will have a continuum of care and learning for its youngest children and their families; and the Early Childhood Coalition will be focusing its efforts on Helping Young Kids Succeed: Phase Two.

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Grant Number: 90LO0155
Target Population: Young children, their parents, child care providers, caregivers and educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Youth Health Service, Inc. (fiscal agent) on behalf of Barbour and Randolph County Local Council (local council and grantee)
Address: 971 Harrison Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Elkins, WV 26241
Program Director: Denise Fletcher
Telephone Number: 304-636-9450
Amount of Award: \$866,900
Program Name: Early Learning Opportunities Act
Project Period: 9/30/2005-2/28/2007
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

The Early Childhood Collaborative groups of Barbour and Randolph counties are to function as the Local Councils for this project. Work teams for this project will be comprised of local council members, parents, and other community members and leaders. Youth Health Services, Inc. (YHS) is a private, nonprofit agency that has served families and children since 1978. Its mission is to help families rear healthy children and assist communities in their efforts to provide safe and healthy places for children to grow and develop.

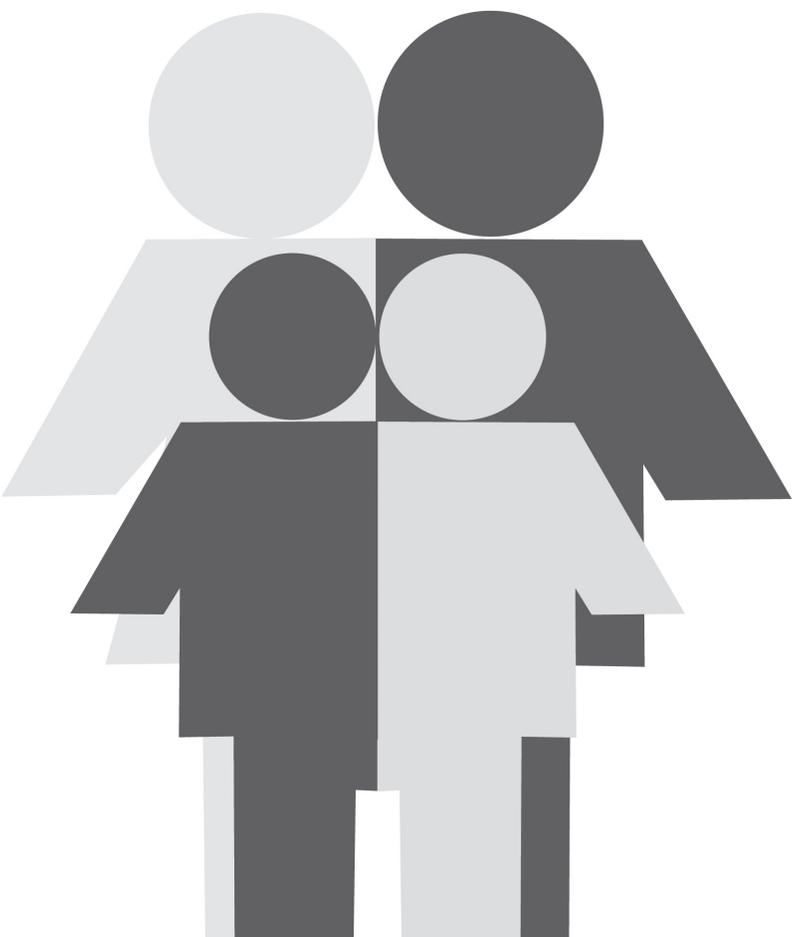
Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The title of this project is "Bridging the Gap: Preserving gains and assuring long-term community support for early learning opportunities for young children." In this project, two Local Councils finalize their collaborative work plan to enhance the quality, access and sustainability of early learning experiences for young children. The councils serve the entire area of two rural counties located in north central West Virginia. Through earlier work the councils strengthened the quality of early care and education services, increased access to such services for at risk children, trained high risk parents to encourage and support emergent literacy skills in their children and established a strong focus on early literacy education within local child care programs. The objectives of this project include: enhancing early childhood literacy by bridging the gap between research, training and best practices using the Perry Preschool High Scope curricula; promoting effective parenting through bridging the gap between responsive, positive parenting and literacy promotion; expanding the number of young children served in existing programs by improving the affordability of such programs for special needs and low-income children; developing linkages among early learning programs and health care services to implement the "Reach Out and Read" program; and removing ancillary transportation barriers to early learning experiences for low income children. Program evaluation will include both implementation and outcome assessments of progress and goal attainment.

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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 2004, 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.

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.

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.

Abandoned Infant Projects

Bureau Name:	Children's Bureau
Grant Number:	90CB0153
Target Population:	Substance exposed newborns
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Denver Department of Human Services
Address:	1200 Federal Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Denver, CO 80204
Program Director:	Ben Levek
Telephone Number:	720-944-2875
Amount of Award:	\$150,000
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	8
Congressional District Served:	1-7

Organization Description:

The Denver Department of Human Services (DDHS) provides financial benefits and services to Denver's citizens. DDHS administers federal, state and local funds for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, food stamps, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), Child Welfare Services, Child Support and Enforcement and General Assistance. DDHS is recognized for the quality of its programs and services by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The primary objective of the Colorado Systems Integration Model for Infants (C-SIMI) project is the incorporation of best practice approaches from the child welfare, drug treatment, legal and health care systems involved with substance-exposed infants and their families. C-SIMI will assist substance-exposed children and their families by responding to the complexities of prenatal substance exposure with comprehensive intervention and enhanced and optimal utilization of existing services for healthy infants. The project will utilize a collaborative, best practices based, integrated systems expertise approach that provides: secondary prevention of harm from prenatal exposure to illicit drugs; proactive outreach through local community health clinics focusing on Latino and Black populations; effective strategies and protocols for the identification of maternal substance abuse prenatally as well as substance-exposed newborns at the time of birth; a Child Welfare notification protocol for hospital health care providers; innovative Child Welfare risk assessment procedures; seamless interface with appropriate drug treatment programming including the assessment of families involved in treatment programs for child safety concerns; and cooperation with the court system to better inform their response to the families facing substance abuse issues that they serve. Expected results and benefits include integrated systems of service for the largest population area in the state of Colorado. C-SIMI will coordinate and magnify the benefits of current programs while utilizing resources in the most humane and efficient manner focusing on efficiency. The project will enhance services expected to increase prenatal care and decrease re-reports of child abuse/neglect while providing alternatives to out of home placement that strengthen parenting capacity for protection of infant and benefits of strong maternal-child attachment. Overall, C-SIMI will strengthen families of infants and young children through humane and efficient use of public resources in identifying and assuring the safety of substance exposed newborns.

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Grant Number: 90CB0155
Target Population: Substance exposed newborns
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Address: 2213 Cherry St.
City/State/Zip Code: Toledo, OH 43608
Program Director: Joyce Quinlivan
Telephone Number: 419-251-2122
Amount of Award: 150000.
Program Name: Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 9

Organization Description:

St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center (SVMCMC) was founded in 1855 as Toledo's first hospital. Today, SVMCMC stands on its original site in the central city of Toledo and provides services to local residents as well as those in northwest Ohio and southwest Michigan. The Medical Center's mission is to improve the health of the community with special attention to the poor and underserved.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Though the estimate of substance-using parents involved in Child Protective Services varies, there is general agreement that such families are disproportionately represented. In 1998, a survey done by the Child Welfare League found that 67% of parents involved in child protective services needed treatment for substance use, and services were available to only 31% of them. During 2004, 10.4% (501) of the abuse/neglect investigations in Lucas County (a community served by SVMCMC) were due to substance abuse issues of the parent. The purpose of the SVMMS Health Connections for Substance Exposed Newborns Project is to develop and demonstrate a model for compliance with CAPTA requirements to identify and treat substance exposed newborns. Our goal is to maximize child and family outcomes through collaboration between Child Protective Services and health care providers. The target population will be newborns who receive primary health care through Pediatric Services at the St. Vincent Mercy Family Care Center and meet the criteria of prenatal exposure to illegal drugs. Objectives of the project are to: 1) collaborate with Lucas County Children Services (child protection agency) and maternal and child serving agencies to develop collaborative policies, procedures, and practices to maximize the effective identification and treatment of substance exposed newborns; 2) develop procedures for identification and referral of substance exposed newborns in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center obstetrics prenatal, labor and delivery and pediatrics; 3) 60% of participating infants will receive needed development and social/ emotional services by the end of treatment; and 4) 75% of participating parents will completed Individual Family Service Plan goals. In addition to establishing a collaborative model, project intervention services will include interagency cross-training, case management, infant-parent psychotherapy, developmental intervention and sensory integration, and substance abuse services.

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Bureau Name:	Children's Bureau
Grant Number:	90CB0156
Target Population:	Substance exposed newborns
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Address:	250 Washington St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Boston, MA 02108
Program Director:	Ronald Benham
Telephone Number:	617-624-5070
Amount of Award:	150000.
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region:	I
Congressional District Served:	I

Organization Description:

The Department of Public Health houses the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, which oversees substance abuse treatment services in the Commonwealth. The responsibilities include: licensing programs and counselors, funding and monitoring prevention treatment services; providing access to treatment for the indigent and uninsured; developing and implementing policies and programs; and tracking substance abuse trends in the state.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Identification and Treatment of Infants and Families (ITIF) is a collaborative project of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Lead Agency for Part C Early Intervention, and the Massachusetts Department of Social Services, the state's child welfare agency. The project is focused on identifying infants exposed to illegal substances, pre- and post-natal, through DSS area offices; pregnant and parenting women's substance abuse treatment programs; and early intervention. Ultimately, the project expects to develop and disseminate proposed collaborative protocols for better serving these families with substance exposed newborns. The project incorporates the Federation for Children with Special Needs to provide TA and support on reaching out to and involving families, the Institute for Health and Recovery on appropriate protocols within women's substance abuse treatment, and three regions of the state which have comprehensive EI and Early intervention Partnerships Projects, as well as women's substance abuse treatment and active DSS area offices. The Heller School at Brandeis University will evaluate the project and assist in the development of model protocols.

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Grant Number:	90CB0154
Target Population:	Substance exposed newborns
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	University of Oregon c/o Office of Research Services & Administration
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City/State/Zip Code:	Eugene, OR 97403
Program Director:	Jane Squires
Telephone Number:	541-346-2634
Amount of Award:	\$149,996
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

The Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC) of Oregon Health Sciences University is a statewide agency that serves children with special care needs. CDRC's mission is to improve the health, well-being of children and youth with special needs and their families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The University of Oregon Early Intervention Program and Child Rehabilitation Center, together with protective service, health, drug treatment, early intervention, child development, and mental health/counseling agencies in Lane and Jackson counties are proposing the development and replication of a comprehensive, family centered model for identifying and serving families with children prenatally exposed to illegal drugs. Developing an optimal, effective model of policies and procedures to implement provisions of the CAPTA requirement regarding substance exposed newborns is the purpose of Project Family Early Advocacy and Treatment (FEAT). Currently in Oregon, significant gaps exist in policies and procedures related to identifying and serving these families and children. Inconsistent drug testing, referral, and follow-up services are common and there is no clear state policy related to prenatal drug exposure and CAPTA provisions. The FEAT model consists of four elements: 1) a state level interagency perinatal working group, focused on developing policies and procedures for the identification, referral, and treatment of prenatally drug exposed infants and their families; 2) a county level interagency perinatal task force working in a parallel process to the state working group to further define policies and procedures at a local level; 3) a full time family advocate utilizing a family-centered, relationship-based home visiting approach. The family advocate will conduct thorough assessments of children and family members, facilitate the relationship between caregiver/children, support families to navigate the complex requirements of the Child Welfare system, monitor access to critical services for children and families (e.g., health and medical services, early intervention services, mental health counseling, drug/alcohol treatment) and, ensure that service delivery is, at all points of contact culturally and linguistically appropriate; and 4) an on-going evaluation process designed to refine the FEAT model throughout the course of the project. Year One will include a planning phase in which all involved agencies in Lane County join to conduct a needs assessment and a series of focus groups in which a comprehensive FEAT model is developed. The FEAT project Liaison will be a participant in state and county perinatal working groups to maintain a focus on this vulnerable population, keep momentum during the planning year, and provide a link to ensure that state and local policies regarding prenatal exposure to drugs are consistent. During Year Two the proposed model will be implemented and extensively evaluated in Lane County. Replication will occur in Jackson County in Year Three. Model evaluation and dissemination as well as evaluation of the feasibility of model replication in additional diverse counties in Oregon will also be completed in Year Three. Based on final evaluations, an additional two years of funds implementation in two rural and two urban counties will be requested.

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Grant Number:	90CB0147
Target Population:	Abandoned infants
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	County of Santa Cruz
Address:	1400 Emeline Ave., #K
City/State/Zip Code:	Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Program Director:	Judy Yokel
Telephone Number:	831-454-4130
Amount of Award:	\$475,000
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	17

Organization Description:

The Santa Cruz County Human Resources Agency (HRA) provides social services, public assistance, and employment training to County residents. The Family and Child Services Division of the HRA provides all public child welfare services, foster and adoption services for the County.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

A public/private consortium including the Santa Cruz County child welfare agency, public health division, alcohol and drug program, and community-based treatment providers are responding to the need to change the county's child welfare system and improve services for substance-abusing pregnant and parenting Latinos and families. The consortium agrees that prenatal screening and early intervention services are critical elements of the strategy to provide support to promote positive outcomes for these families. In order to attract and retain these women in prenatal care, promote healthier family functioning, and assure quality care for their children, the emphasis is to develop an innovative approach to prenatal outreach and a continuity of care to this population throughout the pregnancy and the child's early years. A culturally competent staff will ensure a family-based support system that will result in better outcomes in preventing the need for out-of-home placement of children, or supporting the family while the child is in a kinship placement or culturally appropriate foster home. The approach includes integrated support for substance abusing parents in residential or day treatment, methadone treatment and clean and sober housing programs so that at the time of birth, there is a smooth transition to the sustainable placement of the infant or support for the parent(s) to care for the child. This requires a high level of coordination of the child welfare and public health services as well as introducing new screening and support services at the nonprofit substance abuse treatment facilities. The project will also train the medical community, community-based organizations and the recovery community to better and earlier identify substance-abusing Latino women, and to assist these women in engaging in treatment.

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Bureau Name:	Children's Bureau
Grant Number:	90CB0150
Target Population:	Abandoned infants
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Baltimore Pediatric HIV Program, Inc.
Address:	PO Box 25535
City/State/Zip Code:	Baltimore, MD 21217
Program Director:	Debbie Rock
Telephone Number:	410-235-3220
Amount of Award:	\$306,709
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	7

Organization Description:

Baltimore Pediatric HIV Program, Inc (BPHIVP) is a community- based, non-profit program with 501(c)3 status and is certified as a Minority Business Enterprise. BPHIVP provides comprehensive services to children and families who are infected/affected by HIV/AIDS. The services encompasses a day respite care which is developmentally and educationally appropriate to children 2-6 years, psychosocial services for HIV positive clients and relative caregivers, client advocacy, crisis intervention and community advocacy.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Baltimore Pediatric HIV Program-Family Matters (BPHIVP-FM) proposes a 4-year demonstration project to provide comprehensive support services for families (parents and relative caregivers of infants and young children who are infected with, or have been perinatally exposed to, HIV/AIDS, and/or have been parentally exposed to a dangerous drug by their substance abusing mother and/or HIV/AIDS infected mother. The funds will be use to enhance a system of support services for (50) 30 parents and 20 relative caregivers and their children who are impacted by HIV/AIDS or substance abuse. A longitudinal study design will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the support services. To accomplish this goal BPHIVP has developed a consortium with community-organizations for the purpose of implementing this demonstration project to provide technical assistance and to offer specific services. Each of these organizations recognizes and respects each other's area of expertise in delivering the services and will deliver the program supports in a culturally competent manner. BPHIVP expects to enhance the parents and relative caregivers readiness, intent and ability to meet the developmental and well-being needs of children who have been impacted by HIV/AIDS and/or substance abuse, improve parenting skills and practices, enhance family relationship, increase knowledge and understanding of the impact of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse on the family, particularly on children and youth; increase knowledge of legal information/custody options and increase knowledge of and utilization of resources in the community that will improve permanency, safety and well-being for the children in their care and ultimately reduce abandonment of children. Also, this information will add new knowledge to the field regarding families who are caring for children who are impacted by HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

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Grant Number:	90CB0149
Target Population:	Abandoned infants
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Arbor Circle Corporation
Address:	1115 Ball Ave., NE,
City/State/Zip Code:	Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Program Director:	Emmy Ellis
Telephone Number:	616-456-7775
Amount of Award:	\$385,996
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	2, 3

Organization Description:

The Mission Inn project is a comprehensive, community-based wraparound model that integrates the principles of Infant Mental Health and substance abuse treatment. This cultural and gender-sensitive treatment approach is provided in the child's natural environment and addresses the specific needs of substance using women and their young children. The project proposes to serve 75 families and provide 20 community education presentations in each year of the project period. The project is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan and serves Kent County as well as the surrounding counties of Ottawa, Ionia and Barry. The primary goal of the Mission Inn project is to promote safe, secure, permanent and nurturing homes for infants and young children at risk of abandonment or who have been abandoned due to the effects of parental substance abuse.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The proposed project will provide integrated, in-home infant mental health and substance abuse treatment and services, in a wraparound model specifically tailored to the individual needs of mothers and families. Service goals include improving support systems, offering respite care and peer mentoring, assisting with permanency planning, providing assistance with needs and providing training and education to families and the community. The key objectives and anticipated outcomes of the project are to improve permanency, reduce substance use and relapse, improve parent/child relationships, promote child development, and improve community service coordination. The evaluation effort of the project will provide practice and outcome information that can be replicated in other communities working with similar populations.

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Grant Number:	90CB0152
Target Population:	Abandoned infants
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Child & Family Tennessee
Address:	901 East Summit Hill Dr.
City/State/Zip Code:	Knoxville, TN 37915
Program Director:	Kathy Hatsfield
Telephone Number:	865-524-7483
Amount of Award:	\$475,000
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Great Starts, a comprehensive women's treatment program based on a therapeutic community model, is a program of Child and Family Tennessee, a private, non-profit, regional social service agency in operation since 1929. Great Starts has evolved since its 1991 opening from a supportive housing program to a JCAHO accredited mental health and addiction treatment service, with a licensed, on-site, therapeutic nursery. Up to 22 women and 37 children reside for up to 8 months in apartments on a campus where treatment and services are provided. Great Starts has served 692 drug exposed and HIV+ children and 530 pregnant or postpartum mothers.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The program objectives include treating mothers' substance abuse, trauma, and other mental health problems; educate mothers about child development, including developmental delays associated with pre-natal drug/alcohol exposure, and improve parenting skills, improve children's mental and physical health, provide ancillary services to address mothers' education and job training deficits and to obtain employment and permanent housing, coordinate services with providers in the community who interact with clients.

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Grant Number: 90CB0148
Target Population: Abandoned infants
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Latino Family Institute, Inc.
Address: 1501 Cameron Ave., Suite 240
City/State/Zip Code: West Covina, CA 91790
Program Director: Maria Quintanilla
Telephone Number: 626-472-0123
Amount of Award: \$475,000
Program Name: Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 26

Organization Description:

The Latino Family Institute, LFI, a private, nonprofit full-service Latino adoption agency headquartered in Los Angeles, California, proposes to provide the Abandoned Infants Assistance Program in the City of Santa Ana, Orange County, California, for primarily Latino families with children up to age 6 that are impacted by substance abuse or HIV/AIDS.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project will replicate the evidence-based model implemented by Bienvenidos Children Services in East Los Angeles, California. The project objectives are to prevent abandonment of infants/young children exposed to HIV and or/ substance abuse, achieve abstinence from drugs/alcohol, improve health and mental health outcomes, decrease stressors, increase knowledge of health promoting practices, improve child developmental and health outcomes and to increase knowledge among 250 health and child welfare professionals. The services provided will include: substance abuse recovery support, permanency planning, parenting health education and child focused services.

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Grant Number:	90CB0151
Target Population:	Abandoned infants
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Health Federation of Philadelphia
Address:	1211 Chestnut St., Suite 801
City/State/Zip Code:	Philadelphia, PA 19107
Program Director:	Maria Frontera
Telephone Number:	215-567-8001
Amount of Award:	\$475,000
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	7

Organization Description:

The Health Federation of Philadelphia (HFP) has a long history of working with community-based organizations to identify unmet needs, develop programs to meet those needs, and continuously improve program quality. Over the past 3 years, HFP has assisted the Department of Human Services in piloting a Continuous Quality Improvement strategy for prevention services, and staffed a region-wide effort to assist providers of HIV/AIDS care in developing standards, creating improvement measures, tracking performance, and implementing corrective action plans.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of the Family Centered Home Visitation Program will be to prevent abandonment and out-of-home placement of children affected by HIV/AIDS by strengthening families' abilities to provide safety, permanency, and a context for healthy development, even under extreme circumstances. In the event of family separation, efforts will be made to strengthen parental abilities and reunify the family. No such program currently exists in Philadelphia. This program will serve 200 low-income families infected/affected by HIV/AIDS in North Philadelphia, specifically: infants and toddlers (0-3) infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, pregnant and parenting women (age 13 and older) who are HIV positive, and other family members and caregivers. It will provide a full range of culturally competent and accessible services including: child development and parenting support; mental health (individual, family, and group) intervention; health/nutrition monitoring, education and referrals; and education, legal, and social services.

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Grant Number:	90CB0157
Target Population:	Abandoned infants
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island
Address:	101 Dudley St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Providence, RI 02905
Program Director:	Barry Lester
Telephone Number:	401-453-7640
Amount of Award:	\$237,386
Program Name:	Abandoned Infant Projects
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region:	1
Congressional District Served:	1, 2 Rhode Island; 1, 3, 9 Massachusetts; 2 Connecticut

Organization Description:

The Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island was founded in 1884 as a place for homeless and indigent women to give birth, and the hospital continues to focus on sustaining and protecting the health and well being of infants and women in southeastern New England, regardless of ability to pay. The hospital is a non-profit tertiary care hospital in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Neonatology, and a teaching hospital in those disciplines for Brown University School of Medicine.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Vulnerable Infants' Program 2 Rhode Island (VIP2 RI) project, , is built on our previously funded (2000) Abandoned Infants' Assistance (AIA project), which established the infrastructure for the proposed VIP2 project. VIP2-RI's novel concentration is to work closely with statewide birthing hospitals, the court and child welfare systems, with the families with children involved with these systems, and with community resources to facilitate permanency for children. VIP2-RI will: address the "boarder baby" issue; through standardized assessment assist the child welfare system and RI Court in identifying the needs of these parents and their children; facilitate access to services for these families; monitor and report to the Court on service delivery and family progress and if necessary provide support to foster care providers. VIP2 will include CPS involved infants exposed to alcohol and other drugs such as methadone as well as illicit drugs, serve the entire state of RI, provide services for fathers and siblings, and help RI comply with CAPTA and ASFA. Training will be provided to professionals involved with these families to increase the skills set needed to appropriately serve these individuals and improve client outcomes. The National Parental Information Center will serve as the evaluators for this grant. Evaluation findings and relationships with community partners will be used to inform policy/practice and sustain the program at the end of funding.

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Adoption Opportunities

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Grant Number:	90CO1021
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Adoptions Unlimited, Inc.
Address:	120 W. Madison St., Suite 800
City/State/Zip Code:	Chicago, IL 60602
Program Director:	Margaret Burke
Telephone Number:	312-462-7225
Amount of Award:	\$278,170
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Adoptions Unlimited, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to finding and supporting adoptive families for children in need of permanent homes. The organization also operates two other programs-The Recruitment Response Team for Illinois, a partnership with the Adoption Exchange Association and AdoptUSKids, and the Infant Adoption Training Initiative in Illinois, a partnership with Spaulding for Children.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The overall goal of the Family Connections Project is to increase youth connection and permanency via a model that educates youth, families, child welfare professionals, and court personnel about openness in permanency; mediates open permanency arrangements; and assists youth in addressing emotional issues that impact permanency and well-being. The objectives of the project are: to conduct a thorough needs assessment on the barriers and strategies that impact openness, to educate workers, foster/pre-adoptive parents, court personnel, and youth about the benefits of open permanency arrangements, to mediate open permanency arrangements which promote contact between youth and relatives or significant others, to address emotional issues that impact permanency and well-being, and to disseminate knowledge gained from the project throughout the state. The model makes use of many established structures of the child welfare system, augmenting them and training workers to provide these functions in a way that can be continued after grant funding ends and which can be replicated in other states. Foster youth will steer the project in conjunction with adoptive parents, birth parents, and professionals through service on the advisory work-group and by providing input on curriculum design and model implementation.

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Grant Number:	90CO1017
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Family Builders by Adoption
Address:	528 Grand Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Oakland, CA 94610
Program Director:	Jill Jacobs
Telephone Number:	510-272-0204
Amount of Award:	\$300,000
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	9

Organization Description:

The Family Builders by Adoption Organization, based in Alameda County, CA has recruited and developed adoptive families for children and youth with special needs in public agency foster care for over 29 years. It is a private, non-profit organization that was originally founded in 1976 to develop families for severely disabled children in institutionalized care. Believing all children and youth are adoptable, Family Builders by Adoption prepares families to succeed in handling the challenges of adopting children and youth with a wide range of special needs.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project addresses the needs of youth who emancipate from foster care without permanent family connections. The Family Builders and Alameda County Social Services Agency are publically and privately collaborating to establish open adoptions and other permanence for 200 youth who will otherwise exit care without permanence. The Project has five objectives. The first is to prepare youth for a positive transition into an adoptive family that will support the youth's attachment to and contact with members of the youth's family of origin. The second is to prepare, support and sustain permanent families to understand and address the issues which are unique to open adoption. The third objective is to prepare, support and sustain families of origin. The fourth objective is to evaluate the process and outcomes of these strategies and models, and the fifth objective is to disseminate information learned from this project to encourage other locations to develop open adoption and permanency programs for youth. The project is based on our shared belief that every youth is entitled to leave foster care with a permanent family relationship that supports his or her connections to the family of origin, and that it is possible to develop such a relationship for each youth. The primary outcome of this innovative project will be the timely intervention and establishment of open adoptions and permanence for 200 youth in Alameda County prior to their emancipation from foster care in Alameda County during the next five years.

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Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
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Address:	901 East Summit Hill Dr.
City/State/Zip Code:	Knoxville, TN 37915
Program Director:	Kathy Hatfield
Telephone Number:	865-524-7483
Amount of Award:	\$300,000
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Established in 1927, Child and Family Tennessee (CFT) is a private, not-for-profit agency that provides child welfare and social services to more than 20,000 residents of East Tennessee annually. The agency specializes in services for vulnerable families and children with three areas of concentration: treatment, advocacy and prevention. Services include residential care for adolescent boys and girls; programs for women and children who live with domestic violence; individual and family counseling; programs for pregnant teens; runaway youth; and services for families in crisis.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Child and Family Tennessee (CFT) is developing, implementing and evaluating new and proven strategies in a new program called Youth OPEN (Youth Options for Permanency and Empowerment Now). The goal of the Youth OPEN project is to introduce a range of permanency options to youth, including adoption, open adoption and permanent guardianship; to empower and support youth to be active advocates in their own permanency planning process; to provide permanency interventions, including mediation and youth peer mentorship; to increase foster youth leadership; to create communities of support for youth permanency; and to train youth and adults in permanency preparation - in order to increase the number of youth exiting state custody with a permanent family connection. The effectiveness of these strategies will be evaluated by the University of Tennessee, College of Social Work Office of Research and Public Service (SWORPS) and the resulting lessons learned will be disseminated to others to facilitate improvements in permanency practice.

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Grant Number:	90CO1018
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Homes for Black Children
Address:	511 E. Larned
City/State/Zip Code:	Detroit, MI 48226
Program Director:	Linda Lipscomb
Telephone Number:	313-961-4777
Amount of Award:	\$299,203
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	15

Organization Description:

Homes for Black Children, the oldest nationally recognized successful African American adoption agency, proposes to meet the need to increase the opportunity for permanency through openness in adoption for 150 foster children in the metropolitan Detroit area who are 11 and older, or are part of a sibling group, and are interested in maintaining family relationships. These children will be afforded permanency through a major collaborative undertaking between Homes for Black Children, the faith-based community, the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) and Kinship, an interagency recruitment collaborative of 25 agencies serving children in the Detroit area. The organization subscribes to a youth development approach that recognizes the need to provide children with comprehensive adoption preparation and planning services, support, and opportunities to maintain continuity of healthy birth family relationships in an open adoption.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Improving Permanency Outcomes Through Open Adoption Project: Family Ties, hopes to maintain continuity of healthy birth family relationships in an open adoption through comprehensive assessment, preparation and enrichment services that specifically improve an individual child's capacity to live successfully in an adoptive family. Adoptive parents' capacity for successfully parenting older youth and sibling groups who maintain their family ties will be improved through orientation and training, life enriching family activities and supportive services.

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Bureau Name:	Children's Bureau
Grant Number:	90CO1019
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Kidsave International, Inc.
Address:	5165 MacArthur Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Washington, DC 20016
Program Director:	Ruth Baugh
Telephone Number:	202-237-7283
Amount of Award:	\$300,000
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	1, 2, 7, 8, 9

Organization Description:

Kidsave International, Inc. is a volunteer-driven organization that is working to move older children out of orphanages and foster care and into permanent, loving families. Kidsave helps older children without parents meet people who often end up adopting, mentoring or staying connected to them. Kidsave is working to find families for children living in foster care who have no adoptive families. Their Weekend Miracles programs are in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles County, CA.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Project Adopt Older Kids! (A-OK!) seeks to identify people to adopt or become guardians of and mentors youth twelve and older who have refused adoption at least in part because they think they would not be able to retain relationships with some members of their birth family or others in their life. Our partners are the Los Angeles County Department of Child and Family Services and the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency. The team members will conduct thorough research of a child's biological family and friends (mining of cases), followed by a meeting and discussions among family, friends, and the youth to see if someone might adopt or become a guardian for the youth. For those where permanency cannot be achieved by this means the project staff will recruit families through Kidsave's Weekend Miracles program. The Weekend Miracles program is based on a family visit model where youth experience a series of weekend visits with screened and trained host families who draw on their circle of friends to help the child find a family. Personal advocacy is augmented by media coverage, and community partnership development, thus creating greater exposure for the youth, community participation and energy around children in need. Partnerships will be developed with local organizations to expand the network for recruiting families and increase advocacy for the kids. Youth will receive preparation through social workers as well as the Kidsave Support Group. Part of their preparation will be teaching them how to advocate for themselves. Support will also be provided to birth parents to help them allow their child to be adopted. A-OK will be evaluated by a team from UCLA and the University of North Carolina.

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Bureau Name:	Children's Bureau
Grant Number:	90CO1023
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	You Gotta Believe! The Older Child Adoption Permanency Movement, Inc.
Address:	1728 Mermaid Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Brooklyn, NY 11224
Program Director:	Patrick O'Brien
Telephone Number:	718-372-3003
Amount of Award:	\$300,000
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	1-5

Organization Description:

You Gotta Believe! The Older Child Adoption Permanency Movement, Inc. is the only foster and adoption agency in the United States that limits its practice to finding permanent parents for teens and pre-teens. The organization's staff are regularly brought in to conduct trainings all over the United States to share our common sense approaches to recruiting and supporting families who offer their homes permanently to teenagers.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Long Island Opening Adoption's Door to Teens Project will accept 153 referrals of teens who have ties to their birth families and have been resistant to adoption and permanency because of these relationships and some other issues as well. The Project will do short term intensive counseling with teens on referral to discuss any issues, fears, or concerns they may have with permanency. As a result, the Project expects to place at least 77 of the youth into permanent families. The Project will accomplish these goals by utilizing our partnership with the Nassau County Department of Social Services, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in both Suffolk and Nassau Family Courts, and the mercy First child care agency that operates both group and foster programs in both Nassau and Suffolk County. The Project will accomplish its goals by: out-stationing Project staff to generate referrals at Nassau & Suffolk DSS,

mercy First and other child care facilities, and the Courts via the CASA program, conducting 17 four-week mini - A-OKAY courses to about 102 round-hole foster

parents who have square-peg teens living in their households to teach them the

importance and urgency of permanency for those teens, conducting 123 half-day staff training to close to 1200 court personnel, professionals and para-professionals at Suffolk and Nassau DSS and private agencies that provide both group and foster care to teens in need of permanency, and conducting 45 ten-week Adopting Older Kids And Youth (A-OKAY) parent preparation classes for 450 prospective parents interesting in, or thinking about, providing permanent homes to teens in foster care.

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Grant Number:	90CO1015
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Bellefaire JCB
Address:	22001 Fairmount Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Shaker Heights, OH 44118
Program Director:	Karen Anderson
Telephone Number:	216-320-8231
Amount of Award:	\$300,000
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	11

Organization Description:

Bellefaire JCB is licensed by the state of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) to provide adoption services. With six federal grants over the past ten years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, for various adoption projects, the adoption department has emerged as one of the most multifaceted and effective child placement agencies not only in Ohio, but in the country.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Bellefaire JCB's Project VIP (Voices Impacting Permanency) is an innovative project designed to develop and implement services and supports to improve permanency outcomes for youth who wish to retain contact with family members. The project focuses on five objectives: to replace resistance to with interest in permanency options among youth over age 12 and/or sibling groups in the public child welfare system; to connect youth to adults to promote a range of permanency options, particularly adoption, open adoption, and including guardianship and kinship care; demonstrate an effective permanency planning model in which youth leadership and collaboration among youth, siblings, other family members, caseworkers, and possible permanency parents are critical components; to evaluate the processes and outcomes of Project VIP to provide an evidence based model for promoting open adoption, and to disseminate information about Project VIP to provide a model for other counties and states seeking effective open adoption programs for youth and sibling groups. Project VIP utilizes a range of strategies to improve and increase permanency outcomes for youth over 12 and /or sibling groups in the public child welfare system. Especially important is the regional initiative that will produce evidence based, youth centered permanency model that includes parent, mentor, child welfare, and legal professional training to improve Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR) permanency outcomes. The innovative features of the project include peer groups and a camp that combine a focus on youth empowerment and openness in adoption , a recruitment plan for VIP mentors that overcomes the challenge of enlisting sufficient numbers of mentors, the VIP Community Chorus, the informal social network activities built into our model of Circles of Support, parent training that invites birth/kinship family members and a VIP Rapid Response Team that will engage with legal system professionals to share information and perspectives in a non-adversarial setting.

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Grant Number:	90CO1016
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	New York Council on Adoptable Children
Address:	589 Eighth Ave., 15th Floor
City/State/Zip Code:	New York, NY 10018
Program Director:	Ernesto Loperena
Telephone Number:	212-475-0222
Amount of Award:	\$300,000
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	14

Organization Description:

Founded in 1972, the New York Council on Adoptable Children (COAC) is an adoption service agency serving legally freed older and special needs children in the New York City foster care system. Its mission is to insure that as many children as possible are permanently placed with families that will love and care for them. They seek adoptive parents who will adopt children affected by AIDS and other special needs children.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

COAC, a 35-year old adoption specialty organization, will implement a new program model that features strong cross-agency collaborations designed to overcome the barriers to open adoption and improve the permanency outcomes of youth age 12 and over in the New York City foster care system. With ACF's support, the organization will launch The ROAD/EI Camino (Realizing Open Adoption Dreams/EI Camino Hacia Un Futuro Mejor) to engage 96 youth in the process of finding permanent homes for them in the five year grant period. Partners: The New York City Administration for Children's Services, foster care agencies who have custody of the youth, the media that target the African American and Hispanic community (for outreach to prospective parents), as well as two programs within COAC that will provide wrap-around services to recruit adoptive families and support them in the post-placement period. By raising awareness among youths, their birth families, extended families, kinship networks, and caseworkers - that a permanent family is indeed possible, that open adoption is an option that will allow for continued family contact and by implementing best practices that engage all parties involved, The ROAD/EI Camino will give youths a new opportunity to achieve permanence. In the five-year period, the project will serve 96 youth and place 68 of them with permanent families. The project will document its procedures, methods and results and provide a final report and workbook to enable replication for the field.

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Grant Number:	90CO1020
Target Population:	Adoptable children
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Bethany Christian Services
Address:	901 Easter Ave., NE,
City/State/Zip Code:	Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Program Director:	Dona Abbott
Telephone Number:	616-224-7530
Amount of Award:	\$300,000
Program Name:	Adoption Opportunities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2010
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

Bethany Christian Services is a Christian adoption and family services agency that has been providing services since 1944. Besides adoption services, they extend their care to people struggling with unplanned pregnancies, infertility, and a multitude of other challenges. With many locations throughout the nation and internationally, Bethany Christian Services assists more than 30,000 people each year.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The overall goal of the Youth Permanence through Mediation ("It's Up to Me") Project is to increase the number of older youth in foster care who achieve permanence and strengthened connections with their extended families through open adoption relationships and youth empowerment strategies. The project objectives are to develop a "mediated family conferencing" to negotiate permanent placement options and open adoption relationships between family stakeholders and adolescent-aged youth, develop a "kinship mentoring component" between youth and one primary "healthy" family or kinship member who will empower older youth to maintain key connections and linkages to their extended family system by providing liaison, advocacy, and modeling roles, implement strategic counseling (through Bethany's PTSD treatment program) to resolve case-specific sources of emotional trauma or stress that inhibit older youth from restoring positive relationships & connections with their extended birth family system, develop curriculum-based educational modules that increase the capacity of permanent foster & adoptive families to participate in open adoption arrangements and increased connections between older youth and their extended family network and demonstrate the value of the project model by expanding project/service to other geographic regions and venues in Michigan and by implementing a strong evaluation component. Project outcomes will strengthen the capacity of the Michigan DHS to bring its child permanency indicators into compliance with the Federal Child and Family Service Review (CFSR). The project will begin in Grand Rapids, be replicated in Muskegon County, and then applied to the state's MARE system.

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Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects

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Grant Number:	90CA1731
Target Population:	Abused and neglected children and their families
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Yakima Valley Farm Worker's Clinic
Address:	PO Box 190, 518 West 1st Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Toppenish, WA 98948
Program Director:	Lisa Campbell
Telephone Number:	509-248-3782
Amount of Award:	\$141,274
Program Name:	Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period:	9/1/2005-9/29/2005
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

Yakima Valley Farm Worker's Clinic (YVFWC), a community and migrant health center is the largest provider of health services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families. In 2004, YVFWC medical and dental clinics served 65, 225 individuals at its twelve service sites in Yakima County, of whom 31,700 or 48% were migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families. The mission of YVFWC is "To improve the quality of life for farm workers, the undeserved and others as we strengthen the health of our communities."

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of the YVFWC program is to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote healthy family development among Spanish-speaking migrant families in Yakima County by reducing family management problems and family conflict, and by improving the relationship between parents and children. The objectives of the program are to improve family communication, increase use of non-punitive discipline and positive guidance skills, improve mutual support, improve access to support services in the community and improve children's behavior in response to positive parenting among migrant families. Twelve 3-hour sessions are taught by a team of two certified instructors for a total of 36 hours of instruction time in each class series. The curriculum is culturally specific to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking migrant families. The content is included on developing non-punitive discipline skills, dealing with stressors of acculturation, improving family communication, and U.S. child abuse and neglect laws. The parents also are provided needed community referrals and receive mutual support from class participants to decrease isolation. This program will serve 200-270 migrant parents and 240-315 migrant children annually. 70 of the parents will complete the class at a high attendance level.

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Target Population: Abused and neglected children and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Address: PO Box 6010
City/State/Zip Code: Neshoba, MS 39350
Program Director: Janice Williams
Telephone Number: 601-656-9125
Amount of Award: \$143,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/1/2005-9/29/2005
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The Choctaw Children's Advocacy Center operates under the Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS), and organizational entity of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, which is responsible for the program and fiscal operations for six major service programs operated by the Tribe- the Divisions of Social Services, Behavioral Health, Family Emergency Assistance, Food Distribution, Social and Elderly Nutrition Program, and the Choctaw Boys and Girls Club Program.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

In 2004, eighty-two percent (87 of 106) of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) cases for child abuse had previously entered the system through Social Service, Behavioral Health, and the Tribal Court systems due to victimization. The cause of the initial entrance into Tribal systems range from previous disclosures of abuse that could not be prosecuted or pursued, domestic violence events, neglect, and injuries or delinquency associated with victimization. The reentrance into Tribal systems illustrate that the current approach to intervention has failed to foster sufficient protective behaviors in parents and caregivers. If protective behavior could be successfully acquired by non-offending parents and caregivers, CAC could document a reduction of future traumas to children by realizing fewer reoccurrences. The overall goal of Project PONY is to prevent reoccurrences, identify risk factor for revictimization, and foster parental protectiveness. The CAC process to affect this goal will be to document previous victimization, provide intervention services to non-offending parent/caregivers, apply the Family Advocate model to case management, and increase community awareness concerning child abuse.

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Grant Number: 90CA1732
Target Population: Abused and neglected children and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Cahuilla Band of Indians
Address: PO Box 39176
City/State/Zip Code: Anza, CA 92539
Program Director: Renda Dionne
Telephone Number: 951-764-3943
Amount of Award: \$143,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/1/2005-9/29/2005
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 40

Organization Description:

ICFS is organized as an inter-tribal consortium composed of nine Indian Tribes in a three county service area. ICFS was one of the first Indian Child Welfare Programs developed in 1980 through the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Title II. The organization provides child welfare casework services to American Indian children and families residing on or near thirty-three reservation communities within the Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Cahuilla Band of Indians Child Abuse Prevention Program: Tribal Family Resources Room project aims to foster an understanding and knowledge of diverse populations in order to be effective in preventing and treating Native American child abuse and neglect. The current development and evaluation project will establish a Tribal Family Resource Room that will support a multi-level preventive child abuse intervention for Native families. The intervention will consist of two levels: Level 1 is a universal intervention aimed at the community at large and will consist of community groups where parent, marriage and cultural strengthening sessions will occur on a weekly basis. Child cultural groups will also be held during the community group time with a focus on literacy and cultural strengthening. For school-age children, an academic-strengthening club will be offered in the community that is aimed at increasing the self-advocacy of Native students. Level 2 is a focused intensive intervention aimed at families who are at high-risk for child abuse based on family and historical characteristics, including parental substance use, depression, marital stress and family history of abuse. The intensive intervention for these families will consist of in-home parent training sessions, with accompanying cultural videos to place each skill into the context of parenting Native children, as well as 6 months of case management to reduce child abuse risk. The expected results include the development of a Tribal Resource Room in Anza Valley, reductions in child abuse by impacting parenting skills and stress and child behavior and increased collaborations between relevant tribal and state agencies and the Cahuilla tribe.

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Grant Number: 90CA1730
Target Population: Child welfare service providers and professionals
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: University of Kentucky Research Foundation
Address: University of Kentucky College of Social Work, 1 Quality St., Seventh Floor, Suite 700
City/State/Zip Code: Lexington, KY 40507
Program Director: Crystal Collins-Camargo, MSW, Ph.D.
Telephone Number: 859-257-5476
Amount of Award: \$900,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 6

Organization Description:

The National Quality Improvement Center on the Privatization of Child Welfare Services (QIC PCW) will be jointly established by the University of Kentucky College of Social Work, and Planning and Learning Technologies, Inc. (PAL-TECH) of Arlington, Virginia. Both organizations are known for facilitating child welfare service enhancement. The complementary staff experience is highly regarded by the field and includes administering the SR QIC, directing the multi-year evaluation of Kansas' child welfare privatization, and conducting the national QIC evaluation.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

In partnership with the Children's Bureau, the project approach has four overarching qualities: inclusivity, clarity, transparency, and objectivity. The QIC PCW's goals are to fund, monitor, and evaluate privatization projects, develop a collaborative information-sharing and problem-solving network among sub-grantees, promote and support an evidence-based, outcomes-focused approach to reform. They will also work to facilitate consensus on appropriate reform models, the respective roles of public and private agencies, and policy and evaluation areas in which the field should focus. As the first step, the QIC PCW will conduct a multi-method, triangulated needs assessment and gap analysis. This will include broad interviews of State key informants, content analysis of existing documents, and forums held to collect necessary detail of current efforts. The organizations have budgeted for a national advisory board that will balance important expertise and key viewpoints. Board members represent child welfare research, program and policy content, public agency and private service organizations (including faith-based organizations) and national advocacy/public interest groups. The board will provide input at key points and individual members can be called upon on an ad hoc basis. Throughout the project, the board will help ensure the work remains relevant to the field, and that lessons learned are successfully communicated.

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Grant Number: 90CA1738
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Starkville School District
Address: 401 Greensboro St.
City/State/Zip Code: Starkville, MS 39759
Program Director: Joan Butler
Telephone Number: 662-615-0033
Amount of Award: \$146,213
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The Starkville School District's Department of Family-Centered Programs provides training for school staff on the identification of maltreatment, special enrichment activities for families, parents and children, as well as public awareness activities.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Starkville School District's Department of Family-Centered Programs will implement a four-year demonstration project. Healthy Marriages/Healthy Kids, to improve child well-being by assisting project participants who choose marriage to develop the skills to form and sustain healthy marriage relationships thereby providing healthy families and nurturing environments for children. The objectives address recruiting and training fifty African American clergy and married couples to be in a marriage bureau and teach marriage education classes in their churches and through the Department of Family-Centered Programs to fifty premarital and married couples, especially those whose children are at-risk of being placed into- or who are already in- the Child Welfare System. Once the volunteers are trained using a nationally known marriage education training program, they will teach marriage education in their own churches. In addition, they will teach marriage education to Family-Centered clientele, especially those whose children are at risk of being placed or who are already in the Child Welfare System. A Marriage Bureau will be created where community groups and other faith based organizations can obtain clergy or volunteer couples to either speak about or teach marriage classes. Finally, a Marriage Summit will be coordinated each year to reinforce and teach skills necessary for a happy marriage and healthy children. The program will be evaluated using pre- and post-survey instruments, personal interviews and will analyze data collected during programming to measure the extent to which the Healthy Marriages/Healthy Kids Project has achieved its objectives and whether the achievement of the objectives accomplished the overall goals.

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Grant Number: 90CA1736
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Osborne Association
Address: 36-31 38th St.
City/State/Zip Code: Long Island City, NY 11101
Program Director: Elizabeth Gaynes
Telephone Number: 718-707-2649
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 11

Organization Description:

The Osborne Association, a nonprofit organization based in New York City, offers opportunities for individuals who have been in conflict with the law to transform their lives through innovative, effective and replicable programs that serve the community by reducing crime and its human and economic costs. The organization provides a broad range of treatment, educational, vocational and family services to more than 5,500 people each year, including people currently or formerly incarcerated and their family members.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project seeks to develop and evaluate a four-year demonstration project designed to explore and remove barriers to forming and maintaining lasting families and healthy marriages for individuals involved in the criminal justice system as a means to promote the well being of children and families who are at risk of entering, or are already in the child welfare system. An evidenced-based, culturally competent treatment model will be used to provide relationship counseling and education to married couples. It is anticipated that these services will be provided to 40-45 couples each year.

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Grant Number: 90CA1734
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: East Capital Center for Change
Address: 5820 Dix St., NE
City/State/Zip Code: Washington, DC 20019
Program Director: Curtis A. Watkins
Telephone Number: 202- 397-8000
Amount of Award: \$148,690
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The East Capitol Center for Change (ECCC), a youth and family development agency, and the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative (ERFSC), a community-based child welfare collaborative that serves at-risk families, propose to partner together to implement the "Healthy Marriages - Strong Families Initiative," (HMSF) for families in the District of Columbia's Ward 7 who are at-risk of entering or are already in the child welfare system.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The overarching mission of the project is to address the root causes of over-representation of Ward seven children in the child welfare system - family instability and poverty – through activities that promote and create conditions favorable to healthy marriage and strong familial relationships. To this end, ECCC and ERFSC will work together and with other strong partners to provide a series of events, workshops, public education activities, counseling and other supportive services to specifically promote and strengthen marriage for the predominantly low-income and African-American neighbors served in some of Washington D.C.'s most distressed neighborhoods.

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Grant Number: 90CA1739
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Family Guidance, Inc.
Address: 307 Duff Rd.
City/State/Zip Code: Sewickley, PA 15143
Program Director: Robert Jamison
Telephone Number: 412-741-8550
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The Family Guidance Inc., is an organization which has established a coalition of over one hundred churches nine years ago committed to strengthening families, and has equipped many of these churches to provide services such as pre-marriage preparation, couple mentoring, parenting classes, and crisis marriage intervention.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Marriage Works is a not-for-profit, faith-based response to unprecedented family breakdown that is straining the child welfare system, and challenging the community. The project targets four communities of Pittsburgh particularly beset by a high incidence of children being involved in the child welfare system, and proposes to develop a network of churches in these communities that will be equipped to strengthen the relationships of couples with children under the age of 18 by conducting classes using a culturally appropriate adaptation of the nationally recognized PREPARE/ENRICH materials, providing couple-to-couple mentoring services, offering crisis marriage support, and referring the most difficult relationships to appropriate sources of help.

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Grant Number: 90CA1735
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Address: 88385 Pike Rd.
City/State/Zip Code: Bayfield, WI 54814
Program Director: Lynne Basina
Telephone Number: 715-779-3755
Amount of Award: \$149,819
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 7

Organization Description:

The Red Cliff/First American Prevention Center was founded in 1984. The mission of the Center is, "To translate indigenous teachings into life long learning experiences." The Center currently has five staff, all native American, and is currently administering three federal grants for the tribe and one grant from a private foundation. The stakeholders have come together to work on a common goal to enhance the quality of life for the community and its members.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Red Cliff/ First American Prevention Center Healthy Relationship/Mamages project will provide services to underserved children of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa that are at risk for or already in alternative placements by implementing a project that will remove barriers to forming lasting families as a means to promote the well-being of children and families. The project aims to serve children in need of protection and services. This component will provide relationship services to the parents and youth by implementing the OJIBWAY curriculum to families that are referred through the Red Cliff Indian child welfare program on a voluntary basis to improve family functioning. The OJIBWAY curriculum is a program developed by the FAPC that seeks to improve family communication and cohesiveness by addressing the needs of families in terms of reinforcing healthy lifestyles and sustaining positive development within families. In addition, the project will serve young couples that are preparing to become married and or couples who have been referred by ICW , by providing relationship-clarifying services through the implementation of the MRT (Moral Recognition therapy) approach. Finally, the project will serve young couples who are pregnant by providing skills of healthy communication between partners and education related to being in a healthy relationship and being a parent.

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Grant Number: 90CA1741
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Lao Family Community Development, Inc.
Address: 1551 23rd Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Oakland, CA 94606
Program Director: Kathy Chao
Telephone Number: 510-533-8850
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 6

Organization Description:

The Contra Costa County Asian Family Outreach (AFO) Program is a collaborative demonstration project proposed by Lao Family Community Development, Inc. (LFCD), a community-based refugee and immigrant services agency providing culturally competent marriage education; Asian Pacific Psychological Services (APPS), a non-profit behavioral health services agency serving the low-income Asian community; and Contra Costa County Children and Family Services (CFS).

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goals of the Contra Costa Asian Family Outreach Program are to improve the well-being of Asian children and families in Contra Costa County; to decrease the rates of Asian children in foster care and in the child welfare system; and to inform the Children's Bureau and the ACF Healthy Marriage Initiative about the effectiveness of a wrap-around case management model that incorporates culturally-appropriate marriage education as a means of support and prevention for Asian families in or at risk of entering the child welfare system. The Asian Family Outreach (AFO) Program, LFCD will provide marriage education workshops from the evidence-based Power of Two curriculum. Additionally, APPS will offer wraparound case management services, and CFS will ensure referrals of Asian children and families with the highest level of need. The Program will reach at a minimum 100 families per year. In addition to an annual Evaluation Report, the demonstration project will produce a Leader's Kit for wide dissemination. The Leader's Kit product will include practical information for service providers, as well as research-based evidence of the effectiveness of an innovative new model.

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Grant Number: 90CA1742
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Address: 909 West 45th St., Building 2, Mailcode 2073
City/State/Zip Code: Austin, TX 78751
Program Director: Rex Miller
Telephone Number: 512-206-4533
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

The Houston Chapter of AVANCE-Inc., a non-profit organization with thirty-two years of experience providing family education and support services, in partnership with the State of Texas, proposes to provide 105 low-income Hispanic couples with services designed to strengthen their marital relationships and improve the well-being of their children. In collaboration with local, state, and county agencies, this program will provide Hispanic couples in its Head Start and Early Head Start, as well as families referred by Child Protective Services and Domestic Violence agencies, with a four month series of program services aimed at relationship maintenance and improvement.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The AVANCE-Houston Chapter in collaboration with local, state, and county agencies providing Domestic Violence and Child Abuse and Neglect services such as the Houston Area Women's Center, La Rosa, and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, will provide Hispanic couples in its Head Start and Early Head Start Programs, as well as families referred by Children's Protective Services and Domestic Violence agencies, with a four months series of program services aimed at relationship maintenance and improvement. The project will be called the, "Stengthening Marriages" Demonstration Project.

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Grant Number: 90CA1743
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton
Address: 383 West State St.
City/State/Zip Code: Trenton, NJ 08607
Program Director: Ronald Gering
Telephone Number: 609-394-7680
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 15

Organization Description:

In response to dramatic population increases, poor children and family well-being indicators and rising unmet needs in the Latino communities of Mercer County, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton opened El Centro Recursos Para Familias in 1999. El Centro is a multi-service family-focused neighborhood center that provides Mercer County Latinos access to an array of health and human services with particular emphasis on providing bilingual and bicultural services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The El Centro Healthy Marriages Initiative will provide the evidence-based marriage education program, Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP), in the context of an innovative service delivery model of linguistically and culturally appropriate outreach and supportive services. The model also employs innovative outreach techniques, individualized couples counseling and case management, and access to a broad array of community based health and social services, including counseling or treatment for domestic violence and alcohol or substance abuse. A comprehensive evaluation by The College of New Jersey will examine the impact of accessibility to culturally appropriate marriage education and other supportive services as a means to increase the chances that more children can exit the child welfare system to return to live with their parents in protective and nurturing home environments.

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Grant Number: 90CA1740
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Rockford MELD
Address: 716 N. Church St.
City/State/Zip Code: Rockford, IL 61103
Program Director: Annette McLean
Telephone Number: 815-965-8336
Amount of Award: \$149,937
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 16

Organization Description:

Rockford MELD was established in 1981, in response to a growing need to address the needs of young, unwed mothers in the city of Rockford. The start-up funding originated through a grant from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. In the year 2000, Rockford MELD's direction changed to include young dad's, a key component in building strong families. The organization has developed a number of strong community partnerships since its inception.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project will serve families in the city of Rockford, Illinois, an urban community of 150,115. The target population will consist of unmarried, cohabitating families in the community, with a special emphasis placed on African American and Hispanic families, which comprise 25 percent of all families in Rockford. Low-income, married couples will also be served. The program intervention goals will include: increasing public knowledge about the benefits of marriage, increasing the number of marriages before conception, increasing the well-being of children, reducing teen pregnancy rates and out-of-wedlock births in the community, and reducing the number of children placed in child protection and foster care. The program objectives will be accomplished through three specific strategies, each with varying levels of intensity. The strategies are designed to target individuals and couples at their current readiness level, with the intent of educating the community about the benefits of healthy marriages and strong family relationships, as well as addressing issues that result in higher numbers of children in child protection and foster care, high teenage pregnancy rates, and higher numbers of single parent families. The preventative approach will also be employed, incorporating abstinence-based and marriage education programs into the current prevention programs that are coordinated at local high schools that specifically target adolescents.

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Grant Number: 90CA1737
Target Population: Married couples and their families
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Heritage Community Services, Inc.
Address: 2810 Ashley Phosphate Rd., Suite B-7
City/State/Zip Code: Charleston, SC 29418
Program Director: Anne Badgley
Telephone Number: 843-863-0508
Amount of Award: \$149,266
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2009
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The primary mission of Heritage Community Services is family formation outcomes for the adolescent population. Through Federal, state and private foundation funding, their community-based programs reach more than 20,000 teens annually in five states in the Caribbean. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Home Keepers project helps interested unwed and married parents form healthy marriages, and, in turn, improve child well-being. It is a long-term demonstration project that tests whether lessons learned from The Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study and the guidelines offered by the Building Strong Families project have application for the nation's crisis pregnancy centers. Home Keepers has two major components. The first looks at family formation barriers of the couples experience. These may be logistical, cultural, attitudinal or

other. The project will identify the barriers through existing literature, and surveys/interviews with prospective participants, and then 'remove' those it can. The second provides a healthy marriage program that provides education, dedicated staff support services (including mentoring couples), and the offering of incentives (for program participation) for couples. Educational components utilize programs and curricula currently offered by FOCCUS Inc., Marriage Savers®, and a parenting course currently in use by the pregnancy center where services will be offered. Home Keepers will collect data and follow program participants (and their children) throughout the project's life.

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Grant Number: 90CA1747
Target Population: Abused and neglected children
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Juvenile Protective Association
Address: 1707 N. Halsted St.
City/State/Zip Code: Chicago, IL 60614
Program Director: Richard Thompson
Telephone Number: 312-649-1426
Amount of Award: \$250,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 9

Organization Description:

The Capella Project (Chicago) LONGSCAN study is one of five prospective investigations which constitute the Consortium of Longitudinal Studies on Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN). These studies are linked through a coordinating center (at the University of North Carolina) and by an agreement to share objectives, data collection strategies, and data management.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Capella Project is committed to the overall objectives of the LONGSCAN consortium for the next five years. The project will refine research definitions of maltreatment, describe the occurrence and recurrence of maltreatment, describe the antecedents of maltreatment, describe the consequences of maltreatment for children and their service outcomes, and describe cultural/ethnic and regional variations in risks and outcomes. Along with the other LONGSCAN studies, the Capella Project has been designed with major data collection points at ages 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, and 18. As well, the Capella Project included data collected during infancy. Overall, the goal of the Capella Project is to provide scientific direction for social services, policy, and practice related to child maltreatment, and improving the outcomes of children who have experienced, or are at risk for, child maltreatment.

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Grant Number: 90CA1748
Target Population: Abused and neglected children
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Address: 5250 Campanile Dr.
City/State/Zip Code: San Diego, CA 92182
Program Director: Alan Litrownik
Telephone Number: 619-594-2245
Amount of Award: \$249,216
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 53

Organization Description:

The San Diego LONGSCAN study is one of five prospective investigations (Baltimore, Chicago, North Carolina, Seattle, and San Diego), which constitute the Consortium for Longitudinal Studies of Child Maltreatment. All studies share common methodological protocols and a commitment to collaborate in data analyses and dissemination.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

During the next 5 years of the project, the San Diego study will be completing the data collection objectives of the study and developing longitudinal statistical models that explore the impact of maltreatment on adolescent psychological and social well-being within the context of cultural, socioeconomic, family, caregiver, and child characteristics. The goal of the San Diego study is to provide scientific direction for policy, programs, and services related to child maltreatment and substitute care, especially child, family, community, and service factors that exacerbate or ameliorate the harm caused by child maltreatment and/or benefits of placement in substitute care.

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Grant Number: 90CA1749
Target Population: Abused and neglected children
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: University of Maryland, Baltimore
Address: 520 W. Lombard St., 1st Floor
City/State/Zip Code: Baltimore, MD 21201
Program Director: Howard Dubowitz
Telephone Number: 410-706-6144
Amount of Award: \$250,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 7

Organization Description:

The University of Maryland, Baltimore LONGSCAN study is one of five prospective investigations which constitute the Consortium of Longitudinal Studies on Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN). The research team has substantial experience in training and supervising research assistants and ensuring the appropriate approaches to gathering the data, including from Child Protective Services (CPS), schools and teachers.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The primary objective of the "A Logitudinal Study of Child Neglect IV" project is to examine the antecedents and outcomes of neglect, including the risk and protective factors that influence its occurrence and outcomes, as well as mediating variables. In addition, the project will investigate resilience, how some families in difficult situations avoid neglect, and, what explains why some children who have been neglected, function relatively well. Further, the roles of fathers or father figures in the lives of high-risk youth, and their contribution to neglect and youth outcomes will be examined, as well as the roles of fathers or father figures in the lives of high-risk youth, and their contribution to neglect and youth outcomes, and gather an enhanced understanding of the definition of of neglect, particularly during adolescence.

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Target Population: Abused and neglected children
Fiscal Year: 2005
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City/State/Zip Code: Seattle, WA 98106
Program Director: Diana English
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Amount of Award: \$249,989
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 10
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The LONGSCAN Seattle site study is one of five prospective investigations which constitute the Consortium of Longitudinal Studies on Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN). University of Washington School of Social Work (UWSSW) is ranked among the top three Schools of Social Work in the nation for faculty reputation and scholarly productivity. Collaborative relationships with other Health Sciences Schools have produced nationally recognized research on many social problems. In addition, the School contains within it an internationally known research group with expertise in prevention science and translating the results of basic research to applied intervention trials.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The primary goals of the LONGSCAN study include an examination of the antecedents and consequences of maltreatment risks associated with different types of maltreatments, risk and protective factors, and impact of interventions of child and family outcomes. The specific goals for the Seattle site for the next five years include continued examination of risk and protective factors used in Child Protective Services (CPS) assessments, refined definitional work on dimensions of maltreatment including chronicity, and individual dimensions of age of onset, type, severity and chronicity, continued examination of the nature and impact of service delivery on outcomes for children and families referred to CPS, examination of the relationship of family chaos to maltreatment, and longitudinal examination of the antecedents and consequences of sexual abuse on children's growth and development.

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Target Population: Abused and neglected children
Fiscal Year: 2005
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City/State/Zip Code: Chapel Hill, NC 27599
Program Director: Jonathan Kotch
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Amount of Award: \$249,869
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill LONGSCAN study is one of five prospective investigations which constitute the Consortium of Longitudinal Studies on Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN). UNC has been the home of many completed and ongoing studies of child maltreatment. Currently the University houses the state's child medical evaluation program, which provides medical examinations for children reported for abuse and neglect across the state.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

For a period of five years, the primary objective of the North Carolina site is to examine the consequences of maltreatment on key adolescent and early adulthood outcomes including mental and physical health and well-being, aggression, delinquency, criminal justice system involvement, cognitive ability and academic achievement. The above objectives will be accomplished by completing extensive in-person adolescent interviews at Age 18, caregiver telephone interviews and periodic child protective services (CPS) case record reviews. Additionally, state central registry data on child maltreatment reports will be reviewed semi-annually. Further, theoretically derived statistical models will be estimated using multivariate techniques appropriate for longitudinal data.

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Target Population: Abused and neglected children
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Program Director: Desmond Runyan
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Amount of Award: \$500,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The LONGSCAN Coordinating Center has been conducting research in child maltreatment for 15 years. The CC is housed in the Injury Prevention Research Center and the Collaborative Studies Coordinating Center located at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

LONGSCAN is a consortium of five prospective investigations of the impact of child abuse sharing common methodological protocols and a commitment to collaborate in data analysis and dissemination that has been in the field since April of 1991. The participants vary by level of risk for maltreatment and/or by type of intervention at the different sites. The goal of the consortium is to provide scientific direction for policy, programs, and services related to child maltreatment and increase our understanding of child, family, and community factors that increase risk for child maltreatment, and exacerbate or ameliorate the harms caused by child maltreatment. The objectives for this Coordinating Center (CC) application for years 16-20 are to facilitate cross-site examination of risk or protective factors and child development using the pooled samples, and conduct replications of analyses performed by sites to test the generalizability of conclusions; complete analyses that will use child adolescent outcomes to refine definitions of maltreatment; conduct further analyses of the psychological impact of the different forms of maltreatment; continue data collection and handling for existing interviews at child ages 12, 14, 16, and 18 years; complete documentation for all interview protocols; archive all data from LONGSCAN at the National Child Abuse & Neglect Data Archive; nurture new researchers in the field of child maltreatment through the support of post-doctoral programs and other mechanisms; and complete a minimum of five Coordinating Center-led papers each year addressing major findings of LONGSCAN while collaborating on other scientific papers being led by the individual LONGSCAN sites.

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Grant Number: 90CA1750
Target Population: Abused and neglected children
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Program Director: John Eckenrode
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Amount of Award: \$600,000
Program Name: Child Abuse and Neglect Discretionary Projects
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 22

Organization Description:

Cornell University is New York State's land grant institution. The College of Human Ecology has a statutory mandate to improve the well-being of children and families through research and extension. A large portion of the College's faculty have expertise in human development, sociology, economics, and policy analysis. In the past, National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) has been successful in involving numerous faculty in the project.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) is to increase scientific activity in the field of child abuse and neglect by disseminating high quality datasets for the purpose of secondary analysis. This proposal requests funding for a period of five years in order to continue the work of the Archive, which Cornell University has operated since 1988. The comprehensive approach NDACAN has developed over the last seventeen years involves acquiring, processing, and disseminating high quality datasets to child maltreatment researchers and providing them with technical assistance and training to enable them to conduct successful secondary analyses. NDACAN has successfully disseminated major federally-sponsored datasets in the field, including NCANDS, NIS, NSCAW, LONGSCAN, and AFCARS, as well as data collected through investor-initiated research studies. User-friendly data products are created that are delivered with outstanding documentation and unlimited technical assistance. NDACAN is very active in promoting the use of its products and services. The Archive sponsors an annual Summer Research Institute and a Child Maltreatment Research list serve, both of which facilitate networking and provide training. This approach is essential to meet the needs of researchers in this field and to ensure that NDACAN's products are well utilized. Over the next five years NDACAN will continue to expand its holdings, develop innovative products and services, and provide the field with unique opportunities for networking, training and scholarly work. The growing demand for NDACAN services and the increasing level of scholarly work conducted with its holdings confirms that the Archive's products and dissemination approach have both been highly successful.

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Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations

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Target Population:	Child welfare professionals
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Amount of Award:	\$237,369
Program Name:	Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	18

Organization Description:

The University of Houston (UH) has over 35,000 students. The university is the largest urban university in Texas. The Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW) is the only graduate school of social work in Houston, and has approximately 600 students enrolled in the MSW and PhD school of social work programs. Within the UH, GSSW, The Office of Community Projects (OCP) is the administrative unit that houses and manages a majority of the community service projects and activities that link expertise within the GSSW to the broader human service community including the Protective Services Training Institute and the Child Welfare Education Project, a Title IV-E Training Funded Program. Through these two programs, the GSSW faculty and staff have collaborated with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) to increase the knowledge and skills of supervisors and workers in Child Protective and Adult Protective services in Houston and across Texas.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The purpose of the project is to develop, deliver, evaluate, and disseminate a training curriculum for Child Protective Service (CPS) supervisors with the intent of increasing knowledge and skills for culturally responsive delivery and management of federal independent living services for youth in foster care. The project objectives include the development of a training curriculum designed in two parts A web-based training will be developed to present theoretical material. The web-based training will be prerequisite to a one day face to face training delivered by a training team made up of a youth who has graduated from an ILP program and a university faculty member. The training and evaluation will take place in the two largest regions in Texas, Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston. The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) will host 2 of the 4 team meetings; coordinate a regional foster parent and youth who have graduated out of the Independent Living Program. Additionally the Curriculum specialist will be supervised out of the Center for Child Welfare at UTA.

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Target Population: Child welfare professionals
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Amount of Award: \$249,999
Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 14

Organization Description:

The Hunter College School of Social Work is one of the largest graduate schools of social work in the United States and the only public graduate school of social work in New York City. Its mission is to serve vulnerable populations, particular, children, youth and families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Hunter College School of Social Work, in collaboration with subcontractors, the Child Welfare League of America and the National Foster Care Coalition, along with our state and city partners in this project the Oregon Department of Human Services, State Office for Services to Children and Families, the New York City Administration for Children's Services and the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children's Services proposes to develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate a competency-based training curriculum for public child welfare agency supervisors to insure the effective delivery and management of federal independent living service for youth in foster care. The objectives of the project are to develop a training curriculum and supervisory transfer of learning guidebook to be used for child welfare agency supervisors in the effective delivery of services, and to field test, revise, evaluate, and disseminate a training curriculum and transfers of learning guidebook to be used by Child welfare training supervisors.

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Grant Number: 90CW1133
Target Population: Child welfare professionals
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Amount of Award: \$235,000
Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 7
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The University of Iowa School of Social Work offers Iowa's largest and most comprehensive social work education program, the only one with bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs. For twenty-five years, the University of Iowa School of Social Work has been home to the National Resource Center on Family Centered Practice (NRC), which has extensive capacity for providing training, technical assistance, and consultative services to state, local, and private, non-profit child welfare community based agencies around the country.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The University of Iowa School of Social Work (UI-SSW) will collaborate with the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS) to develop, field test, implement, evaluate, and disseminate a training program for public child welfare supervisors, and for supervisors mentoring their workers, to improve outcomes for older youth in transition from foster care to independence. The project has three goals, each with specific objectives. These objectives are: to strengthen the quality of public child welfare supervision to improve outcomes for Iowa youth in transition from foster care to independence; to demonstrate a training model that engages supervisors and their workers in a learning and team-building process around the needs of youth in transition; and to improve outcomes for youth in transition nationally, through varied dissemination activities. The approach builds on the core principles of youth development, cultural competence, collaboration, and permanent connections, and involves all Iowa Department of Human Services supervisors, line staff, and transitional planning specialists. The project involves youth, IDHS staff, and community partners in each step, from information gathering through focus groups and interviews, to curriculum development, field-testing, implementation, and evaluation, through dissemination. There are two phases to the curriculum. The first involving skill building with supervisors. The second bring supervisors and their workers together in a learning/team-building model, in which supervisors will participate as co-trainers. The project evaluation will examine the impact of the training program on knowledge acquisition, utilization of skills, and outcomes for youth as measured through quantitative data and from the perspectives of both youth and professionals. The key benefits of this project include developing and documenting a whole agency approach to improving outcomes for older youth in transition, producing and disseminating two distinct but complementary curricula to improve transitional planning for older youth; making the training and evaluation results widely available through printed and electronic means; and sustaining the capacity for ongoing training of new public child welfare employees through the UI-IDHS partnership.

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Target Population: Child welfare professionals
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Amount of Award: \$229,258
Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work was founded in 1918 and for almost 70 years has maintained a close working relationship with the practice community and the region's human service needs. The School has a long-standing partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services of developing, implementing, and evaluating child welfare training to enhance the professional development of child welfare staff.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The team at the University of Louisville will develop a training that will initially reach 30 supervisors and their teams of workers (n = 300) in a classroom setting and subsequently back in the field using face-to-face training reinforcement sessions and web-based training sessions to ensure the development of new coaching and mentoring skills of the supervisors as they work with their teams to in- turn coach and mentor the youth as they transition out of care. The evaluation of the initial training will provide the needed information of the efficacy of the training so that changes can be made before the training is disseminated to the entire Kentucky ongoing and foster care workforce including 100 additional supervisors and 1,000 additional workers. This training model builds on past 426 grants focused on supervisors and other strong Kentucky supervisory training.

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Target Population: Child welfare professionals
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Amount of Award: \$249,722
Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: |
Congressional District Served: |

Organization Description:

The Massachusetts Department of Social Services is a state agency mandated to receive and respond to child abuse and neglect reports, and to provide an array of services to children and families across the Commonwealth. The primary mission of the DSS is to protect children who have been abused or neglected in a family setting or by a caretaker. The Department seeks to ensure that each child has a safe, nurturing, permanent home.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Department of Social Services has formed a partnership with the Center for Adoption Research at the UMass Medical School to develop and implement a training and capacity building project to enhance and strengthen a systemic approach for youth aging out of the DSS foster care system so that they may make a successful transition to adulthood and achieving self-sufficiency. The program targets DSS social work supervisors, equivalent personnel in other state agencies and staff of contracted program providers to improve their skills and knowledge about appropriate programming and support for these youth. The project includes support for leadership and policy development in building a transition system and includes curriculum development and a major dissemination component. The project objectives are to: educate DSS supervisors to support workers in positive youth development philosophy and practice, educate DSS supervisors in cultural competency and tools to identify opportunities to connect with culturally connected services, help supervisors assess youth's readiness/or independent living services and develop local systems and connections that assist youth making the transition to young adulthood, help supervisors to acquire the skills to identify and assess options for permanency including family connections, support services and community resources, to help youth foster and maintain meaningful familial lifelong connections, enable supervisors to develop skills to help them identify areas of stress and its impact on youth in foster care, connect training efforts at area offices and in local communities to leadership development of youth initiatives, evaluate outcomes and disseminate best practices, methods, and curricula locally, regionally, statewide, and nationally, and involve youth in decision making regarding their own needs and opportunities.

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Amount of Award: \$249,983
Program Name: Child Welfare Research and Demonstrations
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The Bay Area Academy (BAA) is part of the School of Social Work at San Francisco State University (SFSU) and has received three federally funded child welfare training grants over the past ten years. The Academy is in its eighth year of operation. Services consist of one day or multiple day training classes and summits, as well as mentoring, facilitation and consultation services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project will develop curriculum and train at least 345 child welfare supervisors from targeted public child welfare agencies, and their key child welfare managers and directors. Given the need to be efficient and effective, the Bay Area Academy will use a training model based on transfer of learning theory and research. The project will focus on the critical relationship between the caseworker and his/her supervisor and its pivotal role for public child welfare agencies to achieve federal outcome standards around permanency, safety and child well-being. The primary cohort of trainees will be supervisors, but child welfare managers/directors will be included to ensure "top" to "bottom" understanding of and commitment to a youth-focused approach to Independent Living Services.

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Family and 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 and family issues. The Bureau promotes positive outcomes for children, youth and families by supporting a wide range of comprehensive services and collaborations at the local, Tribal, State, and national levels. 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 FYSB funds communities to assist individuals and organizations in providing effective comprehensive services for youth in at-risk situations and their families by offering funding for: Basic Center Programs for Runaway Youth, Transitional Living Programs for Older Homeless Youth, Street Outreach Programs, Mentoring Children of Prisoners, Family Violence Prevention and Services, and Abstinence Education Programs.

The Bureau has also created a network of support that includes a national hotline and referral system for runaway and homeless youth; a National Domestic Violence Resource Network; 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 (JJJPA) of 1974 (Public Law 93-415). The JJJPA 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 JJJPA 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 JJJPA'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.

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.

Transitional Living Program

Thousands of young people run away from their homes, are asked to leave their homes, or become homeless in the United States each year. Since 1975, under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDP), as amended, the Federal Government has funded emergency shelter programs for runaway and homeless youth that provide for the immediate needs of these youth and their families and promote family reunification. Unfortunately, however, many young people who are homeless today cannot return to their families. Some have escaped abusive situations; others are the victims of neglect, abandonment, or severe family conflict.

In response to the growing concern for these youth, Congress determined that many young people need long-term, supportive assistance that emergency shelter programs were not designed to provide. As a result, Congress created the Transitional Living Program for Older Homeless Youth (TLP) as part of the 1988 Amendments to the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA), Title III of the JJDP. The TLP was modeled after several successful demonstration projects funded in the early 1980s by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Congress assigned administration of the TLP to the HHS. Within HHS, the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) funded the first TLP projects in 1990.

Today, FYSB continues to fund the Transitional Living 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.

Through the TLP, FYSB supports projects that provide longer term residential services to homeless youth ages 16-21 for up to 18 months. These services are designed to help youth who are homeless make a successful transition to self-sufficient living.

TLP grantees are required to provide youth with stable, safe living accommodations and services that help them develop the skills necessary to move to independence. Living accommodations may be host family homes, group homes, maternity group homes, or "supervised apartments." (Supervised apartments are either agency-owned apartment buildings or "scattered site" apartments, which are single-occupancy apartments rented directly by young people with support from the agency.) TLPs also provide pregnant or parenting youth with parenting skills, including child development, family budgeting, health and nutrition, and other skills to promote their long-term economic independence in order to ensure the well-being of their children.

TLP grantees are required to offer the following services, either directly or by referral:

- Safe, stable living accommodations
- Basic life-skill building, including consumer education and instruction in budgeting, using credit, house-keeping, menu planning, food preparation, and parenting skills
- Interpersonal skill building, including enhancing young people's abilities to establish positive relationships with peers and adults, make decisions, and manage stress
- Educational opportunities, such as GED preparation, postsecondary training, or vocational education
- Assistance in job preparation and attainment, such as career counseling and job placement
- Education, information, and counseling to prevent, treat, and reduce substance abuse
- Mental health care, including individual and group counseling
- Physical health care, including routine physicals, health assessments, and emergency treatment

FYSB solicits applications through an annual Federal Register announcement. Applications are competitively reviewed by peer panels, and successful applicants receive 5-year grants.

Youth Development State Collaboration

In 2004 and 2005, the bureau awarded an additional \$3.0 million to continue its investment in collaborative approaches through the Positive Youth Development State and Local Youth Development Collaboration Projects. Wanting local communities to benefit from the successes of the State-level projects, FYSB launched the State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Projects to encourage cooperation between State governments and local community jurisdictions or Tribes. The grants were awarded to 9 of the original 13 states: Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, and Oregon. The State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Projects specifically aim to move the earlier State-level successes in promoting Positive Youth Development to the level of local communities.

FYSB's Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Projects pilot innovative ways to increase opportunities for Positive Youth Development at the local level, going beyond policy and broadly-focused initiatives to develop intensive, community-based efforts that involve local stakeholders and provide developmental opportunities for young people.

Grantees are State-level agencies that collaborate with local nonprofits and the FYSB Runaway and Homeless Youth provider in the community to build relationships with community organizations, local government agencies, nonprofits, schools—and, of course, young people. The shared objective: give youth more opportunities to use their time in positive ways and to put their considerable energy and ingenuity to work—through education, employment, community service, sports, the arts, and so on. Specifically, the projects' goals are to:

1. encourage collaboration, among the State and local (or Tribal) agencies and communities, that will increase opportunities for Positive Youth Development;
2. promote and facilitate communication and cooperation between the State and local youth-serving agencies in addressing the needs and issues of adolescents and young adults;
3. encourage ongoing community participation in the planning and execution of strategies aimed at the positive development of their young people; and
4. energize local constituencies around a Positive Youth Development agenda.

In addition, the projects aim to increase opportunities for young people by providing them with:

1. more ways to use their time positively, for instance by playing sports, volunteering, learning new skills, or working;
2. more ways to express themselves positively, find their strengths and talents, and get a healthy start in life; and

3. more opportunities to get involved in their communities and to give back through community service.

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.

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 in 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.

Family Violence Prevention and Services Program

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Program was originally authorized by sections 301-313 of Title III of the Child Abuse Amendments of 1984 and most recently by the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003. The program was reassigned in 2004 from the Office of Community Services to the Family and Youth Services Bureau in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, FYSB awards grants to State agencies, Territories and Indian Tribes for the provision of shelter to victims of family violence and their dependents, and for related services, such as emergency transportation and child care. These funds supplement many already established community-based family violence prevention and services activities. They also allow States and Tribes to expand current service programs and establish additional services in rural and underserved areas, on Native American reservations, and in Alaskan Native Villages.

The range of discretionary programs funded each year are for the purposes of: (1) preventing family violence; (2) protecting victims and their dependents; (3) improving the design, delivery, and coordination of services to address family violence; (4) gathering information on the incidences of family violence; and (5) increasing knowledge and understanding of issues through research, demonstration, and evaluation projects.

Abstinence Education

The Community-Based Abstinence Education Program supports public and private entities in developing and implementing abstinence education programs for adolescents, ages 12 through 18, in communities across the country. Projects funded by the program must promote abstinence education as defined by Section 510 of Title V of the Social Security Act.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides funds for community-based, abstinence educational interventions designed to reduce the proportion of adolescents who have engaged in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse, the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents, and the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

The funding for the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program was appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in the FY 2005 appropriations bill. Originally administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau since 2001, the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program was re-delegated by the Secretary in February 2005 to the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB).

Specific objectives for the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program are to: (1) support programmatic efforts that foster the development of abstinence education for adolescents, ages 12 through 18, in communities across the country; (2) develop and implement abstinence programs that target the prevention of teenage pregnancy and premature sexual activity; (3) develop abstinence education approaches that are culturally sensitive and age-appropriate to meet the needs of a diverse audience of adolescents; and (4) implement curriculum-based community education programs that promote abstinence education and positive youth development to adolescents.

Curricula developed or selected for use in the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program must address all eight elements of the Section 510 abstinence education definition. Abstinence education is defined as "an educational or motivational program which:

1. Has as its exclusive purpose, teaching the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity;
2. Teaches abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage as the expected standard for all school age children;

3. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems;
4. Teaches that a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the context of marriage is the expected standard of human sexual activity;
5. Teaches that sexual activity outside of the context of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects;
6. Teaches that bearing children out-of-wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's parents, and society;
7. Teaches young people how to reject sexual advances and how alcohol and drug use increases vulnerability to sexual advances; and
8. Teaches the importance of attaining self-sufficiency before engaging in sexual activity."

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FYSB solicits applications for discretionary grant funds through funding announcements on the Grants.gov Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Basic Centers

Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	10CY0149
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Presbyterian Hospitality House
Address:	209 Forty Mile Ave., Suite 100
City/State/Zip Code:	Fairbanks, AK 99701
Program Director:	Drenda Tigner
Telephone Number:	907-456-6445
Amount of Award:	\$124,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

The mission of Presbyterian Hospitality House Residential treatment program is to help restore youth and families from the Northern region of Alaska so they may be successful citizens and contribute to the social and financial well-being of their community. "Who cares? We do!"

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Presbyterian Hospitality House (PHH) proposes a Basic Center to meet the needs for shelter, food, clothing, and access to showers and hygiene materials. They will also offer safe and structured places for teens to study, recreate and socialize as well as access to adult role models such as parents, mentors, coaches and community leaders. The Basic Center will address these objectives seven days a week, 24 hours a day using the positive youth development framework which harmonizes with the Teaching Family Model. This model emphasizes healthy relationships, skill development, self-control and individual competence, youth and family participation, and social skill development. The professional case managers, called Teaching Counselors use all components of the model and routinely provide individual, group and family counseling.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	04CY0778
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Safe Harbor Children's Shelter, Inc.
Address:	PO Box 1313,
City/State/Zip Code:	Brunswick, GA 31521
Program Director:	Janel Holland
Telephone Number:	912-267-6000
Amount of Award:	\$121,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Safe Harbor Children's Shelter is a 12-bed shelter for runaway, homeless, abused, and neglected youth that opened in 1991. The agency has operated under a Basic Center grant since its inception. A 14-person board of directors representing a microcosm of the community governs Safe Harbor. In 1992, the Safe Harbor Auxiliary was formed to operate as a volunteer branch of the agency, working to raise critically needed funding. To date the Auxiliary has raised over \$700,000 for youth and families in need. For the past twelve years, Safe Harbor has been the local sponsor for the nationally recognized runaway services program, Project Safe Place. Since 1991 Safe Harbor has served over 2,600 youth and their families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Safe Harbor proposes to continue to provide services designed to decrease problems of homeless and runaway youth, while serving to prevent and decrease future incidents of runaway and homeless episodes. An array of therapeutic services is and will continue be offered to promote family reunification, healthy functioning and positive family relationships. Homeless/Runaway youth will take a central role in decision-making and healthy lifestyle choices. Our agency will insure that each youth receives individualized intake including mental health and ATOD assessments, temporary shelter for up to 15 days, two hot meals each day, safe and welcoming living quarters as well as a complete continuum of counseling services. Through linkages with many agencies in the community and throughout the state we will provide recreational, educational and cultural activities. It is Safe Harbor's belief, based on fourteen years of experience with at-risk youth that we must continue to develop and provide key opportunities for youth and families. These include the development of positive relationships with adult mentors, the provision of healthy activities, and the application of a "youth-centered" approach, encouraging competence and success. The opportunity to give back to the community is also critically important for the youth that we serve. Safe Harbor's state-wide reputation as an outstanding agency charges us with maintaining quality services as well as raising the bar of performance to benefit the children and youth that we serve. That is why our outcome-based services are designed around the basic center program performance standards and are evaluated through an array of sources that involved the youth, their family and the greater community. Our evaluation will utilize data collected through RHY-MIS, youth and family feedback and documentation as well as community partner surveys.

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Grant Number:	10CY0145
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Juneau Youth Services Shelter, Inc.
Address:	9290 Hurlock Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Juneau, AK 99801
Program Director:	Gus Marx
Telephone Number:	907-796-4131
Amount of Award:	\$94,801
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Basic Center Program (BCP), which is provided within the Juneau Youth Services (JYS) Cornerstone Shelter. The BCP program provides emergency shelter, counseling (individual, group, and family), and educational services to runaway and homeless youth. Cornerstone is a 12-bed, 24/7 emergency shelter serving youth ages 10-18; the BCP funding helps fund 4 of the beds that are specifically reserved for “non-system” youth who are not in state custody or under juvenile justice supervision. JYS has been providing emergency shelter services to youth since 1961, and has been a BCP grantee since 1986. While at Cornerstone, BCP youth receive individualized assessments, shelter, meals, and structured daily activities including counseling, skill development, recreational activities, and educational programming. We are the only agency in Juneau providing emergency shelter to youth. During the last year we served a total of 131 separate youth through the BCP program, and provided 198 intakes and 1,134 shelter nights.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

A unique feature of the Cornerstone Shelter is our ability to meet the education needs of BCP clients. Since JYS has support staff in every school within the Juneau Douglas School District, we are able to coordinate with the McKinney-Vento liaison and other school representatives to ensure that BCP youth continue their education in mainstream settings, and to receive any needed support from JYS staff who are stationed within the schools. For those youth who need an alternative educational setting, we provide an on-site classroom at the Cornerstone Shelter. BCP clients also have direct access to a full system of behavioral health care at JYS. We provide an array of assessment, residential, and community-based services for youth with long-term needs. These services include mental health and chemical dependency assessments, psychiatric assessment and medication management, long-term residential treatment, outpatient chemical dependency services, school-based day treatment, one-on-one support for youth with intensive needs, and a family support program. We also provide aftercare services including discharge planning, family mediation, and telephonic follow-up with rural youth and families. In summary, our BCP serves as a safety net for runaway and homeless youth, and also as a gateway to longer-term services the youth may need. The program is providing unique services that are not duplicated by any other Juneau agency. Continued funding for the BCP is critical to ensure the success of runaway and homeless youth, and to prevent their involvement in law enforcement, juvenile justice, and child welfare systems.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	04CY0774
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Alcove, Inc.
Address:	507 East Church St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Monroe, GA 30655
Program Director:	Merri Reid
Telephone Number:	770-276-9156
Amount of Award:	\$134,829
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	10

Organization Description:

The Alcove, Inc. is a private non-profit, 501 c(3) emergency shelter licensed by the state of Georgia's Office of Regulatory Services to accommodate a maximum of twelve youth, male and female, ages ten to eighteen, who may have been runaway, abused, throwaway, and otherwise rendered homeless by situations beyond their control. The locally controlled facility was organized in 1979 due to the inability of public or private resources in the Alcove Judicial Circuit to meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth. In the late 1970's, this circuit detained more youth status offenders (runaway, unruly and truant), than larger cities in Georgia. For over 26 years, the Alcove has been providing strength-based services to Runaway and Homeless Youth. Since 1981, programming has been greatly supported by the Health and Human Services Basic Center Grant funds.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

True to our mission statement of "committed to being the regional leader-by-example of demand driven progressive services to protect and serve youth and families", The Alcove provides a continuum of services from prevention through aftercare, to address the needs of runaway and homeless youth. The Alcove's services include: residential crisis intervention and stabilization, individual, group, and family counseling, peer education, public education, training and prevention. Located in Walton County, the population of The Alcove's service area continues to explode. The current population is 74,070 compared to just over 60,000 three years ago. The 2009 forecast for Walton's population is estimated at 92,578. We must be able to meet the needs of today as well as the needs of tomorrow.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	10CY0146
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Rural Resources Community Action
Address:	956 South Main
City/State/Zip Code:	Colville, WA 99114
Program Director:	Jan Lecture
Telephone Number:	509-684-8421
Amount of Award:	\$1,529,793
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

Rural Resources Community Action (RRCA) has been providing services in the Tri-County area since 1965. As a community action agency, Rural Resources provides programs and services designed to eliminate the barriers brought about by poverty, including homelessness. Youth.Com, a program of Rural Resources, began providing services to youth that were at risk of being homeless or runaway in 1999. RRCA developed the Youth.Com project to address the growing community concern and recognition of the unique problems associated with homeless and runaway youth. As a community action agency, and community housing development organization, RRCA already provided emergency shelter, transitional housing, developed low-income housing and provided a variety of services to assist adults and families facing homelessness.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Youth.Com is a program of Rural Resources Community Action (RRCA) and has been operating a basic center program for six years. During that time, Youth.Com has sheltered 63 youth for a total of 408 days and had over 1900 calls from youth as well as 550 youth drop-ins. A total of 223 youth became clients. As a basic center program, services have been developed utilizing a Positive Youth Development Model, with youth determining their own goals and accomplishing their objectives in conjunction with supportive adult relationships, advocacy and mentorship. A Youth.Com participant serves as a member of the Rural Resources Governing Board. It is important to note that Youth.Com is the primary conduit for connecting homeless and runaway youth to all of the services and support systems listed below. Although a homeless or runaway youth would be eligible to receive services with or without the intervention of Youth.Com, it is unlikely that the youth would know about the services, in addition, Youth.Com staff members have established very successful relationships with service providers in all of the communities, in many cases, a staff member from Youth.Com will accompany the young person to another community provider in order to support the youth and facilitate obtaining service. Because of the strong interagency relationships, youth involved with Youth.Com are more likely to obtain needed services quickly and without further frustration. Without Youth.Com, a youth would need to contact multiple providers individually and would probably NOT receive all of the referrals or services available to address their particular needs. Youth.Com provides the overall case-management service that assists a youth by coordinating all of the services the young person identifies as needed. This ensures that a range of services are in place to support the youth beginning with the immediate crisis and culminating in the encouragement of personal development, self-awareness and life skill development.

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Grant Number:	03CY0455
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Baptist Children's Services
Address:	373 E. Main St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Collegeville, PA 19426
Program Director:	Jason Clark
Telephone Number:	610-489-0395
Amount of Award:	\$100,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

The proposed Runaway and Homeless Youth program will expand the services that BCS has provided under the RHY Act in its Pottstown shelter (Emergency Services, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania) continuously since 1985. In those 20 years, the Emergency Shelter has served thousands of runaway and homeless children and youth, and the vast majority of those (nearly 80% last year) have been reunited with their families. Uncounted others have been encouraged not to run, but to seek assistance facing the issues and needs that could otherwise drive them from their homes and to the streets.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Services at the proposed Rosenberger Emergency Shelter (RES), like those of the shelter in Pottstown, will focus on building the skills and assets of youth and their families, giving the youth opportunities to work with positive adult role models while improving their own decision-making and problem-solving capabilities. The Shelter will provide the full range of services required under the 15 program standards for Basic Centers, going far beyond the impact that might be expected in two weeks of residential services by providing increased outreach, (residential and non-residential) individual, group and family counseling, and aftercare for up to a full year.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	04CY0769
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Florida Keys Children's Shelter, Inc.
Address:	73 High Point Rd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Tavernier, FL 33070
Program Director:	Kathleen Tuell
Telephone Number:	305-852-4246
Amount of Award:	\$122,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	18

Organization Description:

The Florida Keys Children's Shelter, Inc. operates an 18 bed temporary shelter for youth, ages 10 - 18, at its Jelsema Center, which is located in Tavernier, FL (Monroe County). The shelter component is known as the Residential Program and is licensed by the State of Florida. Beds for runaway, homeless youth are available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Florida Keys Children's Shelter anticipates between 2 and 5 shelter admissions per month. Any family of a runaway, homeless youth admitted to the Shelter who is available will receive counseling and case management services. A given stay for a youth is up to 15 days at a time. Besides shelter, the Residential Program provides food, clothing, intake and assessment, crisis intervention, individual, group and family counseling, tutoring, recreational activities, case management services, reunification services and aftercare services. Staff will assist youth in accessing necessary health care services with whatever parental permission is necessary in the State of Florida. The administrative, management and counseling staff will conduct outreach efforts directed towards community agencies, youth and parents and include youth in program development and design. Anticipated results include the alleviation of problems associated with runaway youth, reunification of youth with their families, strengthening of family relationships, and youth deciding upon constructive courses of action.

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Grant Number:	02CY0185
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Safe, Inc. of Schenectady
Address:	1344 Albany St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Schenectady, NY 12304
Program Director:	Delores Edmonds-McIntosh
Telephone Number:	518-374-0166
Amount of Award:	\$110,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	23

Organization Description:

SAFE House, a co-ed facility, has been in operation for 16 years serving RHY in Schenectady County as well as the Capital District. SAFE House is the only emergency youth shelter in the Capital District that will house a 16 and 17 year-old parent with an infant or child. SAFE House is an eight-bed youth shelter and is licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Goals and objectives are to provide shelter and services to RHY; to encourage changes in negative behavior patterns and attitudes and help troubled youth learn how to evaluate alternatives and make positive decisions in their lives; to strengthen family relationships, through counseling and services, to help create a stable living environment for our clients. A Youth Development Approach: SAFE'S approach meets and exceeds the performance services standards in some areas. SAFE provides Outreach, individual intakes, temporary shelter, individual, group and family counseling, service linkages, recreation, meals and snacks, aftercare, case disposition, staff development, youth participation, individual client files and on going youth and Board of Director's planning.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 04CY0776
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. (Hope House)
Address: 4610 West Fairfield Dr.
City/State/Zip Code: Pensacola, FL 32506
Program Director: Beth Deck
Telephone Number: 850-453-2722
Amount of Award: \$129,832
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

Northwest (LSF-NW) is an existing runaway and homeless youth shelter that serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties in northwest Florida. Locally controlled and community and faith-based, the CINS/FINS Program provides services outside of the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Although non-residential CINS/FINS services were established in Okaloosa and Walton Counties in 1990, HOPE House was opened in 1997 to provide temporary shelter for runaway and homeless youth in that area.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The program's goals focus on the support and enhancement of services at HOPE House. Specifically, funds would be used to implement youth care specialists' (YCS) certification, to employ additional YCS that would allow for more individual attention and focused supervision of youth in shelter, to obtain a Life Skills Coach that would facilitate coordination of positive community connections including an aftercare youth support group, and to provide enhanced drug abuse education and prevention services. Program's objectives revolve around meeting the needs of runaway and homeless youth by seeking to reunite them with their families and working to resolve their problems by strengthening their family relationships and assisting the youth in deciding upon constructive courses of action for their lives. Results will be measured by numbers of youth served as well as changes observed in the lives of the youth and their families. It is anticipated that through connections made and skills learned, youth will leave HOPE House successfully reunified with their families and will have a firm support system as they work toward resolution of the issues that brought them to HOPE House. A major emphasis of the program includes positive youth development, which promotes strong youth and adult partnerships to further assist youth in making healthy choices and becoming productive citizens.

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Grant Number:	06CY0843
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	K'STAR, Inc.
Address:	1117 East Jefferson, PO Box 290962
City/State/Zip Code:	Kerrville, TX 78029
Program Director:	Vicki Barron
Telephone Number:	830-896-5437
Amount of Award:	\$64,806
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	21

Organization Description:

K'STAR Inc., is located in Kerrville, Texas and was established April 15, 1990 for the purpose of providing shelter, crisis-intervention, and counseling services for runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth, and their families. K'STAR is presently providing services to youth birth to 18 years of age in Bandera, Blanco, Burnet, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Medina, Menard, Real and Uvalde counties. Shelter services are provided in Kerr County at our Emergency Youth Shelter located at 1117 Jefferson Street, Kerrville, Texas. This facility is staffed 24 hours a day with professional youth care workers, and licensed to serve 20 youth, both male and female. Shelter services are for youth birth to 18 years of age. Shelter services for youth who are 18 years of age and older are arranged through collaboration with the Kerrville Salvation Army Emergency Shelter.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

A Basic Center Program would provide needed additional resources to provide service and outreach to runaway and at-risk youth through the addition of one full-time counseling staff and resources for our shelter. The goals of our Basic Center proposal are to increase and strengthen the system of care for runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth and their families through the provision of immediate shelter, counseling, and aftercare. This goal will be met through the provision of short-term emergency residential services to at least 40 youth and individual and family counseling, and life skills training, to at least 75 youth. This will enhance programs currently in place, and provide additional counseling services where they are most needed. Anticipated outcomes are: 90% of all shelter youth receiving services will be successfully reunited with their families; 90% of youth identified as at-risk will remain in their homes during the time services are provided; 95% of all program participants will be able to identify at least one personal or family goal and objective to address family conflict and runaway issues at first face-to-face contact with counselor; 85% of program participants will report successful resolve of the presenting issue at case closure; 85% of program participants who complete Follow Up Surveys will report lasting, positive individual and familial change three months after the date of discharge from the program.

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Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Center for Youth Services, Inc.
Address:	905 Monroe Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Rochester, NY 14620
Program Director:	Elaine Spaul
Telephone Number:	585-473-2464
Amount of Award:	\$150,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	28

Organization Description:

The Center for Youth (“The Center”), is the longest-standing, voluntary, free, 24-hour shelter for “non system” youth 12-18 years. The Center has provided a Basic Center program, with RHYA support since 1981, sheltering more than 6,000 youth. Our 12-bed emergency shelter has goals that align with the RHYA, has met or exceeded all RHYA program performance standards, employs a youth development approach, accesses essential community support services, and has met all annual federal reporting requirements.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Monroe County Youth Bureau reports that youth and young adults are the fastest growing homeless population in our community, with the number of youth in adult shelters at a high in 2004. The Center House addresses this need by sheltering approximately 250 youth annually, with 80% securing safe and a stable living arrangement upon discharge. The Center House is easily accessible, is in close proximity to public transportation, recreation and schools, and does not require parental permission. Over the past 3 years, as we serve youth with increased needs and fewer external supports and resources, we have noted a significant increase in the average length of stays in The Center House from 10 to 13 days. Additionally, since 1998, The Center has operated a Street Outreach Program that makes approximately 2,000 contracts with street youth annually, and in 2003, we added a Transitional Living Program to our RHY services continuum of care, and serve between 40 and 50 older youth each year, some with infants and toddlers, through both a residential and non-residential component. Ultimately our services have strived to ensure the personal safety of runaway and homeless youth since 1977 through the provision of emergency care, and to increase the ability of these youth to return home, or, when that is not feasible, to establish an alternative, stable, long-term living situation.

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Grant Number:	04CY0782
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Children's Home Society of Florida, Inc.
Address:	3333 Forest Hill Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code:	West Palm Beach, FL 33406
Program Director:	Allison Metcalf
Telephone Number:	561-868-4300
Amount of Award:	\$200,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	23

Organization Description:

The Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS), South Coastal Division, is applying for a Basic Center Program grant to strengthen and enhance its shelter and counseling programs provided for runaway and homeless youth since 1986. CHS is currently serving over 20,000 youth a year in shelter care, outreach and counseling services. The goals of the program are to alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth; to reunite youth with their families; to strengthen family relationships and stabilize the family; to help youth decide upon constructive courses of action. It is anticipated that this program will increase knowledge of services available to runaway and homeless youth; reduce incidences of running away; reunify youth with family or another appropriate placement; enhance parenting skills and family functioning; develop skills consistent with youth development philosophy; and promote positive decision-making.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

CHS plans to expand these service components: Innovative culturally competent outreach strategies to promote service awareness and utilization by African American, Central and South American, and Caribbean runaway and homeless youth and their families. A flexible spectrum of family reunification services including counseling, case management, and wraparound services and follow up support for 100 youth per year, to promote early, safe and lasting reunification with family. There will also be a comprehensive pregnancy prevention program based on the multi-dimensional Carrerra model. A therapeutic and recreational activities program designed to promote youth development asset building and concepts of team work, sportsmanship and leadership skills. The project will also demonstrate the use of Family Group Decision Making Conferences as a promising approach to maximize the use of family assets and community supports to achieve greater stability, long-term safety, and well being for youth in high-risk situations. CHS is the oldest and largest child and family-serving agency in Florida. The South Coastal Division is currently successfully managing over \$12 million of federal, state, and local contracts and grants for youth and family services. Statistical information will be captured through the Florida NETMIS/RHYMIS database for documenting performance measures, outcomes and effectiveness. In addition to \$1.1 million in current state and local service contracts and contributions for runaway, homeless, and truant youth, matching funds of \$20,000 per year have been committed by the Quantum Foundation specifically to match the Basic Center Grant.

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Grant Number:	04CY0771
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Children's Bureau, Inc.
Address:	868 N. Manassas St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Memphis, TN 38107
Program Director:	Sean Lee
Telephone Number:	901-577-2500
Amount of Award:	\$125,636
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	9

Organization Description:

In the past year, PLCC successfully initiated a limited pilot program (using private funds) to challenge assumptions about the population to be served, study staff and agency capacity to deliver planned services, and implement a Youth Advisory Council. Since March 2005, PLCC's Runaway Youth Shelter Program served 28 youth (for 70 shelter days). Of these, 75% were female, and an unexpected majority of these youth (50%) reported sexual and physical abuse as the reason for running. Based on this experience, PLCC has strengthened its connections to agencies providing investigative services and family solutions, such as the Memphis Child Advocacy Center and Exchange Club Family Center, insuring long-term monitoring, counseling, and support. Youth entering PLCC's program are provided critical, immediate care (food, clothing, and shelter) along with supportive services that promote positive pathways of growth and achievement of program goals, including: (1) an individualized care plan, designed with the youth's involvement, completed within 24 hours of intake; (2) individual, group and family therapy, focusing on family interactions and reunification; and (3) improved ability to self-manage attitude and behavior, with progress measured by pre- and post-program tests. Residential care is available for up to 15 days, and one month of follow-up evaluation and aftercare referrals is provided. All program activities are designed to provide positive support, guidance, and opportunities to increase self-esteem.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Children's Bureau Inc., dba Porter-Leath Children's Center (PLCC), seeks to increase this capacity by providing emergency temporary shelter to a minimum of 310 youths annually. PLCC is the oldest social services agency in Memphis. Originally established in 1850 to operate as an orphanage, it has evolved into a highly entrepreneurial, multi-purpose, not-for-profit agency that develops and maintains innovative social service as well as early childhood programs to meet the ever changing needs of children and families in Memphis. The agency's network provides opportunities for at-risk families, children, young adults and seniors to improve the quality of their lives. PLCC's programs served over 9,477 of Memphis' most disadvantaged children and families during the last fiscal year. Committed to quality programs with measurable outcomes that address needs of youth in the inner city, PLCC provides an island of tranquility in the city's poorest and most turbulent neighborhoods while adhering to the highest standards of client care and fiscal management. PLCC is accredited through the Council on Accreditation. In 2004, PLCC received the Pyramid of Excellence Award from the Greater Memphis Association for Quality and its Level III Award of Quality. As to family reunification experience, PLCC maintains a 70% success rate in placing children and youth in permanent family environments. While its philosophy and primary focus is on providing positive developmental interventions as early as possible in an at-risk child's life, the Runaway Youth Shelter Program will provide the last best chance for meaningful change in the lives of runaway youth by helping to break cycles of dysfunction, leading to personal success for youth reaching into early adulthood.

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Grant Number:	02CY0182
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Children's Village, Inc.
Address:	Echo Hills
City/State/Zip Code:	Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Program Director:	Hans Schlange
Telephone Number:	914-693-0600
Amount of Award:	\$168,286
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	18

Organization Description:

Sanctuary is the only shelter for runaway and homeless youth in Westchester County, NY, and serves the entirety of the county, which encompasses 450 square miles, and a population of 940,000 people. Westchester County has the nation's highest per capita rate of homelessness and a rate of runaway youth that is more than double the New York State average. Despite the county's ranking as one of the wealthiest in the nation, a shortage of affordable housing creates chronic, countywide problems with hunger and poverty. The shelter has 14 beds in a state-of-the-art facility located on the campus of the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. This year we expect the program will provide up to 15 days of shelter for 220 youth ages 12 to 17. The program will reach over 400 additional at-risk youth through a 24-hour Crisis Hotline.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goals of Sanctuary are, initially, to provide runaway and homeless youth with shelter and stability, and meet all of their basic needs in addition to providing counseling and access to medical care. We also emphasize that youth continue attending school. Program activities are premised on a positive youth development philosophy that recognizes the enormous transitions youth face during adolescence and the importance of positive relationships with adults. The program seeks to reunite children and parents, and then provides the aftercare services that can make families more resilient. We expect that through their involvement in Sanctuary, youth development activities, and the aftercare services, youth will have a more positive view of themselves and their choices, will be less likely to engage in risky behaviors, and will be better connected to community resources that can dramatically improve their lives. We further expect that the conflicts that can lead to family disintegration will be reduced, and children will live in homes that are safer and more secure. The Children's Village, founded in 1851, is one of the nation's most respected child care agencies, with an array of residential and community-based programs dedicated to healing and strengthening children and families throughout Westchester County and New York City.

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Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Kids In Crisis, Inc.
Address:	One Salem St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Cos Cob, CT 06807
Program Director:	Shari Shapiro
Telephone Number:	203-622-6556
Amount of Award:	\$125,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	1
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

Kids in Crisis (KIC) provides therapeutic counseling, crisis intervention and temporary emergency shelter care to runaway and homeless youth. Since its inception in 1978, over 50,000 children, teens and family members have turned to KIC for help. KIC is the only 24-hour crisis intervention and emergency shelter program in the nine cities and towns in Southwestern Connecticut dedicated to providing care for runaway and homeless youth, ages 11 through 18 years old, outside of the traditional child welfare, mental health, law enforcement and juvenile justice systems. The scope of services provided by Kids in Crisis for runaway and homeless youth includes: outreach, information and referral, individual intake assessment, temporary emergency shelter, individual, group and family counseling, education, health care, recreation and aftercare. All services are provided by a highly skilled and culturally diverse staff and at no cost to the family.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The following goals are the foundation of the Kids in Crisis program to for runaway and homeless youth: (1) to provide outreach counseling, information and referral, immediate crisis intervention, safe temporary residence, and other emergency services, which address the needs of runaway and homeless youth; (2) to counsel and support runaway and homeless youth through outreach services to affect that will enable the youth to grow and develop self assurance to create a healthy and successful lifestyle and facilitate family reunification; (3) to decrease the incidence of youth running away from home or becoming homeless through community education and awareness programs. KIC services enable families to rebuild their relationships and become a stronger family unit. Emergency shelter care, counseling and on-going support through Outreach and Aftercare are crucial elements in keeping families together. These services further reduce the probability that problems will reoccur, which greatly benefits the community. Through the “Positive Youth Development” approach similar benefits are seen throughout all of KIC s program services both core and supportive, which includes promoting healthy bodies, behaviors, relationships and an overall healthy lifestyle, positive relationships with adult role models, skill development including academic, work and social skills, opportunities to help others and build a positive self esteem and encouraging teens to help ensure safe and structured places for them to be. KIC has witnessed improvement in the attitudes of youth primarily because they have become engaged and active in their lives and their futures. KIC empowers youth and their families by providing them with tools to develop a voice and problem solving skills. Often, these youth flee from a situation that is intolerable for them, and return with self-capacity to change this situation. Families are reunited, and through on-going support, the youth know that their voices will continue to be heard.

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Grant Number:	01CY0154
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	L.U.K. Crisis Center, Inc.
Address:	545 Westminster St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Fitchburg, MA 01420
Program Director:	Thomas Hall
Telephone Number:	978-345-0685
Amount of Award:	\$200,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	I
Congressional District Served:	I

Organization Description:

Currently, LUK and YOU, Inc. operates facility-based shelters and emergency shelter programs utilizing “host home” models. These programs, licensed by the Office for Child Care Services (OCCS), in compliance with all state regulations, have a combined capacity of forty beds (twelve at LUK’s Horizon House, sixteen at YOU, Inc.’s The Village, six at LUK’s host homes, six at YOU, Inc.’s host homes). Together the two agencies offer comprehensive emergency shelter coverage to the sixty-five cities and towns of central Massachusetts. Both agencies also provide additional emergency placement, stabilization and assessment services to at-risk children and youth.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

LUK Crisis Center, Inc. (LUK) in collaboration with YOU, Inc. proposes to continue to provide a comprehensive array of services to runaway and homeless youth in central Massachusetts as The Central Massachusetts Runaway Network (CMRN). LUK has been a Basic Center grantee, funded by HHS, since September 1993. Last year, LUK and YOU, Inc. together provided shelter to over 600 system and non-system involved youth in our various emergency placement programs. These included shelter for runaway and homeless youth in the central Massachusetts area as part of the HHS Basic Center Program (BCP).

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Grant Number: 06CY0852
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Family and Youth, Inc.
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City/State/Zip Code: Las Cruces, NM 88001
Program Director: Jose Frieze
Telephone Number: 505-523-0572
Amount of Award: \$86,920
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

Families and Youth, Inc. (FYI) is a private, non-profit community based agency that has been providing quality social services for Southern New Mexico’s children, adolescents and their families since 1977. Since 1991, the FYI Adolescent Shelter has been providing temporary shelter care, mental health counseling and social services due to the high demand for this service in this area. The FYI Adolescent Shelter provides safe, homelike, shelter services to runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 12 though 18 needing emergency placements, in an effort to keep them off the streets and out of danger of exploitation, abuse, substance abuse or delinquency. Adolescents residing at our facility can remain here for only a few hours or up to 15 days, if needed. These youth and their families are provided with after care and referrals to needed resources when exiting the shelter in order to remain consistent with Families and Youth, Inc.’s overall mission, which is to promote a safer, healthier community by assisting children and families in strengthening their relationships, preserving the family unit, establishing community partnerships and enhancing the availability of human resources.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Families and Youth, Inc. goals are to maintain the quality of services that we have established and allowed us to strengthen our staff and services to better accommodate the 72 runaway and homeless youth that we turn down each year due to being a full capacity. The Families and Youth, Inc. Adolescent Shelter is highly regarded for providing emergency shelter services to many youth without discrimination. Services are provided to many youth that are outside of the traditional child welfare, mental health, law enforcement or juvenile justices system, as evidenced by the steady referrals from the police, families and self-referrals, the school system, as well as referrals from other care providers in this community.

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Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Homeless Emergency Runaway Effort
Address:	500 Cohasset Rd., Suite 27
City/State/Zip Code:	Chico, CA 95926
Program Director:	Cindy McDermott
Telephone Number:	530-895-6524
Amount of Award:	\$180,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

The HERE Program has been providing twenty-four hour crisis intervention and shelter care services to runaway and homeless youth in Butte County, California since 1984.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The following HERE Program goals follow the purpose of the federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: Alleviate the immediate risks to physical and emotional safety faced by youth during a runaway or homeless episode; reunite runaway youth with their families and strengthen family relationships; promote stable living conditions for runaway and homeless youth, including youth that are at risk of separation from their families; design, promote, implement and maintain a service delivery system that is responsive to the special needs of rural runaway and homeless youth in Butte County. These goals form the foundation on which program objectives are based. A responsive twenty-four hour mobile crisis intervention system comprises the core services of the Homeless and Emergency Runaway Effort. Positive Youth Development approaches are evident in the objectives. They focus on increasing positive choices for youth, increasing independent living skills and opportunities for education, employment, expression of opinion, and leadership. The program objectives also address how families will be strengthened through conflict mediation, solution-focused/strengths-based counseling approaches, expanded resources and education.

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Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Cherokee Nation Services
Address:	PO Box 947
City/State/Zip Code:	Tahlequah, OK 74465
Program Director:	Linda Vann
Telephone Number:	918-458-4440
Amount of Award:	\$63,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

On November 14, 2003, the program celebrated 25 years of operating an emergency youth shelter and serving runaway and homeless youth. The Cherokee Nation Youth Shelter is the only 24-hour emergency residential facility in its target area of Cherokee, Adair and Sequoyah counties in Northeastern Oklahoma. The program services are designed to address the service needs of runaway and homeless youth and have been assisted in accomplishing this for several years through the U.S. Administration for Children and Families and other supportive resources.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Cherokee Nation Youth Services program proposes to promote effectiveness in the delivery of services to runaway, homeless and other troubled youth through a linkage of resources and objectives that addresses a positive youth development approach. To accomplish the overall goals: (1) Alleviate the problems of runaway & homeless youth; (2) Provision of services to encourage reunification of youth and families; (3) To encourage family relationship building for stable and healthy living conditions with youth; and (4) To help youth decide upon constructive courses of action, the program will provide temporary shelter and outreach through service provisions such as counseling, positive life skills, educational assistance, after care services, case management, staff development and youth participation. The services to all eligible youth for emergency shelter will be offered free of charge regardless of race, nationality, religion, or gender and provided on a twenty-four hour basis year round. To ensure a safe and healthy environment, the program will adhere to professional standards of care, quality assurance, and compliance to federal, state and tribal regulations. It is estimated that a minimum total of 180 youth will receive direct services within the service area and surrounding area. Collaborative planning and networking with youth and families and community sources on a local, state and national level, will be expected for the goal of benefiting communities in the positive continuum of care for youth and families.

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Grant Number:	03CY0458
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Children Youth & Family Services, Inc.
Address:	116 West Jefferson St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Charlottesville, VA 22902
Program Director:	Jacki Bryant
Telephone Number:	434-296-4118
Amount of Award:	\$180,948
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	7

Organization Description:

Children, Youth & Family Services (CYFS) operates the Runaway Emergency Services Program (RESP) as a Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center program, consisting of a network of preventive and aftercare counseling, host homes, and hotline services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project goal is: To provide crisis intervention services designed to keep youth safe and off the streets while developing alternative problem-solving options outside the child welfare, juvenile justice, and mental health systems. This goal is guided by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act of 1974, as amended by the Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act (Public Law 106-71). To address this goal, RESP will address the following objectives: (1) To provide temporary shelter to runaway, homeless, or at-risk youth, when necessary, so that individual and family problems which threaten separation from the family can be resolved; (2) To provide prevention and aftercare counseling to youths and their families to reunite youth with their families; (3) Individual counseling to improve youth decision-making and help-seeking skills; family counseling to facilitate the resolution of family problems, and skills training activities to enhance the independent living skills of older youth; (4) To provide outreach to at-risk youth, their families, and professionals who serve such youth and families in order to increase knowledge and utilization of RESP services.

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Grant Number:	02CY0183
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, Inc.
Address:	5 Municipal Plaza, Suite 3
City/State/Zip Code:	Clifton Park, NY 12065
Program Director:	Matthew McQueeney
Telephone Number:	518-371-1185
Amount of Award:	\$191,782
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	22

Organization Description:

CAPTAIN (Community Action for Parents, Teens and Interested Neighbors) Youth and Family Services, Inc. serves youth who are runaway and homeless, as well as youth who are at risk of separation from their family through its shelter program, which has been in existence since 1998. The CAPTAIN Youth Home is the only shelter providing services in the rural counties of Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties in upstate New York for youth through age 18. The Shelter provides an alternative to involving youth in the child welfare, juvenile justice, and mental health or law enforcement systems. The CAPTAIN Youth Home is operated by CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, Inc., has been providing services to runaway and homeless youth for over 20 years, initially through a Host Home Program for 15 years and then through the Shelter Home for the past 7 years. CAPTAIN was the recipient of a Basic Centers Grant for the shelter in 2002, which provided the opportunity to expand services and strengthen the shelter model established in 1998.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The CAPTAIN Youth Home is established as a safe haven for young people to utilize when they find themselves unable to remain in their homes. The shelter provides access to services and staff utilizing strength based approach, focusing on the tenets espoused by the positive youth development framework. Youth are the foundation upon which we have built the program and their involvement and input provide guidance for continuous improvement. The overarching goal of the CAPTAIN Youth Shelter Program is to reunite youth with their families and encourage resolution of intra-family problems, a goal we successfully achieve with 97% of the youth who utilize our shelter. The CAPTAIN Youth Home’s additional goals are to: (1) Alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; (2) To strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; (3) To empower youth to make positive changes and decide upon constructive courses of action; (4) To provide after-care to prevent future homelessness or running away, provide outreach services to youth in the community and build positive relationships. CAPTAIN projects based on previous statistics that a minimum of 250 youth will contact the Youth Home for shelter and we will provide shelter and related services to 125 youth. The remaining 125 youth will be provided referral, advocacy, support, intervention, mediation or other services as determined to be needed. CAPTAIN (Community Action for Parents Teens and Interested Neighbors) respectfully requests \$191,782 per year for three years from the Administration for Children and Families to support the continuing operation of the CAPTAIN Youth Home and our ability to serve this at risk population.

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Grant Number:	06CY0844
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	George Gervin Youth Center, Inc.
Address:	5903 Sunbelt Dr., South
City/State/Zip Code:	San Antonio, TX 78218
Program Director:	Barbara Hawkins
Telephone Number:	210-804-1786
Amount of Award:	\$200,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	20

Organization Description:

The Basic Center Program of the George Gervin Youth Center is proposed as a positive youth development program that will provide a locally controlled, community-based youth development approach which is designed to address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth, with a recruitment focus on pregnant youth, and their families. Its first goal is to provide runaway and homeless pregnant youth with 24-hours-a-day supervised residential services in a safe environment at the George Gervin Basic Center Shelter in the Empowerment Zone of San Antonio, Texas. For runaway and homeless youth the Shelter will promote the delivery of a healthy baby with onsite medical care and assessments by a qualified R.N., and referrals to prenatal services, health care and immunizations.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This Basic Center Program will also seek to reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services provided through the wide community network of program partner agencies of the George Gervin Youth Center. The program will also provide participants with non-traditional educational and training opportunities and assist them in transitions to the George Gervin Transitional Living Program. Over the program history each year 200 girls and their babies are given assistance either in the residential facility, with follow-up and aftercare, or referral to other agencies. The general approaches include intensive outreach, counseling, coordination of services and empowerment along with advocacy. The results and benefits are to re-unite the young person with their family where appropriate, stabilize the young person, prevent homelessness, develop a more prepared teen parent and ensure that healthy babies are born. This will be accomplished with culturally sensitive well-trained staff.

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Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas
Address:	601 North Akard
City/State/Zip Code:	Dallas, TX 75201
Program Director:	Lisa Teschner
Telephone Number:	214-421-5301
Amount of Award:	\$195,762
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/1/2005-8/31/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	30

Organization Description:

YMCA Casa Shelter (formerly “Casa de los Amigos”) began in 1975 as a 12-bed shelter, with only a few staff, and has grown into a comprehensive, full-service youth emergency shelter. It is the oldest faith based organization and most recognized youth shelter in Dallas County. Each year, Casa Shelter provides approximately 300 youth in Dallas and surrounding counties with emergency residential services, case management, and/or counseling services. Casa Shelter is a competency-based program structured to promote positive youth development through faith-based principles. Casa Shelter serves youth ages 10-17, who have left home without permission of their parents/legal guardians, youth whose families are homeless, youth who may be in jeopardy of running away or engaging in risky behavior, and youth who are “thrown away”, abused, abandoned, or neglected. In addition to meeting the basic needs of the youth (food, shelter, clothing), services provided by Casa Shelter include individual, family, and group counseling, case management, crisis intervention, support groups, life skills training, and provides recreational activities.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The majority of the youth served under this grant return home after completion of the shelter program. Casa Shelter also provides crisis intervention services to over 1,200 youth and/or parents on the 24-hour crisis hotline. Casa Shelter proposes to continue to maintain the current quality of care provided to the runaway and homeless youth in the Dallas community. Casa Shelter is one of only two non-profit agencies in Dallas County that focus on the need of runaway and homeless youth. Casa Shelter is committed to providing services to the youth in need, and the safety of these children and the prevention of further problems depend on us.

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Grant Number:	06CY0850
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	El Paso Center for Children, Inc.
Address:	2200 N. Stevens St.
City/State/Zip Code:	El Paso, TX 79930
Program Director:	Sandy Rioux
Telephone Number:	915-565-8631
Amount of Award:	\$153,523
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	16

Organization Description:

The El Paso Center for Children's RHY Basic Center Program, called STAR (Services to At-Risk Youth), serves 10 to 17 year-old runaway homeless youth and their families, as well as youth and families that are at risk of separation. The program's purpose is to protect the safety and promote the healthy development of at-risk youth by providing each participant with the individualized program of shelter, counseling, skills training, and family reunification and support services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The STAR program has served El Paso County since 1985 and has received continuous financial support under Part A of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act since 1987. The program is firmly grounded in the core values and principles of Positive Youth Development and meets or exceeds Basic Center Program Performance Standards. Major components of the project include Project Safe Place, the Runaway Shelter (a licensed, 6-bed emergency shelter), and an extensive non-residential counseling and outreach program. In FY06, the program projects 4,000 hours of counseling and skills training to 850 youth and 1,200 days of emergency shelter care for 200 of those youth.

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Grant Number: 03CY0454
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Hearts & Homes for Youth, Inc.
Address: 1320 Fenwick Lane, Suite 800
City/State/Zip Code: Silver Spring, MD 20910
Program Director: Michael Stern, Ph.D.
Telephone Number: 301-589-8444
Amount of Award: \$200,000
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 8

Organization Description:

HHY has 41 years of experience working with youth and their families, including 30 years working with, and on behalf of, runaway and homeless youth through federally funded Basic Centers and Transitional Living Programs. Hearts and Homes, then known as Boys' and Girls' Homes of Montgomery County, was among the original RHY service providers in the region in the 1970's, leading the drive to meet the needs of youth before they became involved with the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

HHY proposes serving runaways and their families, as well as those at imminent risk for running away, through 4 beds at their existing Caithness Youth Shelter in Silver Spring, Maryland, currently serving youth referred by the local Juvenile Services Administration or Department of Human Resources (Social Services). Strengthening the existing staff by adding an RHY Coordinator and dedicated RHY counselors, Caithness will partner with runaways and their families to build confidence and character, strengthen the youths' ongoing ties to their neighborhood and begin/continue the process of assuring that these youth have the knowledge skills and behaviors that will allow them to participate and lead in a range of social, family and community settings.

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Grant Number:	10CY0144
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Community Works, Inc.
Address:	900 E. Main St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Medford, OR 97504
Program Director:	Connie Eidson-Smith
Telephone Number:	541-779-2393
Amount of Award:	\$135,400
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Community Works operated a Basic Center from 1983-2001 and 2002-2005. It is the only program for homeless and runaway youth between Eugene, Oregon and Sacramento, California on the I5 corridor (the freeway connecting WA, OR and CA). The Basic Center program offers flexible, accessible, innovative and creative, integrated, accountable, non-stigmatizing, and efficient services for runaway and homeless youth ages 11-18 and their families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Supporting Homeless Runaway Youth (Home Run) services are the following: (1) Emergency shelter for youth, ages 11-18, who are runaways and/or homeless; (2) Crisis intervention and resolution counseling with youth and family; (3) Case management to assist youth and family with needed services; (4) Individual and family counseling and mediation using a strength-based, resolution-based model; (5) Application of family resources to assist process, (i.e. faith-based connections and extended family); (6) Incorporation of youth development model into all services; (7) Collaboration, including case planning, with all community partners; (8) Outreach to homeless and/or runaway youth in the community; and (9) Food, clothes and transportation for youth in need.

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Grant Number: 04CY0775
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Children's Home Society of Florida, Inc.
Address: 415 Ave. A
City/State/Zip Code: Fort Pierce, FL 34950
Program Director: Michael Gray
Telephone Number: 772-489-5601
Amount of Award: \$122,417
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 16

Organization Description:

The Children's Home Society of Florida, Inc. (CHS) is Florida's oldest statewide child welfare agency. The Treasure Coast Division of CHS, serving Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties, has a current annual operating budget of \$6,726,000. CHS Treasure Coast Division continues to strengthen its continuum of programs and services to runaway and homeless youth and young adults, 13-21 years old.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Specifically, the Basic Center Grant will enhance services in the WaveCREST Runaway Shelter, the Reunification/Stabilization Home-Based Counseling Program and the Safe Place Outreach Program. The WaveCREST Shelter has served runaway and homeless youth since 1993. This year the WaveCREST Shelter is projected to serve approximately 250 youth. About 150 youth and their families will be served in the Reunification/Stabilization Home Based Counseling Program. Basic Center Grant funding is requested for the following enhancements to the current programming for runaway and homeless youth. The proposed services will alleviate the problems of runaways by providing targeted community outreach to "high risk" populations regarding the dangers of running and alternatives to that behavior. To assure culturally sensitive and successful outreach, a portion of this outreach will be done in partnership with a volunteer group located in the targeted area. The addition of a Reunification/Stabilization Counselor will target the goals of assisting youth in shelter to achieve a successful reunification with their family or other appropriate party. This is achieved through shelter and home-based counseling that is focused on developing and implementing a plan for family stability and safety, as well as through various group activities designed to improve self esteem, develop positive peer relationships and enhance the youth's sense of competency through the transitions of adolescence.

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Grant Number:	06CY0841
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Youth Development, Inc.
Address:	6301 Central Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Albuquerque, NM 87105
Program Director:	Diana Lopez
Telephone Number:	505-831-6038
Amount of Award:	\$93,728
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Youth Development, Inc., is a private, non-profit, community based organization that runs the Basic Center Program called the Amistad Crisis Shelter. The Amistad program has been in existence since 1976 and provides emergency short term shelter care, crisis intervention, assessment, individual, group, family counseling, educational assistance, case management, life and social skills training, substance abuse prevention/education and recreation. The shelter serves youth and their families that are otherwise experiencing a crisis situation that necessitates temporary out of home placement. Services are available for youth age 12-18.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Amistad program emphasizes strong family involvement and maintains the goal of family reunification whenever possible. Youth that are unable to return home are assisted in securing a safe, alternative placement. Service objectives are designed and implemented within a positive youth development framework that emphasizes youth strengths, skill development and opportunities to become productive members of their respective communities. Amistad services are intended to produce results that will benefit youth by helping them plan constructively for their future through positive decision making, building self-esteem and learning skills for self-sufficiency.

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Grant Number:	06CY0847
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Harris County Protective Services for Children & Adults
Address:	2525 Murworth
City/State/Zip Code:	Houston, TX 77054
Program Director:	George Ford
Telephone Number:	713-394-4070
Amount of Award:	\$50,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/1/2005-8/31/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	9

Organization Description:

The Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults (HCPS) Community Youth Services (CYS) Safety Net Program provides prevention and intervention services through a seamless system of care for local youth who are, or at risk of becoming, runaways and/or homeless. The overarching goal of the Safety Net Program is to provide these youth with access to positive developmental opportunities during challenging times. CYS was initiated in 1970 to divert runaway, homeless and status offender youth from the Juvenile Justice and state Children’s Protective Services systems by providing them with free, school-based, immediately accessible, voluntary services in their own Harris County communities. Now located in 17 Harris County school districts and one police precinct, 74 case managers provided services to 26,156 youth in 2003-04. Approximately 2% (n=455) actually exhibited runaway behavior and another 40% (n=10,146) were in high-risk situations (i.e., family violence, child abuse/neglect, family problems, personal problems) that increased the chances of a runaway episode.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Since 1989 the CYS Safety Net Program has provided safe shelter for youth who are homeless or have run away through emergency shelter agreements or host homes while working towards reuniting youth with their families if possible, strengthening family relationships and helping youth decide on a constructive course of action. A Youth Advisory Board has been developed and gives youth an opportunity to become more informed and involved with laws, policies and decisions that affect their lives as well as opportunities to exhibit leadership and independent skills. Safety Net core services will include: outreach to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth in 17 Harris County school districts and one police precinct; student assistance in remaining in school during challenging times; safe and appropriate respite shelter for up to 15 days using the HCPS Chimney Rock Center Emergency Youth Shelter and Safety Net Host Homes; a comprehensive range of counseling, therapy, psychological assessments and support services including family conflict resolution skills training (Parent Teen Survival Program); service advocacy, linkage and coordination of social services and aftercare.

The Safety Net Program will provide 150 days of Host Home shelter and 375 days of CRC emergency shelter. Youth will continue attending school and remain connected to their support systems while the entire family works towards a safe return or alternative placement. Case management, resource information and referrals, and community-based counseling and family therapy for 375 families, and psychological assessments for 50 youth will be provided to Safety Net Program clients in 2005-06.

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Grant Number:	01CY0155
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Wayside Youth & Family Support Network, Inc.
Address:	75 Fountain St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Framingham, MA 01702
Program Director:	Eric Masi
Telephone Number:	508-879-9800
Amount of Award:	\$125,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	1
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Wayside Youth & Family Support Network's (hereafter Wayside) Emergency Shelter, Harbinger House has been providing community-based emergency shelter care services to sexually abused and exploited runaway, homeless and street youth since 1977. In fact, Wayside's Emergency Shelter was its very first program and a vital part of its overall continuum of services for youth. Wayside's Runaway and Homeless Network includes two shelters (one male and one female, 12 beds each), an active street outreach program and our young adult program (TLP) for youth over aged 18. These three linked programs have brought together countless resources to serve our very most vulnerable youth populations, those who are not receiving other forms of public or private assistance. Continued funding through the Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Program will allow our Harbinger House to provide vitally needed emergency shelter care services, basic medical care, outreach, crisis intervention, individual, family and group counseling, educational advocacy and aftercare services for these vulnerable youth.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Harbinger House Basic Center program goals are to: (1) Alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; (2) Reunite youth with their families; (3) Strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and (4) Help youth decide upon constructive courses of action to take following their placement. The program's philosophy strongly emphasizes positive youth development, empowerment and resiliency. A 17-year-old runaway girl who was placed by the Community LINKS (Wayside's Street Outreach Program) at Harbinger House has stayed in touch with her outreach worker, has maintained all of her goals to finish high school, and has obtained a job. Wayside received a letter from this girl a year later, saying, "without you I never would have made it. Thank you for helping me with my family problems — I am going to college next year thanks to you."

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Grant Number: 03CY0457
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Mother Seton House, Inc.
Address: 3333-25 Virginia Beach Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code: Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Program Director: Kathryn Jeffries
Telephone Number: 757-963-5795
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

Seton Youth Shelters is a local, private, non-profit, non-sectarian organization, which provides shelter and counseling for youth in crisis. Seton Youth Shelters has received Basic Center RHY funding since opening in 1985 and is the only available resource for youth who are not involved in the social service or juvenile justice system. The purpose of this application is to continue to provide needed funding which will help us provide shelter for females ages 12-18 at our Girl's shelter located in Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452. Our program staff of a Shelter director, two full time case managers and residential counselors will focus on helping these youth feel safe and comfortable as, using a positive youth developmental skill-based approach, they work with youth and families to resolve conflicts and return the youth home to safety and off of the streets.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Seton Youth Shelters will provide outreach to runaway and homeless youth; temporary shelter for up to fifteen days; including room and board; individual, group and family counseling (as appropriate); and aftercare and referrals, as appropriate. As demonstrated by two Youth Members serving on our Board of Directors and our Active Youth Ambassadors Program for teens, our agency believes 100% in youth/adult partnerships and involves them actively in our programs. Staff and Position Data and Organizational Profile Seton Youth Shelters has operated a shelter and counseling program for over 20 years for youth in crisis and has the full support of the community as we expand program services to reach more youth in need. Our staff has demonstrated years of experience and skills. RHY funds will support approximately 37 percent of our annual expenses for Shelter, Street and Youth outreach, and counseling services, which are offered without charge to at risk youth in our community.

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Grant Number:	06CY0840
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	New Horizons Youth Service Bureau, Inc.
Address:	47257 River Rd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Hammond, LA 70401
Program Director:	Jeanne Voorhees
Telephone Number:	985-345-1171
Amount of Award:	\$131,059
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

The Homeward is a program of the NHYSB, a multi-service agency, serving at-risk youth and families. It is a community-based, non-profit agency that was formed in 1976 in response to a local initiative lead by a prominent judge, specifically for the purpose of providing for the unmet needs of local runaways. It is located on peaceful 6-acre site in rural southeast Louisiana. The Homeward program serves as a link between the Counseling Center and Horizon House Shelter, two of the seven NHYSB programs. It is designed to meet the specific needs of r/h youth in the region.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal is to bring harmony back into the home so that the teen may continue to live there, or to mutually decide upon an alternative living arrangement. If during the course of counseling, the tension becomes unbearable, the youth can stay in Horizon House until a stable plan is made that is acceptable to all. Teens may also be referred to other NHYSB programs, such as ADAPT, our adolescent substance abuse treatment program.

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Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	City of Roanoke, VA
Address:	108 Coyer Springs Rd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Roanoke, VA 24012
Program Director:	James O'Hare
Telephone Number:	540-853-1529
Amount of Award:	\$134,381
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	6

Organization Description:

The City of Roanoke, Virginia is seeking funding through the Family and Youth Services Bureau 2005 Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth for the Sanctuary Outreach Program. Sanctuary Outreach has operated as a division within the municipal government of the City of Roanoke for 15 years with support from the Family and Youth Services Bureau. The program is offered to youth on a voluntary basis with services outside of the child welfare and juvenile justice system. The Sanctuary Outreach Basic Center program supports the Crisis Intervention Center residential program, where youth have access to a temporary shelter, if needed. The Sanctuary Crisis Intervention Center is funded through various other sources. The Sanctuary Outreach Basic Center will fund at least four and no more than 15 beds for runaway and homeless youth within in the Crisis Intervention Center.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The early intervention of Sanctuary Outreach staff, in a combination of shelter based and non-residential services, offers runaway and homeless youth and their families supportive services that will decrease the incidence of repeat runaway episodes. Program services include: 24 hour intake and referral access; temporary shelter; individual, group, and family counseling; community service linkages; aftercare services; case disposition; and recreation opportunities. The Sanctuary Outreach Program is based upon a positive Youth Development approach for the youth and families participating in the program. Youth are involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation of services offered through the program. Our community based services delivery system allows youth to explore talents, build skills, develop healthy social networks, and participate in learning through community service. Family and group counseling is also offered through the program, which encourages the resolution of intra-family conflicts and helps toward reuniting the youth and family.

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Grant Number:	03CY0456
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Family Lifeline
Address:	1518 Willow Lawn Dr.
City/State/Zip Code:	Richmond, VA 23230
Program Director:	Larry Lacina
Telephone Number:	804-282-4255
Amount of Award:	\$125,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

Family Lifeline's Safe Place program under the Basic Center Grant Program to provide outreach, crisis response, emergency shelter care, individual and family counseling, service linkages and aftercare services to 125 runaway and homeless youth not involved with the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems on an annual basis.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Our program goals and objectives have always been to meet the goals set forth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act by seeking to alleviate the problems faced by runaway and homeless youth on both an individual and community basis:

- Increase the awareness of and access to services for runaway, homeless and street
- youth by conducting community and street-based outreach efforts directed at youth,
- community agencies and parents. We will make public education and community
- awareness presentations to youth and parent groups, schools, police and youth-
- serving agencies to provide information about runaway and homeless youth and
- services available. We will maintain program posters and brochures at local
- transportation centers and Safe Place sites and continue to distribute them to youth-

servicing agencies, youth groups and centers. Decrease the number of youth that runaway from home, require emergency shelter care or possibly systems interventions by providing community, street and home-based crisis response/stabilization, family mediation, counseling and referral services to youth and families. Increase immediate access to emergency shelter care for up to 15 days to youth that are homeless, abused and/or neglected, in physical danger or runaways by providing 24 hour access to emergency residential services utilizing collaborations with the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children host home network and the Virginia Home for Boy's and Girl's Youth Emergency Shelter program.

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Grant Number: 02CY0177
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Catholic Charities of Herkimer County
Address: 61 West St.
City/State/Zip Code: Ilion, NY 13357
Program Director: Rachael Chase
Telephone Number: 315-894-9917
Amount of Award: \$89,500
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 24

Organization Description:

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center is a program of Catholic Charities of Herkimer County. This agency has sponsored the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program since 1984 and is recognized as the foremost program for this population in Herkimer County.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The overall goal of this program is to provide an array of comprehensive services to 100 youth of Herkimer County, up to the age of 21 (as per New York state regulations), who have runaway from home, been kicked out of their home, or are homeless. The funding that we are requesting will allow us to provide services in the areas of temporary, emergency housing, crisis intervention, counseling, aftercare services, outreach, and youth development. The objectives for the program are to alleviate the presenting problems of runaway and homeless youth, reunite youth with family when appropriate, teach youth and families constructive conflict resolution strategies, provide supportive services designed to foster long-term stability for youth, and engage youth in activities that promote positive development. The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program is the only service of its kind in Herkimer County and will have outreach and assessment services available 24-hours a day. We expect that youth enrolled in the program will experience a reduction in negative behaviors as a result of their involvement and that there will be both quantitative and qualitative changes in positive life decisions.

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Grant Number:	09CY5129
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Youth and Family Enrichment Services
Address:	610 Elm St., Suite 212
City/State/Zip Code:	San Mateo, CA 94070
Program Director:	Bob Rybicki
Telephone Number:	650-591-9623
Amount of Award:	\$92,290
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	12

Organization Description:

Founded in 1977 with San Mateo County and private funds, the Your House South program has operated a Basic Center facility with funding from the Administration for Children & Families since 1983. Through our network of integrated programs, YFES has provided services for runaway and homeless youth for nearly 30 years. YFES Your House South is a six-bed group home facility that is designed to provide outreach and crisis intervention services, temporary residential care, family reunification counseling, individual and group counseling, case management services, aftercare and referrals for runaway and homeless youth who function outside of the traditional child welfare, mental health, law enforcement or juvenile justice systems.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The primary goals of the YFES Your House South residential program are family reunification and the strengthening of family relationships to encourage stable living conditions for youth. In the atypical instances when families cannot be reunited after participation in the YFES Your House South program, the staff works to develop stable alternative living arrangements for youth and helps youth set constructive courses of action and positive goals for the future. In keeping with the legislative goals and objectives of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, YFES Your House South is designed to provide a safe and appropriate shelter for runaway and homeless youth. Your House South's goals are to: (1) Increase family communication and conflict resolution skills; (2) Increase the number of youth who reunite with their families after a runaway or homeless episode; (3) Strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; (4) Increase positive youth asset development. YFES Your House South will achieve the aforementioned goals by meeting the following objectives: (1) Educate runaway and homeless youth about services available, and connect them to local service providers; (2) Educate community about resources available for runaway and homeless youth and their families, and screen potential participants for admission into YFES Your House South; (3) : De-escalate extreme family conflict, assess major sources of family trauma, develop Crisis Intervention Plans, and make appropriate referrals; (4) Provide runaway and homeless youth who function outside of the traditional child welfare, mental health, law enforcement or juvenile justice systems with alternatives to sleeping on the street, couch-surfing, remaining in abusive homes, or entering the underground economies of drugs and survival sex.

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Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Youth Villages, Inc.
Address:	1582 Poplar Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Memphis, TN 38104
Program Director:	Matthew Stone
Telephone Number:	901-252-7823
Amount of Award:	\$150,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	9

Organization Description:

The Family Link Emergency Adolescent Shelter is a locally operated, community-based facility designed to address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families in the Memphis metropolitan area. Family Link was established in 1973 and has operated under a Basic Center Grant since 1976. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) accredits Family Link, as a program of Youth Villages. Family Link is the only shelter in the area specifically targeting the needs of teens and adolescents.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Family Link's goal is to provide temporary shelter, food, clothing, counseling, and other services as needed to youth in crisis. Family Link seeks to reunite each child entering the shelter with his/her family when feasible or to assist the adolescent in finding an appropriate, long-term placement and connect with any necessary aftercare services. Family Link works closely with the local law enforcement, the Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Court, the city and county public school systems, and the Tennessee Department of Children Services to address the needs of runaway and homeless youth in an effort to keep them from entering the court system or becoming wards of the state. There exists a great need for shelter and counseling services targeting homeless and runaway youth in the Memphis metropolitan area. Data show that youth living on the streets are at great risk for sexual and physical abuse, contraction of sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy, and drug and alcohol abuse. Memphis youth are particularly at risk for homelessness with an estimated 34.2% of children under 18 years old living below the poverty level as compared with only 17.3% nationally. Family Link provides a safe haven for runaway and homeless youth who would otherwise be forced to survive on the street. Shelter services are provided for up to 15 days and are in place to ensure the physical, mental, and emotional well being of the youth who enter the program. The counseling services provided by the Family Link program are conducted in keeping with the positive youth development model and are intended to improve family functioning and communication, thereby reducing the recurrence of familial conflict and elopement behavior in youth. The 12 principles of the Re-ED Philosophy (re-education of emotionally disturbed youth), developed by Dr. Nicholas Hobbs at Vanderbilt University, guide our program structure and milieu, and the Principles of Multisystemic Therapy (MST) guide our treatment approach.

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Grant Number:	06CY0849
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Youth Home of Victoria, Inc.
Address:	PO Box 436
City/State/Zip Code:	Victoria, TX 77902
Program Director:	John Hamlyn
Telephone Number:	361-578-3686
Amount of Award:	\$106,836
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	14

Organization Description:

Established in 1972 by local individuals with a sincere interest in the welfare of children at risk, CrossRoads Youth and Family Services (CYFS) is a private, nonprofit corporation that serves children from Victoria and all of South Texas. CYFS currently provides emergency shelter and assessment to abused and neglected children, Transitional Living Services for Older Homeless Youth 16-21 years of age, Preparation for Adult Living for youth aging out of foster care, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) Program Services to At-Risk children and families (STAR), Basic Center Shelter for runaway/homeless youth and Universal Child Abuse Prevention services to provide information, classes, support groups and agency collaboration.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

CYFS proposes to continue the Runaway/Homeless Youth (RHY) Basic Center Program established in Victoria, Texas in 2002 with funding assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau. The Basic Center Program is licensed to TDFPS and currently shelters up to eight male and/or female youth through the age 18 who are runaway, homeless or experiencing crisis situations. The program provides 24-hour shelter, crisis intervention, youth and family counseling, recreational and leisure activities, clothing, life skills development and participation in developing each youth's future plans utilizing a positive youth development approach. Referrals are received from individuals, community organizations, law enforcement, businesses and others. Reunification with the youth's family is accomplished within a fifteen-day period and coordination with local resources is arranged for support, such as continuation in school in the area, referral to the family for Food Bank, Social Security, employment, health department or other programs to meet their needs. Follow-up is provided to insure success. Runaway and Homeless Youth have no other organization available in the local or regional area that provides comprehensive community-based shelter services to this target population and youth would have to travel 100 to 150 miles away to Houston, San Antonio or Austin and leave important natural support systems in their local community. In 2004 alone, CYFS received 189 crisis calls from youth and parents. The Basic Center maintained one hundred (100) youth in their homes. Eighty-nine (89) youth were sheltered, and ninety-three percent returning home to family and friends.

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Grant Number: 04CY0784
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.
Address: 1407 Dixon Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code: Cocoa, FL 32922
Program Director: Jan Lokay
Telephone Number: 321-452-0800
Amount of Award: \$124,504
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 15

Organization Description:

Crosswinds 24-hour shelter remains the only facility in Brevard County, Florida providing runaway and homeless young people with the basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter in a safe, supervised environment. In addition to these basic needs, the hundreds of youth that come to the shelter each year, and their families, receives a range of supportive services that are youth-centered and highly individualized. In addition to temporary shelter, Basic Center service objectives include the provision of individual, group, and family counseling and aftercare/referral to all shelter residents, as well as an outreach program to educate youth and families about available services, with a focus on communities and individuals that are underserved.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Crosswinds' shelter will provide these services to an anticipated 400 young people via a 20-bed shelter with all beds available for runaway and homeless youth. An anticipated minimum of 480 community outreach activities annually will be directed at youth, parents, organizations, schools, and the community at large. Program goals include increasing the number of runaway and homeless youth who are reunited safely with their families, decreasing the incidence of future runaway and homeless episodes, and creating opportunities for youth to succeed. This final goal, which mirrors Crosswinds' mission, represents the shelter program's continued focus on helping runaway and homeless youth and those at risk of family separation strengthen skills, develop leadership abilities, and realize their full potential.

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Grant Number:	01CY0157
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Bridge Family Center, Inc.
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City/State/Zip Code:	West Hartford, CT 06107
Program Director:	Margaret Hann
Telephone Number:	860-521-8035
Amount of Award:	\$135,805
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	I
Congressional District Served:	I

Organization Description:

The Bridge Family Center supports the Capital Region Emergency Shelter System (CRESS), a community-based youth development program providing shelter, crisis intervention, and support for homeless and runaway youth. Established in 1978, CRESS has been instrumental in helping thousands of Central Connecticut's most isolated youth find safety, reunite with their families, and make informed, constructive decisions about their future. CRESS is one of only two Basic Center grantees in Connecticut.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The CRESS target population is runaway and homeless youth, male and female, ages 11-18. Annually, CRESS shelters approximately 60 homeless youth; provides crisis intervention, counseling, and support services to 1,200 youth and 250 families; and empowers youth to develop skills in a variety of areas including: self-expression; decision-making; problem-solving; group communication and cooperation; negotiation; taking responsibility; and leadership. Specific annual outcomes (results and benefits) resulting from CRESS services will include: At least 70% of CRESS youth in shelter services will return home for reunification with their family or return to a safe and appropriate alternative living arrangement when they leave the CRESS shelter or

safe home. At least 75% of CRESS youth will demonstrate measurable improvements in a variety of areas including: life skills, self-expression; decision-making, positive risk-taking and problem solving; small group communication and cooperation; negotiation and compromise; taking responsibility and giving trust; leadership and management skills; and self-advocacy techniques. At least 75% of CRESS youth will exhibit a measurable decrease in high-risk behaviors, including substance use, gang involvement, unsafe sexual activity, and other life-threatening activities. At least 65% of CRESS youth and family members will report improved family functioning as a result of CRESS services. Through community partnerships, collaborative programming, and volunteer programming, CRESS will result in stronger networks for homeless and runaway youth; increased community involvement in programming for homeless and runaway youth; and increased public and private investment in the CRESS service model.

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Grant Number: 02CY0178
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Salvation Army
Address: 677 South Salina St.
City/State/Zip Code: Syracuse, NY 13202
Program Director: Thomas Roshau
Telephone Number: 315-479-1353
Amount of Award: \$197,927
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 25

Organization Description:

The Salvation Army operates a runaway and homeless youth program consisting of an 11-bed temporary shelter and a countywide network of Host Homes. Services are founded on the basic principles of youth development, emphasizing the strengths and potential of each young person involved. The BCP is easily accessible with a minimum of pre-admission screening. Services remain totally voluntary and non-coercive, engaging and empowering both youth and family through support, training, skill building and reconciliation.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of The Salvation Army BCP is to address the needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The program will serve 400 youth annually in residential and non-residential settings (home-based). Services also include a 24-hour hotline, outreach, case management, counseling and aftercare.

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Grant Number:	02CY0175
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Town of Huntington
Address:	423 Park Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Huntington, NY 11743
Program Director:	Patsy Hirschhorn
Telephone Number:	631-351-3061
Amount of Award:	\$100,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Inspired by the concerns of community members for the well-being of its youth, the Town of Huntington initiated crisis intervention and counseling services for runaway and homeless youth more than 37 years ago. From 1976 to 2004, the Sanctuary project of Huntington Youth Bureau was a Basic Center, thereby truly comprehensive. Our success in family preservation and reunification is unparalleled, as is that of our guiding youth in their establishment of stable relationships and constructive live decisions. The Basic Center award will allow Sanctuary to fully serve a minimum of 125 youth, implementing at least 4 volunteer host home beds and a broad range of supportive services through the extensive network of linkages in our community.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Sanctuary will provide concrete crisis intervention services including temporary shelter, food, and clothing to immediately serve runaway and homeless youth; work with runaway youth and their families and help them reunite and establish and maintain a stable, safe homes; provide individual, group and family counseling and independent living skills program to enable youth to establish a safe home and productive future; and to provide youth with support, guidance and opportunities to develop their strengths and interests, creating a resourceful individual-essential for their future growth. Sanctuary's holistic youth development approach exactly coincides with the legislative goals of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act: (1) To alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth; (2) To increase the number of runaway and homeless youth who are reunified with their families through counseling or other services; (3) To strengthen family relationships and to encourage stable relationships for youth; (4) To demonstrate that youth have developed a constructive course of action.

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Grant Number:	02CY0184
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Safe Horizon, Inc.
Address:	2 Lafayette St., 3rd Floor
City/State/Zip Code:	New York, NY 10007
Program Director:	David Nish
Telephone Number:	212-563-9665
Amount of Award:	\$100,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

The mission of Safe Horizon is to provide support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities. Founded as Victim Services in 1978, the agency has grown to and now manages over 100 programs at 80 sites throughout the five boroughs. Safe Horizon serves over 350,000 clients annually through hotlines and programs located in community offices, courts, police precincts, shelters, and schools. Safe Horizon established Streetwork in 1984 in response to the growing number of homeless youth in Midtown Manhattan and the lack of services for them. These youth are at exceptionally high risk for contracting HIV and other illnesses, malnutrition, assault and becoming involved in illegal and unhealthy activities.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Streetwork's mission is to offer homeless, runaway and street-involved youth respite from hunger, cold, loneliness, and fear and the opportunity to reclaim a sense of dignity and self-worth. Through a positive youth development approach, Streetwork focuses on building trust and fostering self-esteem to empower youth to change their high-risk behaviors. Streetwork helps these young people through a continuum of care: providing intensive outreach on the streets, and more intensive services at the program's two Drop-In Centers, and a safe, supportive place to sleep at its Overnight Shelter. Streetwork is in a unique position to provide cohesive services through a combination of street outreach and drop-in center services since the program is also a current recipient of ACF Outreach to Homeless and Runaway Youth. Funding from ACF's Basic Center Program will allow Streetwork to provide critical services to homeless youth in New York City and empower them to make healthy choices and move towards greater stability.

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Grant Number:	09CY5131
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Open-Inn, Inc.
Address:	630 E. 9th St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Tucson, AZ 85705
Program Director:	Nancy Panico
Telephone Number:	520-670-9040
Amount of Award:	\$152,805
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

Open-Inn 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, transitional and independent living, and life skills training for Arizona's youth and families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Open-Inn, Inc. Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth supports achievement of the following program goals: (1) To actively seek out non-system youth and provide comprehensive services to address their immediate and on-going needs; (2) To strengthen and expand crisis intervention services for runaway and homeless youth in rural Cochise County; (3) To increase the number of youth who are reunited with their families, strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; (4) To monitor and evaluate programs on an on-going basis to improve services and assess the outcomes of youth and families served, and to contribute to on-going research and evaluation efforts; (5) To improve service delivery while assuring that Open-Inn's services for runaway and homeless youth are provided in accordance with the 14 Program Performance Standards. On an annual basis, the Cochise County Children's Center will provide shelter and counseling to 60 non-system runaway and homeless youth utilizing 5 bed spaces.

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Grant Number: 04CY0781
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Family Resources, Inc.
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City/State/Zip Code: St. Petersburg, FL 33733
Program Director: Pat Gerard
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Amount of Award: \$85,308
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 9

Organization Description:

Family Resources serves Clearwater and northern Pinellas County in the Tampa Bay region of west-central Florida. Family Resources is a non-profit, community-based organization that addresses the immediate needs of runaway, homeless and other in-crisis youth and their families. This program was established in 1985 with funding from a Basic Center Grant from the Department of Health & Human Services. Funding has been received continuously since that time. Family Resources provides outreach services, temporary shelter, food, clothing, counseling, follow-up and related services to runaway, homeless and youth at risk of separation from their families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Program Goals are to: (1) Alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth; (2) Reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; (3) Strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and (4) Help youth decide upon constructive courses of action. Family Resources promotes positive youth development through an asset-based rather than problem-focused model. The Youth Development philosophy is founded on the knowledge that all youth need support, guidance and opportunities to grow and develop. Also incorporated is a family-oriented approach to help families improve communication and functioning while decreasing conflict.

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Grant Number:	02CY0179
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.
Address:	17 West Courtney St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Dunkirk, NY 14048
Program Director:	Douglas Fricke
Telephone Number:	716-366-3333
Amount of Award:	\$150,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	27

Organization Description:

Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI) opened the Safe House of Chautauqua County in March of 1993 to serve as a shelter for runaway and homeless youth. Located in the City of Jamestown, the Safe House is a voluntary, short-term, crisis intervention shelter program for youth under the age of eighteen. It is licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and has a twelve-bed capacity. A volunteer Advisory Board drawn from many sectors of the community provides ongoing advice and guidance. Youth are able to reside at the Safe House for a period of up to fifteen days. The Safe House is open twenty-four hours per day, year round. Services that are provided include: safe shelter, meals, emergency clothing, crisis counseling, individual and family counseling, life skills training, emergency transportation, recreation, health and mental health services, aftercare, and referral services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

A Positive Youth Development model is integrated into the service delivery system. The entire program is designed to provide a sense of personal safety, a structured environment, the opportunity to gain self-worth based on achievement and character, support and guidance from supportive adults, and a sense of belonging. The primary goal of the Safe House is family reunification. In those cases where that is not possible, Safe House staff members work with the youth to identify a safe and stable alternative living situation. An active Street Outreach Program contacts approximately 6700 young people every year with information about the Safe House and other available services. A Transitional Living Program offers two, two-bedroom apartments for older homeless youth. The Safe House works in cooperation with other services providers in the community to provide additional referral services for youth and their families. Measurable objectives leading to the achievement of the goals of the Safe House include: the number of runaway and homeless youth who are reunited with their families will be increased, the number of incidences of runaway and homeless youth will be decreased, the number of youth who are aware of available services will be increased, and the number of youth and their families who successfully complete counseling, education, or life skills training programs will increase.

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Grant Number:	03CY0460
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.
Address:	829 Linden St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Allentown, PA 18101
Program Director:	David Gilgoff
Telephone Number:	610-820-0166
Amount of Award:	\$200,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	15

Organization Description:

Valley Youth House is an existing RHY grantee serving several distinctively different populations in Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania. One shelter, located in the Lehigh Valley, opened in 1973 and has been the recipient of RHY funding since the inception of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act of 1974. The other, the Bucks County Shelter, opened in 2002 and was awarded a 3-year RHY grant that year. Since the inception of services, over 12,000 runaway and homeless youth have received shelter, food, counseling and other support at the Shelters, enabling 90% to be reunited with their families or placed in another safe and stable setting.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Bucks County Shelter meets the needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families by providing a community-based system of care that includes: (1) A 24 hour hotline; (2) Shelter, food, clothing, and medical care (for up to 15 days); (3) Intensive individual, group and family counseling provided on-site by a Masters-level Therapist, as well as wilderness therapy, and behavioral interventions; (4) Daily recreation activities Outreach throughout the Bucks County region; (5) Up to 4 aftercare counseling sessions following shelter discharge and follow-up referrals as needed. As a long-standing RHY grantee, the Valley Youth House model and approach meets or exceeds all RHY monitoring standards (as most recently indicated in a March 2005 RHY monitoring review). Using a positive youth development model, staff helps youth to explore new opportunities and to have successful experiences that will lead to the development of the skills and resources they will need to return to their families, or to live successfully in an alternative environment.

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Grant Number:	04CY0783
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Catholic Charities, Inc.
Address:	530 George St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Jackson, MS 39201
Program Director:	Mary Sims-Johnson
Telephone Number:	601-355-0161
Amount of Award:	\$200,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

Catholic Charities, Inc./Our House Shelter for Runaway and Homeless Youth of Jackson Mississippi provides comprehensive services for runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 12 and 17, both males and females. Our House Shelter also provides temporary shelter for up to fifteen days, food, clothing, individual, group and family counseling, aftercare, service linkage, crisis intervention, recreational, referral, follow-up and outreach services to runaway and homeless youth. Additional services provided include alcohol and drug assessment and prevention services, HIV/AIDS prevention and violence prevention services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The overall goal of Our House Shelter is to address the immediate needs of runaways and to focus on family reunification when possible. The specific Project goals are: (1) To prevent runaway and homelessness; (2) Return youth to more functional family systems; (3) Alleviate the inappropriate detainment of runaways in detention centers; (4) Decrease long-range problems encountered by runaways; and (5) Prevent alcohol and drug use among runaways.

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Grant Number: 04CY0772
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Gwinnett Children's Shelter, Inc.
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City/State/Zip Code: Buford, GA 30515
Program Director: Nancy Friauf
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Amount of Award: \$116,380
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The Gwinnett Children's Shelter is located in Buford, Georgia, a rapidly growing community just northeast of Atlanta, Georgia. Its population has grown from 356,500 in 1990 to over 700,794 in 2005, an increase of 97%. The Gwinnett Children's Shelter is an emergency shelter and counseling facility that has provided shelter and counseling to over 4000 children aged infant through 17 since 1987. In March 1998 we implemented a Safe Place program to address the needs of runaway and homeless youth in our county and in October 1999 received a Basic Center grant to expand this program.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

We are seeking funds to allow us to continue these program services. In our seven years of service provision to runaway and homeless youth we have provided counseling, shelter, aftercare and referral services to 438 youth and adults. An additional 66,484 youth and adults have benefited from community presentations. Services provided to runaway and homeless youth include emergency shelter, food and clothing, individual and group counseling, family counseling, recreational activities, community outings, in-house educational services, advocacy, community service projects, aftercare and referrals. Runaway and homeless youth will be reached through a network of 107 Safe Place sites throughout the county. In addition, youth have access to a 24-hour shelter phone line. Outreach efforts will be achieved through presentations at schools, fairs, PTSA meetings, service organizations, churches and civic groups. The Shelter Teen Board will work with the Safe Place coordinator in the presentation of outreach programs. Shelter services will be provided at our teenage shelter facility. Services will include outreach to runaway and homeless youth, temporary shelter for up to fifteen days including room and board, individual, group and family counseling, and aftercare and referrals. Services will be provided by Gwinnett Children's Shelter staff, who represent over 54 years combined experience at this facility. Results and benefits expected include youth served returning successfully to their family or an appropriate living environment, youth's maintenance of a stable living environment, increased positive family functioning, increased involvement by youth in community activities, increased positive functioning by the youth in the areas of physical health, appreciation of diversity, intellectual ability and self-esteem, and increased awareness in the community of youth needs and program services.

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Grant Number:	02CY0181
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Family & Children's Service of Niagara, Inc.
Address:	826 Chilton Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Niagara Falls, NY 14301
Program Director:	Kim Proch
Telephone Number:	716-285-6984
Amount of Award:	\$130,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	29

Organization Description:

Family & Children's Service of Niagara, Inc. currently operates the only Project Safe Place Program in New York State. This national program brings local businesses and trained community volunteers together to provide a network of "safe places" for youth to go to. Safe Place provides immediate access to safety and has enhanced the ability of Casey House to provide outreach and crisis intervention services in Niagara County. This type of community collaboration not only assists in the education of young persons but also fosters in strengthening the relationship between young people and adult role models. With continued Basic Center funding, Casey House will provide services as Niagara County's only temporary, emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth; services that are essential in providing support and guidance to our youth population.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Casey House will continue to provide safe, temporary emergency shelter to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth ages 12 through 17, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. In addition to emergency shelter, Casey House staff will provide crisis intervention, short-term counseling, advocacy, case management, outreach and after care services for up to 125 youth and their families. Casey House will also provide non-residential crisis intervention, outreach and advocacy services to an additional 450 youth and families each year.

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Grant Number:	06CY0851
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Bridge Youth & Family Services
Address:	115 West Broadway St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Fort Worth, TX 76104
Program Director:	Kyle Bryan
Telephone Number:	817-335-4673
Amount of Award:	\$191,428
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	12

Organization Description:

The Bridge has been serving at-risk youth and their families for more than 37 years. The Bridge has received RHY funding for 25 years and has managed five different RHY grants: Basic Center, Transitional Living Program, Street Outreach, DAPP, and a Rural Demonstration Program. Currently, The Bridge manages Basic Center, Host Homes, and Street Outreach Grants. The Bridge enjoys established and positive relationships with DFPS, Child Protective Services, Juvenile Probation Department, Fort Worth and Arlington and rural Independent School Districts, schools and Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCG) in all the counties we serve, and many other service providers throughout north central Texas including United Way, Catholic Charities, Lena Pope Home, and the Mental Health Connection. The Bridge offers an array of services for youth and their families that include an emergency youth shelter (16 beds), host-homes, 24/7 crisis hotline, weekend retreats for single parents and their children, counseling/education to at-risk youth, parenting classes, mentoring, and street outreach.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of the Bridge Basic Center Program is to provide an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. The services provide safe temporary shelter for up to 15 days, including basic needs, medical screening and care, individual and family counseling, education, and recreation, skills building activities, prevention activities, and outreach, aftercare and referral resources. The Bridge is committed to strength-based approaches which partners with families to build on strengths, create solutions, and discover hope for their future. The Bridge program incorporates positive youth development recognizing that all youth need support, guidance, and opportunities during adolescence. Program activities provide opportunities for youth to experience: (1) a sense of competence; being able to do something well; (2) a sense of usefulness; having something to contribute; (3) a sense of belonging; being part of a community and having relationships with caring adults; (4) a sense of power; having some control over one's future by engaging youth as active partners. The best way to prevent youth from engaging in risky behavior is to help them achieve their full potential. The program goals will be accomplished through the following objectives: (1) Provide basic medical needs of youth in the program, (2) Youth in the program will be provided with their basic needs, room and board, (3) Youth in the program will be provided with a safe environment that includes individual, family and group counseling, crisis intervention, and support the development of knowledge and skills to resolve family conflict, as well as academic and prevention education, (4) Youth in the program will be transitioned to another safe environment.

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Grant Number:	10CY0147
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	J Bar J Youth Services
Address:	62895 Hamby Rd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Bend, OR 97701
Program Director:	Stephanie Alvstad
Telephone Number:	541-389-1409
Amount of Award:	\$125,090
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

We began services to runaway and homeless youth (RHY) in Deschutes County in 1989 and have provided a comprehensive Basic Center Program (BCP) for 12 years. We have also added a Street Outreach Program (SOP) in January of 2002, and a Transitional Living Program (TLP) in July of 2003. The community has come forward to purchase facility to locate all RHY services in one building (with one extra satellite). While separate from this funding proposal, the continuum of programs located together (BCP, SOP, TLP), provides additional integrative resources to the BCP youth. RHY services are very limited or nonexistent in most rural communities in our isolated vast high desert region. The closest similar service is 154 miles away. We are currently the only RHY service provider in Central Oregon and Eastern Oregon (primarily a 5 county area).

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

We will continue to provide emergency shelter and counseling, reunite youth with their families, strengthen family relationships, encourage stable living conditions for youth, and support youth in choosing constructive courses of action, toward education and employment. Our BCP provides a 24/7 crisis hot line and staffing for 24/7 emergency shelter and crisis intervention, comprehensive assessments, resource navigation, family mediation and resolution, case management (aftercare) and counseling services, and aftercare. Shelter is provided through 15 certified host homes in 5 communities. Our community outreach and positive youth development involves youth Board participation, youth advisories, mentoring, and strong connections with collaborating agencies and groups. Program process involves both youth and families in the decision-making. We provide tools and skills for successful family reunification, create stable living environments for youth, and promote educational and vocational opportunities. We believe that long-term positive results depend upon the empowerment of youth and their families and support of positive developmental assets.

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Grant Number: 06CY0846
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Central Texas Youth Services Bureau, Inc.
Address: 601 Parmer Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Killeen, TX 76451
Program Director: Gerald Wallace
Telephone Number: 254-939-3466
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 31

Organization Description:

Central Texas Youth Services Bureau, Inc. (CTYSB) provides the following major components through the continuation of our Basic Center Grant in these Central Texas Counties: Bell, McLennan, Lampasas, Coryell, Milam, Falls, Limestone and Freestone. CTYSB has been serving runaway and homeless youth (RHY) for over 35 years. At present, we have provided services to RHY youth from almost every state in the Union, and from 10 other countries.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goals of CTYSB are to alleviate the problems of runaway and homeless youth by providing Basic Center Emergency Shelter care through Project Option House. Services include a 24-hour shelter, food, clothing, counseling, medical and dental screenings, recreational activities, public education, information and referral, follow-up, and after-care. In order to reach these youth and make them aware of the services available to them, outreach services are also provided by CTYSB. We project 75 RHY youth will receive emergency shelter services for FY2005. In addition, our Safe Place project will be continued and strengthened throughout Central Texas with a goal of 400 Safe Place sites open and at least 50 RHY youth will access services as a result. Reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution in family problems through the project's continuation of the individual intake process and provision of crisis prevention/intervention services. We will continue to enter all required information into the Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS-LITE). An outreach counselor is assigned to each youth receiving outreach services. Counseling services include anger management, parenting skills training, and training in coping skills for youth and family members necessary for problem resolution. We project that over 2,500 counseling hours will be provided to RHY youth and their families in FY2005. Another goal is to strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth through service continuity provided to every youth and family following termination of Basic Center Emergency Shelter care through aftercare services. Aftercare services include individual/group/family counseling, anger management, parenting-skills education, independent life skills training, case management, 90-day follow up, information and direct referrals to other agencies for services not provided by our agency. During FY2005 we anticipate that over 500 RHY youth and their families will receive these outreach services and 250 will be provided information and referrals services. Also help youth decide upon constructive courses of action through a competency-based positive youth development approach. The number of youth who will learn to make and implement positive constructive decisions will be increased, which will divert youth from the juvenile justice system and reduce truancy, runaway behavior, and juvenile delinquency. This will be accomplished by helping youth learn consequences for actions, responsibility, and decision-making skills in a positive competency-based approach. Approximately 50 RHY youth will choose to enter our federally funded Transitional Living Program during FY2005.

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Grant Number:	02CY0176
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc.
Address:	207 N. James St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Rome, NY 13440
Program Director:	Amy Turner
Telephone Number:	315-339-5640
Amount of Award:	\$137,500
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	23

Organization Description:

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc., (MVCAA) has the experience of providing services to runaway, homeless, disenfranchised and at-risk youth for the past 21 years. This history has established a solid foundation and credible reputation within Oneida and surrounding counties as that of being the foremost provider of comprehensive RHY services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

As continued need exists, this project seeks to follow through with providing a 24-hour crisis intervention program to youth through 18 years old. This will incorporate the use of Volunteer Interim Host Families who can provide residential services to youth for up to 15 days. Individual, group, family counseling and education will occur along with referrals to community resources and aftercare. Temporary shelter, food, clothing, access to health care and recreational activities all will be provided free of charge. Counseling and family mediations are the main vehicle used in reuniting youth and strengthening families. Referrals to alternate living arrangements will be employed as needed.

All of the above concrete services and advocacy for youth serve to fulfill the goal of keeping youth safe, off the streets and at home with their families whenever possible.

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Grant Number:	06CY0845
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc.
Address:	PO Box 311268
City/State/Zip Code:	New Braunfels, TX 78131
Program Director:	Kellie Stallings
Telephone Number:	830-629-6571
Amount of Award:	\$127,563
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/30/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	21

Organization Description:

Connections is a 501c3 community-based, non-profit organization that requests support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of implementing a Basic Center Program to serve runaway and homeless youth without resources residing in a 7-county rural area in Texas. Although the facility operates in San Patricio County, outreach services will be provided in San Patricio, Aransas, Bee, Refugio, Goliad, Live Oak and McMullen counties and runaway and homeless youth will be accepted regardless of the location of their last residence. The agency has successfully provided these services in the target area for the last six years and has been a Basic Center provider in other parts of Texas for the last 20 years.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The ultimate purpose of the agency's Basic Center Program is to empower youth provide the opportunity and support needed so they can successfully return home and reunify with their family whenever possible and so each youth can develop the skills and self-assurance necessary to lead a happy, healthy, and successful life. The funds will ensure that the program continues to provide Basic Center services to a minimum of 225 youth who are runaways, homeless, or at risk of separation from their families per year, information and referral services to 900 youth or families, and substance abuse or outreach presentations to another 1,600 people. This equates to less than the \$38 per day at an average stay of 15 service days for each youth served through the Basic Center Program.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	04CY0779
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Sea Haven, Inc.
Address:	PO Box 600
City/State/Zip Code:	North Myrtle Beach, SC 29597
Program Director:	Barbara Martin
Telephone Number:	843-399-3125
Amount of Award:	\$171,996
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Sea Haven Inc. will implement a Basic Center Program in order to provide a system of care for young runaways and/or homeless youth outside the traditional child welfare, mental health, law enforcement, or juvenile justices systems. In order to meet this goal, Sea Haven will establish an array of services reaching out to runaway/homeless youth in Horry County, South Carolina. Central to the delivery of services for these youth is the provision of shelter services where participating youth through age 18 can stay in residence for up to 15 days. The shelter not only provides basic residential care with three meals/day, a structured and empathetic environment, but will make every attempt to reduce the traumatic impact of being away from family and friends.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

To maintain a continuity of typical youth activities, youth may be enrolled in the local school, will have opportunities for recreational activities in-home and in the community, and will have interactive discussions with other youth in the same age range. The ultimate aim is to reduce the immediate drama and attempt to return the youth to his/her normal routine as quickly and comfortably as possible. In addition to providing these services for the runaway/homeless youth on site, Sea Haven will reach out into the community to provide information and assistance to families and youth who may be at risk of disintegration, either throwaways by parents or runaways by the youth. Shelter and/or intervention services will be made available where crises are imminent. Sea Haven will foster positive youth development through the organization of a community Youth Volunteer Corps. This program will involve local youth from the high schools and local university in active community service. The intent of this program is to empower young adults to plan, deliver, and assist community progress...and to foster a positive image for youth in their own neighborhood. Youth engaged in positive activities set the tone for a community. Youth volunteers can serve on youth advisory boards, tutor children in after-school programs, and assist service agencies to broaden their base of operations. Sea Haven currently operates a Street Outreach program and a Transitional Living Program under the auspices of RHY grants as well as having maintained a Basic Center Program for the past nine years. This combination of programmatic services offers many opportunities for runaway, homeless, street, and at-risk youth to access the program that best meets their present needs. Participants and staff can intermingle and move between programs as service needs dictate.

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Grant Number:	10CY0148
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Auburn Youth Resources
Address:	819 F. St., SE
City/State/Zip Code:	Auburn, WA 98002
Program Director:	Terri Rodman-Rockwell
Telephone Number:	253-804-8428
Amount of Award:	\$129,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	9

Organization Description:

Auburn Youth Resources (AYR) is a private, non-profit child and family services agency serving South King County for the past 32 years. Our mission is to assist families and youth by providing counseling, prevention, and support services with the goal of helping them to become healthy, loving, and self-directed individuals. AYR operates three major community-based programs providing counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and residential services and street outreach. Since our inception in 1973, AYR has been responsive to the needs of South King County's youth and families. This was evident in 1985 when AYR opened our Basic Center Program as a response to the murders of local area young people by the Green River Killer. Although this terrible tragedy is behind us, there is still a vital need for services to help the many homeless and runaway youth that inhabit South King County. AYR is the only South King County service provider that offers outreach and emergency shelter services in the vast South County Region.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Our goal in providing a Basic Center Program is to reduce the level of runaway and homeless youth (RHY) in the South County Region. This comprehensive program is designed to provide a continuum of care to prevent runaways, locate runaway and homeless youth, shelter homeless youth, and provide intensive case management services to allocate needed resources. Our shelter-based Marriage and Family Therapist provides individual, group and when appropriate, family counseling services. In addition, she frequently provides aftercare services to support a youth's transition from the shelter. AYR Chemical Dependency Professionals provide substance abuse educational groups. Screenings and individual and group chemical dependency treatment services are also available.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	04CY0770
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Mississippi Children's Home Society
Address:	PO Box 1078, 1900 N. West St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Jackson, MS 39215
Program Director:	Christopher Cherney
Telephone Number:	601-352-7784
Amount of Award:	\$150,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

Mississippi Children's Center (SMCC) that is located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Hattiesburg is a city within Forrest County. The proposed project would serve youth and families in Forrest County and surrounding counties in south Mississippi. SMCC is the only Basic Center Program in the area served. South Mississippi Children's Center has operated a basic center with funding from the Administration for Children and Families for almost twelve years. SMCC is a locally controlled, community-based center designed to address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. The Mississippi Department of Human Services licenses the center for 12 youth, ages 9-18, male and female.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

SMCC will serve at least 35 runaway and homeless youth and their families annually with basic center services. These youth will be provided temporary shelter for up to fifteen days including room and board, individual, group and family counseling, and aftercare and referrals. While at the Center, all youth are exposed to an atmosphere of respect and partnership with appropriate social skills and problem-solving skills modeled daily by the staff and volunteers. In addition, at least 15 youth and their families will be served annually that do not require shelter. These youth and their families will be offered counseling and case management. At least 3,000 youth will be reached annually with outreach services through school presentations. At least 15 presentations will be given annually to community groups to maximize awareness, prevention, and referrals. Mississippi continues to rank among the lowest/worst in the nation on measures of children in poverty, the number of births to unmarried teens, the number of single parent families, teenage homicide and suicide, and high school dropouts. SMCC's outreach projects, including Project Safe Place, that prevent runaway situations and identify youth on the streets will continue to be a major component of SMCC's Basic Center Program.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 04CY0780
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.
Address: 615 Shipyard Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code: Wilmington, NC 28412
Program Director: Margaret Stargell
Telephone Number: 910-790-0187
Amount of Award: \$200,000
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 7

Organization Description:

Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. enjoys a thirty-five year history of services to the community to promote choices for healthier lives and safer communities by providing assistance to those in need of prevention, crisis intervention, criminal justice alternatives, community outreach, and substance abuse treatment services. Crisis Line/Open House Emergency Youth Shelter will provide a 24-hour crisis hotline and licensed, nine bed, co-ed, shelter for runaway, homeless and other displaced youth, ages eight to seventeen. Crisis Line/Open House Emergency Youth Shelter will provide a minimum of 1,500 days of shelter for a minimum of 150 youth, with a minimum of 75 RHY-specific youth provided a minimum of 750 days of safe shelter. Referral and intake for emergency shelter is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Referrals are made by: youth self referral, Department of Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement, mental/ physical health professionals, schools, parents, and relatives, other youth-serving agencies.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Services offered include: basic shelter, support services, court advocacy/accompaniment, vocational & educational programming, health/wellness and cultural recreations, individual/group/family counseling, transportation, substance abuse prevention, assessment and treatment, rape crisis services and comprehensive community information & referral coordination. The Shelter Clinical Supervisor is provides the individual and family clinical aftercare program, including plans for intensive, in-home family therapy (family preservation model) for youth and their families for a period of three months after discharge to assist with transitions back into daily life and the challenges this presents. Outreach and follow-up aftercare contacts are provided for all former shelter youth, quarterly, in order to check progress, offer additional services/support to thwart future needs for placement.

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Grant Number:	04CY0773
Target Population:	Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Child and Family Tennessee
Address:	901 East Summit Hill Dr.
City/State/Zip Code:	Knoxville, TN 37915
Program Director:	Kathryn O'Day
Telephone Number:	865-524-7483
Amount of Award:	\$138,000
Program Name:	Basic Centers
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

The Runaway Shelter Program of Child and Family Tennessee has been in continuous operation since 1978 and has served over 9,000 youth and their families in Knoxville/Knox county and the surrounding 16 counties of East Tennessee. The agency also has operated a FYSB supported Street Outreach Program since 1997. The mission of the Runaway Shelter is to provide for the safety and welfare of runaway, homeless and at risk youth and their families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The program objectives include: (1) Providing a system of care for runaway, homeless, and at risk youth outside the child welfare, mental health, law enforcement, or juvenile justice systems; (2) Providing outreach and prevention services for runaway, homeless and at risk youth; (3) Providing safe and accessible shelter while providing individual, group and family counseling for youth and their families to assist in resolving their issues and problems; (4) Building on the strengths of the youth, supporting the growth and development of each youth; (5) Fostering positive family relationships while working toward reunification; (6) Increasing community awareness of and support for vulnerable youth toward the end of developing a system of care for these youth and their families; and (7) Ensure that the youth and their family receive necessary aftercare.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 04CY0785
Target Population: Runaway and homeless youth – no more than 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Youth Focus, Inc.
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City/State/Zip Code: Greensboro, NC 27401
Program Director: Chuck Hodieme
Telephone Number: 336-274-5909
Amount of Award: \$200,000
Program Name: Basic Centers
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 6

Organization Description:

Youth Focus, Inc., a non-profit agency located in Greensboro, (Guilford County) North Carolina, proposes to continue providing shelter services at Act Together Crisis Care. The shelter, now in its 24th year of operation, has provided shelter services to over 4,700 youth. Data from national, state and local sources regarding the issues of runaway and homeless youth clearly document a need for services to this vulnerable population. One of the cornerstones of the Act Together Crisis Care service philosophy is the recognition that a young person's current crisis oftentimes is merely a symptom of the challenges they encounter as they grow or transition through their family and community systems. This youth development perspective emphasizes the need for addressing the child, the family and community system all together if there is to be a meaningful positive resolution. The shelter provides services with the understanding that a youth's chances to develop self-assurance and create a healthy and successful life are dramatically improved when provided with support, guidance, and opportunities for personal growth.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This program continues to utilize community volunteers and local businesses to serve as a portal of entry into the shelter for youth in crisis situations. The shelter, which is licensed to serve 12 youth, provides a system of care for males and females up to age 18, which is in keeping with North Carolina state licensing guidelines regarding age of clients served. Based upon utilization trends over the past three years, it is anticipated that during the first year of the upcoming grant cycle the program will process in excess of 650 referrals, 300 of which will be admitted to the shelter. In October 1998, Act Together Crisis Care moved into a larger facility which not only allowed for a 33 percent increase in the beds that were available to these youth but also a dramatic improvement in the facility space available for shelter activities. On-site counseling services have been available to shelter residents throughout the history of Act Together Crisis Care. The shelter will continue to use on-site counselors with advanced degrees to provide individual, family, and group counseling services. Shelter staff in directly accessing any of Youth Focus' services will assist all youth referred to or served at the shelter or other community services as needed for aftercare. Youth Focus services include outpatient and in-home counseling, family preservation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, long-term group homes, a transitional living program, psychological testing, outpatient psychiatric evaluation and treatment, alternative school/day treatment, therapeutic foster care, and a psychiatric residential treatment.

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Community-Based Abstinence Education

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Grant Number:	90AE0133
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Haven Center, Inc.
Address:	735 Walker
City/State/Zip Code:	Kansas City, KS 66101
Program Director:	Patricia Tramble
Telephone Number:	913-621-2791
Amount of Award:	\$652,468
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

The Haven Center has provided abstinence education to community youth since its conception. The Center focuses on providing prevention and intervention activities for underprivileged youth in the Wyandotte County area who display risk behaviors. The purpose of the Ignite L.A.P.S. (Leadership and Abstinence for Positive lifeStyles) program is to educate and motivate youth to abstain from sexual activity until marriage. This is a support base project that educates and encourages youth in their decision to abstain from sex before marriage and also abstinence from drugs and alcohol. Our purpose is to provide youth with healthy social connections until the adolescents achieve self-sufficiency through the help of parents, collaborative partners, and local support groups.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of IGNITE L.A.P.S. is to ignite families and community partners to help support and reinforce the abstinence message through education, mentoring programs, training, and healthy relationships in preparation for marriage. The objective is to reduce sexually transmitted disease, sexual activity, and out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents. The program has four distinct laps (education, enhancement, equipment, and empowerment) that youth must complete to enter the marathon club. The goal of the marathon club is to provide activities for youth that continually enhance their self-sufficiency, self-esteem and self-worth. The program addresses the needs of adolescents, ages 12-18 and their associative relationships (e.g., parents, siblings, teachers, faith based youth leaders, and additional relationships in the community). This is done through community based educational programs that promote the A-H abstinence based training that will equip youth to deal with internal and external pressures resulting in risk behaviors. The program will be implemented and evaluated in six (6) low income and public housing units, two (2) middle schools, two (2) high schools, and three (3) faith-based organizations in the urban and suburban communities of Kansas City, Kansas (Wyandotte County), the juvenile detention center, and two social agencies. The Program will ignite four components (education, equipment, enhancement, and empowerment) that will meet the eight A-H elements of section 510 of the Social Security Act.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90AE0095
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Socorro General Hospital
Address: 1202 Highway 60 West
City/State/Zip Code: Socorro, NM 87801
Program Director: Hoyt Skabelund
Telephone Number: 505-835-8709
Amount of Award: \$799,833
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

AbstiContinue the Abstinence Until Marriage (ATM) program for the 12-18 age group in Socorro County and other ATM advocacy activities, by the highly successful experienced Socorro General Hospital - Abstinence Education Program (SGH-AEP).

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The state of New Mexico is 3rd highest in the nation for teen pregnancy and poverty, with one out of two babies being born to a single mother. It is well known that this combination perpetuates the cycle of poverty so limiting to the futures of our young people and devastating to our economy. In the long term, this proposal will result in achieving the three key objectives of the FYSB - CBAE funding described on page 1 of the RFP. The four specific strategies to be used are: Providing school based abstinence education programs for all county students 12-18 augmenting the County's continuum of character based programs starting in the 2nd grade. The only effective strategy to turn the tide of teen risk taking behavior, out-of-wedlock births, and life limiting poverty, is by providing a consistent message of abstinence in all grades. Providing community based education and family strengthening events to connect parents with their children and their schools, to promote public awareness of the benefits of Abstinence Until Marriage (ATM) and the consequences of adolescent sexual activity. Implementing an initiative to replicate the Socorro County Faith Community Abstinence Education Task Force in at least six other New Mexico Counties with high teen pregnancy rates and low or no abstinence education programs (and eventually state wide). Establishing a Youth Abstinence Coalition to promote support for youth committed to the ATM message, educate, promote peer mentoring, networking opportunities, service learning, community volunteerism, and the producing of a youth driven Media Campaign.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90AE0129
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast
Address:	PO Box 1166, 346 Beach Road
City/State/Zip Code:	Biloxi, MS 39533
Program Director:	Sue Reed
Telephone Number:	228-374-2330
Amount of Award:	\$582,520
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

The program SMART CHOICES, SMART COMMUNITIES designed to change behaviors in teens 12-18, uses components of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's SMART programs, the Passport to Manhood program, the Sex Can Wait curricula, and will include the Choosing the Best program because it closely aligns its curricula to the A-H conditions of Title V and provides strong abstinence-only modules for specific age groups, parents, and communities.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Mississippi is among the highest in the nation in teen sexual activity, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases. Community-Based Abstinence Education grant from the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast (BGCGC), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, proposes to implement an abstinence program that will focus on the reduction of the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity; reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents within a two county area of Harrison and Hancock, Mississippi. These counties are comprised of several coastal communities ranging from 5,000 to 70,000 in population with a rural rather than urban environment attitude and a diverse population in both race and income. BGCGC is completing the fifth and final year of abstinence program funding through the Mississippi Department of Health (MDH) for youth ages 10-19 who attend BGCGC. Through MDH funding, BGCGC learned the strategies needed to succeed, including the need for a wider scope of abstinence-only program services with well-trained dedicated staff, parental involvement, community outreach, stronger collaborative partners, and a more comprehensive outcome data collection system that can only be achieved through a well-funded program through FYSB.

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Grant Number:	90AE0125
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Hendry County Health Department
Address:	1140 Pratt Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code:	LaBelle, FL 33935
Program Director:	Winifred Holland
Telephone Number:	863-674-4056
Amount of Award:	\$393,067
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	16

Organization Description:

The program "I'm N Charge" (INC) will include all 1,987 high school students in the county. The high school students will be provided the abstinence message with annual school abstinence presentations including the abstinence pledge. All 9th and 11th graders will receive an eight-week abstinence only education curriculum adhering to the federal guidelines on abstinence.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

At risk and minority youth in grades 9-12 will be eligible to participate in the after-school component which includes tutoring, abstinence education, and job/career skills three afternoons at each high school. The after-school component will include teen mentoring to expand the message of abstinence using the skills of the youth, provide role models for younger youth and encourage other high school youth to adopt the abstinence message. The parental component will give parents assistance in talking with their teens about abstinence. Hispanic parents are especially important in their youth's lives and sessions will be provided in Spanish. The Health Department, Hendry County School System and parents have partnered in the development of this project and will work together in the coordination of these activities. The support of the entire community, both public and private, is necessary to impact the issue of teen pregnancy. The program will collect data on the number of participants in each class, number of classes attended, pre and post-test results to reflect the performance measurements required for the grant. The number of youth who sign the abstinence pledge will be tracked. The after-school component will monitor participation, grade point average results and disciplinary referrals. Florida Gulf Coast University will assist in the overall evaluation of the program.

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Grant Number:	90AE0091
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Clarkston School District J250-185
Address:	1294 Chestnut St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Clarkston, WA 99403
Program Director:	Jan Goodheart
Telephone Number:	509-758-2531
Amount of Award:	\$753,614
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

The Clarkston School District submits this request to fund the Rural Community Abstinence Program [RCAP]. The long-term outcomes of the Rural Community Abstinence Program include: decreasing the number of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, the rate of unmarried teen pregnancies, and the rate of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman Counties in Washington and Nez Perce, Latah, Lewis, Idaho, and Clearwater Counties in Idaho are small, poor, geographically isolated communities faced with high incidences of adolescent involvement in premarital sexual activity, high rates of premarital adolescent pregnancies, and increasingly high incidences of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents. The Rural Community Abstinence Program [RCAP] is designed to overcome the barriers of generational poverty, limited resources for adolescents, and geographic isolation in the promotion of abstinence until marriage. The goals of this project are (1) building community capacity for sustaining a sexual abstinence education program, (2) increasing the number of teens ages 12-18 who commit to healthy life choices, including abstinence until marriage, and (3) increasing community capacity for building and leveraging development rural assets for decreasing teens' involvement in risky behaviors. RCAP is the result of collaborations among students, parents, school districts, the Regional Abstinence Coalition, Community Organizations Responding Effectively, health districts, faith-based groups, youth organizations, and other community leaders within the eight counties. The Clarkston School District is the lead agency for RCAP.

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Grant Number:	90AE0097
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Program Reach, Inc.
Address:	124 East 38th St.
City/State/Zip Code:	New York, NY 10016
Program Director:	John Margand
Telephone Number:	212-684-9257
Amount of Award:	\$795,449
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	14

Organization Description:

Program REACH'S Healthy Respect Youth Development Program (HRYDP) is uniquely positioned to help at-risk youth with its abstinence-only curriculum that teaches healthy relationships, self-respect and academic goals. The key to Healthy Respect's professionally proven success is that we recruit, train and evaluate our own teachers, who work in the classrooms in male-female, ethnically diverse teams. We do not rely on others to teach our life-saving message to high risk, culturally diverse, economically deprived, inner-city youth.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Over the next three years Program REACH will expand HRYDP into five high-needs schools and communities in the Bronx and Yonkers. These areas have received few public funds for abstinence education, yet they have high rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Program REACH will capitalize on the opportunity to provide abstinence-only education to 3,500 high needs youth and their families at IS 174 Eugene T. Maleska Middle School in the Bronx, and to expand its service in Yonkers, from its current programs at Commerce Middle School and Gorton High School to include Emerson Middle School and Roosevelt High School. HRYDP is based on "best practices" and embraces all eight elements of the section 510 definition of abstinence education. The program will use three components to achieve its goals: School-based Abstinence-Only Until Marriage Education, 60+ hours for 3,500 students ages 12-18 over three years taught by ethnically diverse teams of young adult male/female instructors; after school programs that provide students in three middle schools with an additional 40 hours of abstinence education and 40 hours of dance or drama training; Peer Educators Scholarship Program in which Peer Educators will receive 40 hours of training to present 106 hours of abstinence activities to other students; a Media Program that allows the Peer Educators to produce, edit and air on cable channels the Say What? Student Interviews show that promotes abstinence; Education and Careers Enhancement activities providing aptitude and career testing to encourage high school graduation and pursuit of higher education. Parent and Community Involvement to help parents and community leaders take ownership of the program by attending a ChangeMakers Seminar, joining Community Advisory Groups, serving as Parents as Teachers volunteers, recruiting parents for Got Teens? Get Help! Parent Workshops, Parent/Teen Family Events and writing the biannual

Parent Respect Newsletter.

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Grant Number:	90AE0123
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Centers for Youth and Families
Address:	5905 Forest Place, Suite 200
City/State/Zip Code:	Little Rock, AR 72207
Program Director:	Pam Plummer
Telephone Number:	501-666-9436
Amount of Award:	\$279,029
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Our program will specifically target relatives of parenting teenagers, ages 12-14, in central Arkansas. We expect 90% of those we serve to be African-American.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The program will be housed in Centers for Youth and Families Prevention Services/Parent Center and will use Choosing the Best curriculum, which incorporates the eight tenets of abstinence education. We will recruit 75 relatives of pregnant or parenting teens to attend an 8-week session of Choosing the Best in year 1, year 2 and year 3. We will also implement a parent component that includes incentive activities as well as education on improving communication on difficult topics. We will use the Search Institute's Asset Building as an evaluation tool to ensure program participants have the opportunity to build a foundation for future success. We will incorporate education with community service and recreation and activities as well as year-long case management services with home and school visits and crisis intervention. Our program will be designed to reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents and the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

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Grant Number:	90AE0110
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Several Sources Foundation, Inc.
Address:	PO Box 157, 300 Airmount Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Ramsey, NJ 07446
Program Director:	Kathleen DiFiore
Telephone Number:	201-818-9033
Amount of Award:	\$800,000
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

In 2002, Several Sources Foundation launched a unique model program through Special Projects of Regional and National Significance implementation funding that uses an innovative means of teaching the abstinence only message - showing youth the consequences that can arise from their decisions. The Choice Game is a technologically advanced, culturally relevant, live action secular game with an effective abstinence only curriculum designed for use in public schools and other secular environments throughout the country

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The game uses a computer-based DVD that provides more than 100 decision junctions on topics that include premarital sex, peer pressure, STDs, and drugs and alcohol, among other topics. Stephen Baldwin (star in Usual Suspects) is the current narrator. The future segments will have Joe Mantegna (star in Joan of Arcadia), and Chris Burke (Corky on Life Goes On and is the National Downs Syndrome Spokesman), Malcolm Jamal-Warner (star in The Cosby Show and Listen Up), Dave Duerson (Super Bowl Champion - Chicago Bears), singer Gloria Estefan, and Wilmer Valderrama (star in That 70's Show). The narrators introduce each segment. After a scene is played that depicts a real life decision relating to premarital sex that many youth encounter, the "pro" and "con," or conscience, takes over. The "con" actors make the worst choices look enticing and "pro" actors suggest the harsh realities of making the wrong decisions. The curriculum is based on the annual provision of a nine-week curriculum from 7th to 12th grades for Newark (New Jersey) Public School District students, in 8th and 9th grades for Newark Catholic Community Services schools, and an after school program for 7th to 12th grade students at the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota at schools, community centers, and Boys and Girls Clubs. This curriculum is supported by a Student Journal, Parent Workbook, "Say What??" booster classes that review previous topics, and a bi-weekly television show reaching 60,000 households. The project will provide direct services to 8,600 youth in year one and 13,200 youth in years two and three. The Urban and Mid-West versions of the game are completed and being successfully used in 16 states. The Urban version uses primarily African American and Hispanic actors and the Mid-West version uses primarily Caucasian actors. The scripts for both versions have been evaluated and edited for cultural relevance through focus groups with the target populations. This methodology was found to be extremely important and even further differentiation was indicated.

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Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Northern Hill Pregnancy Care Center
Address:	1232 St. Joe
City/State/Zip Code:	Spearfish, SD 57783
Program Director:	Alisha Vincent
Telephone Number:	605-641-6753
Amount of Award:	\$317,231
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	8
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Currently there are no abstinence-only, educational programs being offered to adolescents in most of CentralA-Vestern South Dakota and Eastern Wyoming rural communities or Native American reservations. With financial assistance through a CBAE grant, Stop and Think will have the capabilities to hire additional personnel, increase hours of current staff, and purchases supplies and materials needed to better equip ourselves for program expansion in South Dakota and Wyoming. With funding, we will have the resources needed to reach the following goals outlined below and illustrated in our logic model.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Goals are: to increase the number of presentations Stop and Think provides each year in South Dakota and Wyoming. Accomplished by: Contacting, scheduling and delivering Stop and Think presentations to 20 existing and 42 new schools. Increase the average duration of each presentation from two to three class sessions. Accomplished by: Implementing a three-day presentation to increase the impact of intervention. Implement adult facilitated community activities, outside of the classroom, that will offer support and encouragement to students making the choice to wait for marriage to be sexually active. Accomplished by: Offering other events such as after-school support groups and purity balls. Through Stop and Think's upbeat and positive approach, we are confident that we will be successful in reducing teen pregnancy, STD and abortion rates by helping youth to "Stop and Think" before they act, and be able to offer support and encouragement to teens making the decision to practice abstinence until marriage.

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Grant Number:	90AE0106
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Tree of Life Preventative Health Maintenance, Inc.
Address:	7410 Steep Hill Rd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Fort Smith, AR 72916
Program Director:	Cindy Crawford
Telephone Number:	479-883-1667
Amount of Award:	\$726,164
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

Tree of Life employs Reality Check - a multi-faceted approach to community-based abstinence education - to reach the target audience of 12 to 18 year old adolescents in public schools and high-risk venues with the abstinence-only message. Likewise, we seek to reach parents and other adult community stakeholders to educate them on the physical and emotional dangers of premarital adolescent sexual activity (especially pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases) and the need for dialogue regarding these issues. In pursuing our goals and objectives, Tree of Life also addresses the goals of the FYSB and the stated objectives of Community Based Abstinence Education. Reality Check is in its sixth year as one of the premier community-based abstinence-only programs in the state, demonstrating a continual healthy and productive growth. Fort Smith is located in Sebastian County, on Arkansas' western border with Oklahoma. With a population of over 82,000 according to the 2000 census, it is the second largest city in the state.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Fort Smith and Sebastian County are growing rapidly both numerically and demographically, experiencing the physical, economic, social and cultural changes that accompany such growth. From 1997 to 2001, twenty-two (22) infants were born to mothers living in Sebastian County who were ages 10 to 14. During this same period, 484 infants were born to mothers aged 15 to 17, and 944 infants were born to mothers ages 18 to 19. Interestingly, more than 75 percent of these infants were born to mothers living in just three zip codes in the county: 72901, 72903, and 72904 - all in Fort Smith. In 2004 for Sebastian County adolescents ages nineteen and under there were 244 cases of Chlamydia, 83 cases of gonorrhea, 11 new incidence of HIV, and 9 new AIDS cases. The goal is to reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse, thereby reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies and sexually transmitted disease among adolescents. By the end of year one of the Tree of Life Program: 80% of youth completing the program will indicate an understanding that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease; 76% of youth completing the program will indicate an understanding of the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by abstaining from premarital sexual activity.

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Grant Number:	90AE0101
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center
Address:	2213 Cherry St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Toledo, OH 43608
Program Director:	Connie Cameron
Telephone Number:	419-251-2453
Amount of Award:	\$627,285
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	9

Organization Description:

The overall goal of Positive Choices is to reduce the number of adolescents engaging in sexual activity outside of marriage, decrease the incidence of STDs, and reduce out of wedlock pregnancies and births to teens in Lucas County. Provide the Positive Choices program to 1600 adolescents ages 12-18 annually through an in-school program and 500 youth through after-school and summer programming at community sites.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Seventy five percent (75%) of participants will increase knowledge of abstinence as the only certain way to avoid pregnancy and STD's; 65% of participants will commit to abstinence. Provide the Positive Choices program to 475 special needs students including pregnant and parenting teens, teens living with relative caregivers, and teens with developmental and behavioral disabilities; 50% will demonstrate increased knowledge of abstinence; 50% will demonstrate improved skills and knowledge of relationship skills, male/female roles, and as appropriate, commitment to secondary virginity. Strengthen the role of parents as the primary educators of their children by involving a minimum of 200 parents through home visits, parent meetings, and activities with teens. 60% of parents whose teens are involved with the program will report improved family communication on satisfaction surveys at the end of the program each year. Increase awareness of the abstinence- message through a media campaign. The abstinence message will reach an estimated 100,000 local community members annually. Positive Choices has seven primary components: 1) in-school education based on the nationally-recognized Choosing the Best curriculum; 2) ongoing after-school education and supportive activities, 3) intensive summer program, 4) programming for special needs youth; 5) teen leader program for peer education and mentoring, 6) parent involvement, and 7) public awareness/ media campaign. All curricula and activities support the federal A-H guidelines for abstinence-only education and all personnel are certified abstinence educators.

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Grant Number:	90AE0083
Target Population:	Male adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Abstinence Between Strong Teens (ABST)
Address:	18151 Southwest 98th Ct.
City/State/Zip Code:	Miami, FL 33157
Program Director:	Althea McMillan
Telephone Number:	305-969-7829
Amount of Award:	\$642,250
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	18

Organization Description:

Abstinence Between Strong Teens (ABST) proposes to implement the "Boys 2 Men" Project by providing 12 weeks of abstinence classes to MALE students, ages 12 to 18, in underserved communities throughout Miami-Dade County in Florida who are at high-risk for engaging in pre-marital sex especially Hispanics, African-Americans and Caribbean-Americans (including Jamaica, Trinidad, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Puerto Rico).

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The short-term and long-term consequences of pre-marital sex can be devastating including teen pregnancy, the transmittal of STDs and HIV/AIDS, school drop out, reliance on TANF and food stamps or worse, prostitution and imprisonment. In collaboration with countless public/private schools and agencies providing afterschool and summer programs, ABST will teach 30,000 male youth the significance of abstinence and the necessary skills to make wise choices to remain abstinent until marriage. ABST has negotiated a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with several Community-Based Organizations (CBO) and Faith-Based Organizations (FBO) throughout Miami to assure that it will accomplish the goal of 30,000 male participants in the 3-year period. ABST will use the Choosing The Best Curriculum, which is approved by the State of Florida Department of Health (DOH) because it is responsive to all eight elements of the Section 510 abstinence education definition. ABST will operate Abstinence Clubs in schools, churches and agencies throughout Miami to provide mentoring to youth and give them a support group to maintain their commitment to abstinence. The program will culminate with a special graduation ceremony for all graduates of the abstinence classes. They will be recognized for their commitment to abstain until marriage and receive certificates and commitment bracelets/rings. To reinforce the message at home, ABST will provide parenting workshops to over 2,700 parents of sons in the Choosing The Best classes to prepare them to discuss abstinence with their boys using the curriculum, Talking With Adolescents About Sexuality (TWAAS). To reinforce the abstinence message throughout the community, presentations about the risks of unprotected sex and the importance of abstinence until marriage will be given to interested groups including local businesses, civic organizations, faith-based organizations and PTAs. Approximately 850 additional parents will receive the 1/2-hour version of the TWAAS presentation.

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Grant Number:	90AE0107
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	BETA Center, Inc.
Address:	4680 Lake Underhill Rd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Orlando, FL 32807
Program Director:	Hope Kramer
Telephone Number:	407-277-1942
Amount of Award:	\$430,938
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	8

Organization Description:

Project A.T.M. (Abstinence Till Marriage) is a proposed community-based abstinence education effort to be implemented by BETA Center, Inc., an Orlando-based, private, not-for-profit social service agency. The target population will be approximately 545 at-risk youth (ages 12-18) and parents drawn from three geographic locations in the Orlando metropolitan area with high teen pregnancy and STD rates. The proposed project sites are located in areas with a concentration of predominately African-American and Hispanic populations.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

BETA Center's Project A.T.M. will replicate a successful model for abstinence education being delivered by the applicant agency in another geographic market. This model targets the prevention of premarital sexual activity by strengthening families and empowering vulnerable youth with good decision-making and resistance skills. A parenting education component emphasizes the importance of parents taking a proactive role in communicating with their children about sexuality to increase the odds children will make the positive choice of abstinence. Project A.T.M.'s service delivery model will draw heavily from one currently being used in BETA Center's Project F.A.M.E., a five-year abstinence education prevention demonstration project funded by the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (OAPP) and targeting at-risk teens in Osceola County, Florida. Primary activities in this model are outreach to recruit youth and parents into the project, Youth Development Services that provide at-risk youth with activities aimed at building their assets and helping to prevent early sexual activity and other risky behaviors, and complementary Parenting Education. A multi-dimensional service delivery model, enhanced through use of the expressive arts, is delivered directly in neighborhood sites, such as schools and community centers, to make it possible to reach youth and parents who might otherwise not have access to services.

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Grant Number: 90AE0081
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Pima Prevention Partnership
Address: 2525 East Broadway Blvd., #100
City/State/Zip Code: Tucson, AZ 85716
Program Director: Harry Kressler
Telephone Number: 520-791-2711
Amount of Award: \$726,625
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 7

Organization Description:

Pima Prevention Partnership (PPP) proposes to apply its seven years of experience to lower the negative physical, social, emotional, and financial consequences of adolescent sexual behavior in Tucson, Arizona through its established Project Pledge program.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

To this end, PPP would augment its abstinence education that uses approved curricula (Choosing The Best and WAIT) with four specific evidence based interventions to increase the percent of 3,000 middle and high school adolescents (12-18 years old) who commit to sexual abstinence until marriage. All services will be aligned with the A-H guidelines contained in Section 510(b)(2) of Title V of the Social Security Act. While abstinence education programs in Arizona have contributed to lowering the state's teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease rates, conditions related to the consequences of adolescent sexual behavior continue to be some of the worst in the nation: Specifically, Arizona has one of the nation's top five highest teen birth rates; 48 births per 1,000 females 15-19 years old (American Community Survey, 2003); thirty percent of all teens in Pima County who report having sexual contact also report contracting a sexually transmitted disease; Arizona has the nation's worst high school drop-out rate; more than 79 percent of pregnant teens in Arizona delivered their babies under public funding in 2003; Arizona has one of the ten highest percents of children in poverty; teen mothers are less likely to complete school and more likely to be single parents; and less than one-third of teens who begin their families before age 18 ever earn a high school diploma.

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Grant Number:	90AE0102
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Knoxville Leadership Foundation
Address:	901 East Summit Hill Dr., Suite 300
City/State/Zip Code:	Knoxville, TN 37915
Program Director:	Chris Martin
Telephone Number:	865-524-2774
Amount of Award:	\$354,236
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Knoxville Leadership Foundation (KLF) requests a grant from the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program to develop and implement COMMUNITY-BASED MENTORING WITH THE CREW, which will serve adolescents age 12-18 in 16 East Tennessee counties. Our program partner is Justwait, the abstinence education department of Hope Resource Center (a current grantee). Both KLF and Justwait have significant previous experience providing abstinence education.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The proposed program builds on a successful collaboration between KLF and Justwait, which has resulted in 350 youth called The Crew who have pledged to sexual abstinence and expressed an interest in helping with our efforts. We propose to provide The Crew with in-depth abstinence education, mentoring, and the opportunity to teach abstinence education to large numbers of their peers. To provide adolescents (members of The Crew) with mentoring services that builds self-esteem and prepares them to make healthy decisions about sexual activity. Conduct twice-monthly small group meetings (20/year) with Mentoring Groups - Each group will have 25 members, depending on gender and age. Anticipated numbers: Year 1 - 75 youth in 3 groups; Year 2 - 125 youth in 5 groups; Year 3 - 200 youth in 8 groups conduct combined mentoring activities (weekend activities and summer camp) with mentoring groups. To offer participants (The Crew) the opportunity to provide abstinence education to their peers, thus promoting self-esteem, connection with the community, self-sufficiency, team-building skills, assertiveness, and other social and emotional skills. Conduct 27 large Abstinence Education Events (6 in Year 1; 9 in Year 2; and 12 in Year 3), reaching 13,500 youth (average 500/event) and expanding opportunities for Crew members to volunteer at events. Make events more regionally focused, expanding beyond Knoxville to other East Tennessee communities. Give Crew youth ownership by facilitating their production of events (see Organizational, profiles section for details of current program). The project will serve both the Knoxville Empowerment Zone and several distressed rural Appalachian counties.

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Grant Number:	90AE0094
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Starkville School District
Address:	401 Greensboro St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Starkville, MS 39759
Program Director:	Phil Burchfield
Telephone Number:	662-615-0033
Amount of Award:	\$381,430
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

The Starkville School District (MS) proposes to implement a community-based abstinence education program, Project Abstinence 'Til Marriage (ATM), reaching 1725 adolescents over the grant period. The project will reduce the rate of births to teenagers, reduce the rate of out-of-wedlock pregnancies to teenagers, and reduce the number of adolescents who engage in sexually related risk taking activities (not limited to sexual intercourse), in targeted schools within the Starkville School District.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The objectives address implementing an abstinence-only education curriculum for at-risk students, with a focus on special needs students, in grades 7 and 8. In addition it will involve 300 students in grades 9 through 12 and 75 students assigned to the QUAD County Alternative School each year of the program. Mentors will be assigned to students in grades 7 and 8 and the QUAD County Alternative School. Parents will be provided parenting information; and a community awareness campaign will be conducted. Project ATM will target 7th through 12th graders at Armstrong Middle School, Starkville High School, and QUAD County Alternative School. Project ATM will involve implementing Sex Can Wait and Abstinence Pick and Choose Activities, classroom and take home curricula that have been shown to reduce adolescent sexual behavior. Students in grades 7 and 8 will be "pulled out" of non-academic classes to participate, while at the high school, the curriculum will be taught in a comprehensive health class that is a required course for all students. Students at the QUAD will receive the curricula and mentors/tutors. Project ATM will also provide mentors/tutors for the 71 and 81 grade population. Volunteer mentors from the community will establish rapport with the students and act as role models. Parents will be involved through workshops, take home activities and communications with ATM Facilitators. A public awareness campaign will be ongoing to educate the community about the effects of abstinence and will involve television spots, radio PSAs, special programs, newspaper articles and ads, and educational workshops. Parent and community involvement will send a clear message that abstinence until marriage is the expected community standard.

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Grant Number:	90AE0112
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Jericho Ministries, Inc. dba Felician Family Outreach
Address:	PO Box 23, 7166 Highway 10
City/State/Zip Code:	Ethel, LA 70730
Program Director:	Barbara Gradnigo
Telephone Number:	225-683-8270
Amount of Award:	\$792,814
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	6

Organization Description:

Jericho Ministries, Inc. d/b/a Felidana Family Outreach Center (FFOC) is a non-profit 501(c)3 community faith-based organization located in Ethel, LA, and a current service provider of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program with the Louisiana Department of Education. It has joined forces with the Family Values Resource Institute in Scotlandville, La., JOY Corporation in Zachary, La. and the Community Care Outreach Center in Pointe Coupee Parish to form the Regional Alliance for Teen Abstinence (RAFTA).

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The four large and distinct geographical areas to be served have a history of excessive poverty and high teen pregnancy. Using the model which Felician Family Outreach Center has successfully implemented in East Feliciana Parish, members of the alliance will provide research-based abstinence programming, life skills training, social skills training, community service training, parental involvement and social enrichment activities after school and on Saturdays to a total of 675 twelve to eighteen-year-olds during the three year grant funding period through after-school activities and Saturday and summer camps. The following goals, established based on input from parents, teachers, school administrators, central office staff, and community leaders, are supported by the program's activities, with measurable indicators for each: (1) Reduce the number of teen pregnancies by teaching teens to resist peer pressure to become (or remain) sexually active; (2) Increase the number of teens who view marriage as desirable and a prerequisite to sexual activity; (3) Provide students with knowledge of the consequences of early sexual involvement.

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Grant Number:	90AE0111
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Pregnancy Counseling Center dba Crisis Pregnancy Center
Address:	200 Brinkley Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Reno, NV 89509
Program Director:	Angela LaBrie
Telephone Number:	775-826-5144
Amount of Award:	\$371,358
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

The project for which funding is sought is ongoing abstinence education for Northern Nevada's youth ages 12-18 through the Worth the Wait (WTW) program. WTW has been bringing the abstinence message to Northern Nevada youth for 11 years. In order to encourage youth to make the healthiest choice regarding their sexual behavior by abstaining from sexual activity until marriage, WTW offers individual and group abstinence education, counseling and mentoring.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

By collaborating with Eagle Valley Middle School, Carson Middle School, City of Reno Youth Service Department, State of Nevada Health Division, and Local Pastors and clergy, we will achieve our goal of encouraging abstinence until marriage throughout Northern Nevada. WTW currently has nine trained speakers. WTW will continue to recruit speakers of different nationalities and gender to go into the community with cultural competency and sensitivity with the abstinence message. After speakers are trained there are a number of guidelines in place to ensure that the quality and integrity of the program stay intact, hi an effort to broaden awareness and interest of the abstinence message we will advertise in a number of different venues such as movie theatres and taxi cabs. These advertisements will also generate more interested speakers for the abstinence message. We will send out a newsletter throughout the community targeting parents of youth, with informative and educational information regarding abstinence, dangers of pre-marital sex, and ideas and suggestions on how to encourage abstinence to their children.

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Grant Number:	90AE0115
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	To Our Children's Future With Health, Inc.
Address:	1914 N. 63rd St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Philadelphia, PA 19151
Program Director:	Robin Foster-Drain
Telephone Number:	215-879-7740
Amount of Award:	\$485,524
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

The West Philadelphia Comprehensive Abstinence Initiative (WPCAI) is a prevention initiative designed to annually serve a minimum of 400 youth aged 12-14. The Initiative will serve West Philadelphia, an area that is predominantly African-American, with high levels poverty, especially among children and youth, high levels of unemployment, and high rates of teen pregnancy.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The proposed project intervention will include provision of the 20 hour and 52 hour Discovering Dignity Abstinence Education Curriculum in a variety of settings including: after-school programs, youth development community stakeholders programs, and schools. This Project, like the West Philadelphia Adolescent Family Life Project (in its final year of funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs, Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention), is designed with a focus on youth development and youth asset building. The entire Initiative is based on the proven youth asset building model of youth development through a "holistic" approach to provision of education and social services to address the total needs of youth. The program activities provide an approach designed to nurture the development of social skills, civic, and cultural competencies, positive attitudes toward community and a strong sense of identity. The goal of the Initiative is to provide comprehensive multi-intervention strategies to educate West Philadelphia pre-teens/teens and their parents about the social, psychological, and physical health gains to be realized from abstaining from sexual activity.

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Grant Number: 90AE0141
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Catholic Charities of Kansas City St. Joseph, Inc.
Address: 1112 Broadway
City/State/Zip Code: Kansas City, MO 64105
Program Director: Judy Thompson
Telephone Number: 816-221-4377
Amount of Award: \$315,482
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 7
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Inc. proposes to expand its Community Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) program for youth ages 12-18 from serving six to serving thirteen counties throughout Missouri. The program addresses the problems of risky teen sexual behavior and its consequences. CBAE assists youth to maximize their potential by providing healthy messages, choices, and opportunities that build upon their developmental assets.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The program provides a forum for the challenges facing youth and strongly encourages involvement of youth, parents, community and faith based organizations to actively implement solutions for teen sexual behavior. Catholic Charities has extensive previous experience in promoting a strong abstinence until marriage message using the Choosing the Best curricula that aligns with values and behaviors promoting self-respect, honesty, responsibility, compassion, and courage. A companion, Peers Educating and Encouraging Responsible Sexuality, a character-based curriculum, trains adult area coordinators and high school mentors to work with teenagers on the abstinence message. CBAE equips teens, families, communities and faith based organization with tools and knowledge to prevent young people’s involvement in risky behavior and to help them to achieve their fullest potential. The program goals are three-fold: (1) to increase the proportion of adolescents who are making positive choices to remain sexually abstinent until marriage, including but not limited to sexual intercourse; (2) to reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and (3) to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases and other health related issues, including psychological issues among adolescents.

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Grant Number:	90AE0084
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Friends of Cobb County Commission on Children and Youth
Address:	PO Box 905
City/State/Zip Code:	Marietta, GA 30061
Program Director:	Carrilu Britt
Telephone Number:	770-973-9263
Amount of Award:	\$793,711
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	6

Organization Description:

The Friends of Cobb County Commission on Children and Youth in collaboration with the Cobb County School Board and Marietta City Schools proposes to implement, Positive Choices, a multi-faceted initiative that supports abstinence until marriage as the best method to reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancy, reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted disease and reduce participation in sexual risk behaviors among Cobb County adolescents.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The proposal includes the implementation of nationally recognized and heavily tested curricula in both middle school and high school cohorts within all Cobb County public schools, parent training events, training in the community for adult role models and mentors, a media campaign, the creation of student leadership clubs focusing on abstinence (STARS) and a Youth Advisory Council. The main goals of this project are as follows: Reduce the proportion of Cobb County adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse; reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among Cobb County adolescents; reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among Cobb County adolescents. In order to obtain those goals, the Project will operationalize its efforts through four major initiatives: Implementing a continuous and progressive stream of school-based abstinence education for 6th grade through high school students creating a culture within the school that supports a commitment to abstinence, through leadership opportunities for students and motivational speakers in the classroom; implementing a systemic outreach and training program for at-risk and Hispanic students, and creating a culture within the community where parents, mentors and other adult role models are educated, engaged and empowered to support youth who make a commitment to abstinence.

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Grant Number: 90AE0130
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: City of Norfolk
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City/State/Zip Code: Norfolk, NE 68701
Program Director: Sibyl Spahn
Telephone Number: 402-844-2036
Amount of Award: \$438,198
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 7
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The Community Character Development Coalition (CCDC) of Norfolk, Nebraska, has a strong record of providing abstinence education among adolescents as defined by Section 510, thus, qualifying for priority funding consideration on this grant. CCDC was awarded a state Title V grant seven years ago.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

CCDC was able to expand programs in this community of 25,000 three years ago when awarded a SPRANS grant. CCDC has positively impacted much of northeast Nebraska utilizing a community-saturation model, and will build upon this success to reach even more adolescents, the community and impact the state if awarded this community-based abstinence education grant. Our goals for this community-based abstinence education grant are to: Increase the number and scope of adults providing abstinence education to adolescents aged 12-18; Increase the number of parents equipped to coach abstinence-until-marriage decisions and lifestyle in adolescents; increase the number of youth educated and trained to positively live out this lifestyle and impact their peers with the abstinence message, and increase the number of youth in relationships with positive peer role models.

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Grant Number:	90AE0127
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Committee on the Status of Women
Address:	1701 E. Lake Ave., Suite 371
City/State/Zip Code:	Glenview, IL 60025
Program Director:	Jane Gray
Telephone Number:	847-729-3298
Amount of Award:	\$791,979
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	10

Organization Description:

Project Reality has identified three regions to partner with for a community saturation project. District of Columbia, Southern New Mexico (Las Cruces, Deming south to Texas border), and Southwest Florida all struggle with poverty, teen pregnancy and low-performing student populations.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Project Reality Full Potential Community Saturation Project has set the following goals for the regional outreach: 1) Support and educate teachers, administrators, health professionals, and guidance counselors in each targeted region with teacher training and materials supportive of abstinence until marriage education. 2) Demonstrate that all participants in Project Reality programs understand that abstinence is the only way to avoid out of wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease and lost potential through risky behavior. 3) Increase the number of program participants enrolled in a Project Reality program. 4) Demonstrate an increase in the number of students and parents who indicate an understanding of the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from premarital sexual activity. 5) Demonstrate that program participants in a Project Reality classroom program will voluntarily commit to abstinence from premarital sexual activity and commit to remaining in school to complete their education. (6) Increase the level of outreach of Parent Power seminars to better assist parents in communicating with their child. 7) Increase the number of students that indicate an understanding that abstinence is the only way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease. Project Reality proposes implementing the following programs to reach their goals for the saturation project; Game Plan & Navigator curricula for ages 12-18, Parent Power workshops, Motivational Youth Assemblies for ages 12-18, Youth Ambassador after-school program, In-Service Teacher Training and Power of Abstinence seminars.

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Grant Number:	90AE0120
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Elizabeth's New Life Center
Address:	359 Forest Ave., Suite 203
City/State/Zip Code:	Dayton, OH 45405
Program Director:	Rosie Prier
Telephone Number:	937-226-7414
Amount of Award:	\$800,000
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

The purpose of this project is to continue and expand the excellent community-based abstinence programs of Elizabeth's New Life Center entitled "Empowered by Truth" in a six-county region of southwest Ohio, serving over 15,000 students each year ages 12-18. The multi-faceted approach in schools, families, and community settings contribute to the empowerment of youth to achieve important life skills and to prepare them to become useful and accomplished citizens when they reach adulthood.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Our abstinence education program, operational for 7 years, has proven to be highly effective in impacting youth to achieve the goals and objectives as defined in the Social Security Act, Title XI, Section 1110 and adhering to the definitions of Title V, Section 510 (b)(2), A-H. Parent involvement is pivotal, and we strive to both educate and involve the parents in keeping teens sexually abstinent until marriage as well as serving as active participants in the positive health formation of the youth. The role of protector and role model is stressed heavily with parents. Dayton, where 34% of our presentations are provided, has higher rates of poverty, single parent families, teenage pregnancies, and minority students. However, when comparing Dayton with Montgomery County overall, the teenage pregnancy rate in Dayton declined by 23% since 1999 compared to the 5% county decrease. The pregnancy rates in the other three cities where we served the highest number of teens decreased by 53%, 13%, and 19%. We strongly believe that "Empowered by Truth" has positively impacted the at-risk youth of Ohio. We will be serving 7,000 middle in-school students, 8,000 high in-school students, 100 mentoring students in after-school activities, 500 middle and high school students in peer-to-peer groups, 6,000 students with a national speaker, 500 parents and educators in the community education component, 75 people in the consumer power groups, and 100,000 through the media campaign in the first year. In years two and three, we expect to increase the middle and high school classroom presentations by 1,000 each year and maintain or increase the additional numbers of students, parents and community members with our abstinence program.

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Grant Number:	90AE0118
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	St. Joseph Health System
Address:	200 Hemlock St., PO Box 659
City/State/Zip Code:	Tawas City, MI 48764
Program Director:	Michelle Kalafut
Telephone Number:	989-362-9260
Amount of Award:	\$642,825
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

The Taking Charge Teen Abstinence Project has been implemented since January 1997. Funding will end on June 30, 2005. St. Joseph Health System administers the project in cooperation with the Rural Prevention Network Consortium. The Consortium has extensive experience providing community-based abstinence education. The five-county rural region in the northeast portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula that is served by the project is characterized by economic disadvantage and lack of economic opportunity.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Since project implementation, the teen pregnancy rate in this region has fallen from 89.93 to 55.6. Major project goals are to increase community awareness of abstinence as the healthiest choice for teens, increase developmental assets in teens, and reduce rates of teen pregnancy. The Taking Charge Teen Abstinence Project will serve over 4,000 youth during FY 2006 with a continuum of services. Universal components, available for all youth in 6th through 12th grade classrooms in participating schools, features the Choosing the Best curriculum series that meets the requirements of Section 510(b)(2) of Title V of the Social Security Act. Puberty: The Wonder Years, offered to sixth graders, also meets these criteria. Other universal components include HIV/AIDS/STD prevention, Baby Think It Over experiential activities, teen leaders, and parent training events. Selective program components are open to all youth in participating schools, although youth with multiple research-based risk factors for teen sexual involvement are especially recruited for participation. These include the Teen Support Network that consists of individualized and peer group support for youth, Lifestyle Improvement for Teens (LIFT) prevention camp, and service learning opportunities. Collaborative activities include training adults who work with teens in other settings and collaborating with other community-based prevention-oriented activities including Tawas Pride and the Yellow Ribbon Campaign.

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Grant Number: 90AE0135
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
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City/State/Zip Code: Clayton, MO 63105
Program Director: Margaret Mohl
Telephone Number: 314-615-6414
Amount of Award: \$424,279
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 7
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The Saint Louis County Department of Health (DOH) seeks support for the continuation and expansion of the Abstinence by Choice (ABC) Program. The ABC Program is a community-based abstinence only education program that has been implemented in partnership with six St. Louis County school districts since 1996.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goal of the ABC Program is to reduce the incidence of teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other negative consequences of pre-marital sexual involvement. St. Louis County school districts with higher than state average rates of teen pregnancy are given priority for participation in the program. The ABC program currently consists of three components: Abstinence education for students in upper elementary grades and their parents; delivered by trained school nurses, counselors, and educators; Abstinence education for middle school students delivered primarily by trained high school teen leaders using a positive peer mentoring approach; social marketing campaign using slogans created by students to promote the abstinence message through posters and calendars. Additional funds would be used to continue the ABC Program in existing districts as well as concentration on two new priorities: Development and implementation of a high school component in existing districts to reinforce and build on the foundation of the abstinence only education program established in upper elementary and middle school; Initiation of the ABC Program into additional high-need school districts.

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Grant Number:	90AE0082
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program
Address:	687 State St.
City/State/Zip Code:	El Centro, CA 92243
Program Director:	Mary Camacho
Telephone Number:	760-482-2666
Amount of Award:	\$415,485
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	52

Organization Description:

Project ABEL will focus on middle school students transitioning into 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in Meadows and Heber School Districts. The project seeks to effect the change of the individuals and communities view of abstinence as the expected choice for youth until marriage.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project will emphasize communication, decision-making, assertiveness, stress-management and goal setting skills through project-based learning activities and abstinence-only curriculum. Students will participate in educational support services focused on core academic areas with the tools above incorporated. A summer program will be lead by district teachers that will be trained in the abstinence-only curriculum. This summer program will continue as a weekly after school program through the course of the regular school year giving students the skills to navigate situations that they may encounter as a teenager thus reducing the incident of pre-marital sexual activity, teenage pregnancy and infection of STDs and HIV. The Imperial County has the dubious distinction of 5th highest teen birth rate in the state of California with a teen birth rate of 73.5 per 1000. The proximity of the Imperial Valley to the Mexican border intertwines our health issues with those of Mexico especially in regards to Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV. Imperial Valley youth that travel across the border regularly place themselves in the precarious situation of developing relationships with people that are knowingly and unknowingly infected with HIV and STD's and as a result bring their infections back to this county and spreading them to other local youth. The goal of Project ABEL (Abstinence-only Based Education and Learning) is for students to develop a positive view of abstinence through project-based learning activities and abstinence-only curriculum, "Choosing the Best". Empower youth with skills and knowledge to successfully practice abstinence through a Positive Youth Development Model that includes abstinence-only curriculum, guest speakers, refusal skills and self-esteem training and leadership camps. Empower parents to become active participants in their child's abstinence choice through workshops for parents, family activity nights and parents involvement in project activities. Increase protective factors and decrease risk factors for target population through abstinence-only education and after school classes, mentoring and recreational activities. Increase academic skills and community development of target population through after school educational intervention and participation in a minimum of 4 local community service activities.

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Grant Number: 90AE0086
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: New Hope Center
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City/State/Zip Code: Crestview Hills, KY 41017
Program Director: Karen Andrea
Telephone Number: 859-341-0766
Amount of Award: \$799,935
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The purpose of New Hope Center’s Community-Based Abstinence Education project is to decrease the amount of sexual activity and reduce out-of-wedlock births and reduce STDs among young people (ages 12-18) in six northern Kentucky counties by educating and motivating them to be sexually abstinent until marriage.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Our approach includes wide-ranging yet closely coordinated activities: 1) teach age-appropriate abstinence education courses to 11,400 adolescents in late elementary, middle and high schools, in order to provide medically sound information and teaching the many benefits of sexual abstinence; 2) equip and motivate parents/guardians and other members of the community to support adolescents in their decision to be abstinent by conducting informative community events in various settings; 3) help form peer mentor groups whose members will develop student-led projects of their own; 4) strengthen a growing network of business, healthcare, social service and academic partners who support the abstinence message; 5) drive home the positive character message of abstinence-until-marriage through the power of print, television, internet and other media, and 6) contribute to the knowledge base of the long-term effects that abstinence-until-marriage education has on adolescent behavior by conducting a longitudinal study of students who have had up to five years of our classroom instruction.

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Grant Number:	90AE0085
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Abstinence Education, Inc.
Address:	3301 West 13th St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Wichita, KS 67203
Program Director:	Lois Theis
Telephone Number:	316-688-0840
Amount of Award:	\$770,800
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

Kansas has no Community-Based Abstinence Education federal funds. AE's mission as a nonprofit organization since 1997 is to educate youth on the value of refraining from all sexual activity until marriage and is a State Title V abstinence program grantee.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Youth at most risk, ages 12-18, inner city, urban Wichita, KS (Sedgwick County) and rural McPherson County are the targeted population. The project area has 22% of the State's population, 35.8% of out-of-wedlock births and over 25% of all STD cases reported. Community-based Community Parent Action Groups (CPAG) will be recruited using community mobilization techniques from local high-risk neighborhoods and trained in applied abstinence theory and methods. Each CPAG will have a Coordinator and share a Special Needs Coordinator. Forty-six college-age "Coaches" train and recruit 444 racially diverse minority Teen Instructors (15-18 years). Teen Instructors will educate and mentor 1,600 high-risk, multicultural teens (12-18 years). AE's Pure & Simple Choice curriculum is designed for teens to role-play and dialogue with audiences about each of the eight elements of the abstinence definition written in Title V, Section 510 of the Social Security Act. The flexible format allows youth performers to adapt materials to different ages, cultures, high risk and special needs youth.

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Grant Number:	90AE0128
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Abstinence and Marriage Education Partnership
Address:	9810 Capital Dr.
City/State/Zip Code:	Wheeling, IL 60090
Program Director:	Scott Phelps
Telephone Number:	847-927-0140
Amount of Award:	\$800,000
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	10

Organization Description:

The Abstinence & Marriage Education Partnership (A&M) is proposing a two tiered Community-Based Abstinence Education Project (CBAE) to work with state Title V abstinence education coordinators to provide abstinence-until-marriage education programs to local communities which are underserved, under funded, or both. The two components of this project are the: Community-Based Model Projects, and the Community-Based Development Projects.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

A&M has entered into agreements with three state health departments to provide Community-Based Model Projects which include abstinence-until-marriage education training for teachers, training for community leaders, training for parents, curricula and classroom instruction for students, and all-school assemblies for middle and high schools in Tuba City, Arizona, Springfield, Illinois, and Junction City, Kansas. These Model Projects will be fully evaluated by Dr. Stan Weed of the Institute for Research & Evaluation for effectiveness, and will serve as "models" for what will be developed in the remaining states. A&M will initiate Community-Based Development Projects for 17 states per year for three years, including the District of Columbia. In consultation with the Title V coordinator for each state, A&M will help one or more community-based organizations develop new abstinence-until-marriage education programs in an underserved area of the state. These Development Projects will receive training and curricula for 400 students. A&M Partnership exists for the purpose of achieving the following goals: 1) reduce the number of adolescents engaging in premarital sexual activity, 2) reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents, and 3) reduce the incidence of sexually-transmitted diseases among adolescents, thereby improving the health of youth in each of these communities.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90AE0114
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Builders for the Family and Youth, Diocese of Brooklyn
Address:	191 Joralemon St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Brooklyn, NY 11201
Program Director:	Mary O'Reilly
Telephone Number:	718-722-6023
Amount of Award:	\$644,201
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	10

Organization Description:

Builders for the Family and Youth (BFFY) will provide adults and teens with abstinence-only education workshops, and will develop and implement a peer-to-peer abstinence only education program, with the goal of reducing premature sexual activity and teenage pregnancy and child rearing. We have researched and discussed the overwhelming needs in the communities we intend to serve with the New York State Department of Health as well as with other service providers working in our target neighborhoods. We have developed many linkages for the proposed program with existing neighborhood services and schools, and they are looking forward to having us come on site.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Specific goals of the Choosing Abstinence with Peers (CAP) program include educating teens and adults about the physical, psychological, and developmental risks of early sexual activity and child rearing. Additionally in some cases, our goal is to change the view of adults and teenagers in the community that early sex and teenage child rearing is acceptable. Our objectives are to reduce adolescent pregnancies, reduce sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and reduce, and decrease the number of adolescents that engage in pre-marital sexual activity for our program participants in comparison to the youth of our target service area: congressional district # 12 in Queens, NY and congressional district # 4 in Brooklyn. We will also educate and support adults to convey the message to teenagers that abstinence is a good choice for them and develop parent child communication around human sexuality and to give parents and children the skills that will allow them to talk with each other about sex. We will formulate character among youth that is value based, goal-focused and resilient to peer pressure and increase the self-esteem of teens participating as peer educators and in our workshops so as to enhance their sense of a solid future for themselves.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90AE0124
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Riverside-San Bernadino County Indian Health, Inc.
Address: 11555 1/2 Potrero
City/State/Zip Code: Banning, CA 92220
Program Director: Brighton Ncube
Telephone Number: 951-849-4761
Amount of Award: \$459,974
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 41

Organization Description:

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCIHI) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3, tribally controlled and managed health care organization serving ten tribal reservations in Southern California.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

RSBCIHI has more than seven years experience in providing abstinence education to Native American youth. It is our intention to expand our abstinence education program to cover six more schools and six additional tribal reservations, given the current rise in teenage pregnancy in the two counties. Five programs will be implemented: Abstinence Prevention Education in schools, and Baby- Think-It-Over, Abstinence Peer Education, Community-based Abstinence Mobilization, and promotion of abstinence for youths in Parenting Sessions. Target population will be 10-18 year old Native American youths. Project goals are to: 1) reduce teen pregnancies; 2) train community "peer educators" on abstinence as role models; 3) mobilize community awareness on abstinence; 4) train parents on imparting abstinence education to their teenagers; 5) reduce teen & unintended pregnancies through promotion of abstinence in order to postpone parenthood until one is able to provide for the physical, emotional, social and economic well-being of a child.

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Grant Number:	90AE0119
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Adolescent and Family Comprehensive Service
Address:	45-67 West Tremont Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Bronx, NY 10453
Program Director:	Jacqueline Edwards
Telephone Number:	718-299-2327
Amount of Award:	\$486,093
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	16

Organization Description:

The Adolescent and Family Comprehensive Services, Inc. (AFCS) will create Together Everyone Accomplishes More (TEAM), an abstinence-only education program designed to reduce the number of adolescents engaging in premarital sexual activity; the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among young people living in the Bronx, New York.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

In its first year, TEAM will involve 3,000 students at no fewer than four middle schools and two high schools in a program that includes: An abstinence-only health education curriculum that will be presented at targeted middle and high schools during regular school hours. Topics will include "Developing Meaningful Relationships", "Sexual Peer Pressure", "The Value of Marriage", "Values and Morals", "The Responsibilities of Parenthood", "The Ramifications of Sexual Activity", "Refusal Skills", and "Pregnancy Prevention". Individual one-on-one support sessions with health educators designed to reinforce the abstinence message and help adolescents feel good about choosing this life style. Workshops designed to help parents learn how to more effectively speak with their children about difficult life issues, including the importance of abstinence. These activities will be supplemented and supported by three successful after-school youth development groups - Saving My Heart, Teen Dreams and College Bound - together with Positive Peer Connection, a successful after-school/summer program that helps students make more positive life choices, and a new program, Boys To Men. The program will also utilize Peer Educators and promote greater abstinence awareness in the broader community.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90AE0136
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo
Address: 282 Babcock St.
City/State/Zip Code: Buffalo, NY 14210
Program Director: Rebecca Rowe
Telephone Number: 716-825-1016
Amount of Award: \$750,500
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 27

Organization Description:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns, Boys & Girls Clubs of East Aurora, Boys & Girls Club of Holland, Boys & Girls Club of Orchard Park, Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County, and EPIC - Every Person Influences Children agree to a partnership to implement a community-based abstinence education program targeting youth ages 12-18 in communities throughout Western New York, including 12 zip code areas within Erie County where teen pregnancy s in the top 20% of Zip Code regions throughout New York State.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The program, It's Your Future: Respect Yourself, will be implemented in 28 Boys & Girls Clubs in three Western New York Counties; Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua and reach over 6,000 youth ages 12-18 annually. The program, which incorporates a strong abstinence message into programming designed to build resistance skills, character and leadership skills, decision-making skills and self-control. Youth ages 12-18 will learn these skills as they participate in a wide range of activities in five core areas: health and life skills; education and career development; character and leadership; the arts; and sports, fitness and recreation. Abstinence education will be delivered in small groups of youth, with some programming co-ed, and other programming offered only to boys or girls. Programming will be delivered by trained prevention specialists in each Club.

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Grant Number:	90AE0087
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Women's Clinic of Kansas City
Address:	815 North Noland Rd., Suite 4 & 5
City/State/Zip Code:	Independence, MO 64086
Program Director:	Deborah Neel
Telephone Number:	816-836-8336
Amount of Award:	\$746,823
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

LifeGuard, a Youth Development Program of The Women's Clinic of Kansas is seeking funding for this project to provide a multi-faceted program of youth development to the youth (ages 12 -19) in schools and community organizations.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Since its inception in February 2003, LifeGuard has presented the abstinence message to over 6,000 students in Jackson County, Missouri via school classroom instruction, community health fairs, youth rallies and one-on-one counseling. Through this project, LifeGuard joins the expertise of a nationally Title V recognized (and Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (OAPP) approved) abstinence until marriage program (Choosing the Best), local school districts, and other service agencies to promote abstinence-until-marriage within the communities. In total, the LifeGuard Youth Development Program will operate in over 16 school districts in Jackson, Cass and Lafayette County, Missouri and in Johnson and Wyandotte County in Kansas to expand its capacity to serve approximately 18,600 youth and 750 parents throughout the project. The goals of the project are to: 1) reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse, and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and 2) reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

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Grant Number: 90AE0104
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Center for Self Sufficiency
Address: 2427 E. Stratford Ct.
City/State/Zip Code: Milwaukee, WI 53211
Program Director: Angela Turner
Telephone Number: 414-906-1600
Amount of Award: \$799,500
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

The Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) has formed a three-community partnership, which joins faith organizations with schools and families, to provide abstinence-until-marriage education in distressed urban neighborhoods located in Baltimore, MD; Queens and Bronx, NY; and Newark, New Jersey.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

CFSS is a Title V funded organization, and has selected the Families United to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (FUPTP) abstinence until marriage curriculum for this project. FUPTP is used in more than 40 Title V and Community Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) locations, and has a 19-year history promoting positive youth development and fighting teen pregnancy. The proposed coalition of partners was formed with the objective of providing a consistent message of abstinence-until-marriage throughout a powerful faith-based, service-providing network. Faith-based intermediary, Churches in Cooperation (CIC), was formed to join businesses, government, schools and faith groups in planning social service programs that improve the quality of life for working poor, single parents and at-risk youth. CIC will provide this intermediary service to faith-based partners in the three-city project area, and will coordinate project-wide community presentations and rallies. The combined efforts of the partners will provide a vehicle to saturate minority communities throughout the project with a consistent abstinence-until-marriage message.

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Grant Number:	90AE0088
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Boys to Men
Address:	PO Box 4426
City/State/Zip Code:	Johnson City, TN 37602
Program Director:	Michael Marion
Telephone Number:	423-676-6344
Amount of Award:	\$454,046
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

In Northeast Tennessee the rates of births lacking adequate prenatal care, low birth weight babies, child death rate, teen violent death rate, sexually transmitted disease rates, high school drop out, child abuse and neglect and children in state care have all increased since 1992. There are no after school programs that address the problems of at risk middle and high school youth using culturally and age appropriate strategies.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

There is no recognized abstinence-only educational program being offered to public school children in middle and high school. GOAL: Implement school and community-based abstinence only educational and mentoring program in Northeast Tennessee using age appropriate strategies that are culturally and linguistically sensitive, to the needs of a diverse population of adolescents, ages 12-18. Objectives in Year one: A minimum of 5,000 public school students grades 6-12 will complete 5 sessions of Why kNOw? Curriculum. A minimum of 250 students will be referred to and receive mentoring. 70% of those completing Why kNOw? program will agree that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease. 70% of the recipients of the Why kNOw? program will indicate an understanding of the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by abstaining from premarital sex. 70% of recipients of Why kNOw? will report they have the refusal/ assertiveness skills necessary to resist sexual urges and advances, as measured by an annual survey. 70% of recipients of the Why kNOw? program will sign a pledge to refrain from sexual activity until marriage. 70% of participants will state they intend to avoid situations and behaviors that make them vulnerable to sexual advances and urges. Six out of the eight counties in NE TN will have completed a social marketing campaign plan with input from students, parents and other community members. These objectives will be accomplished by: 1) teaching the approved abstinence-only curriculum Why kNOw? In 6th -12th grades in schools in NE TN; 2) providing mentoring, tutoring, recreational and cultural activities to at-risk boys and girls referred by school personnel 3) Utilizing a social marketing approach to plan and implement community-based campaigns to promote the abstinence message to the community.

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Grant Number:	90AE0099
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	AWARE, Inc.
Address:	10621 NE Coxley Dr., Suite 101
City/State/Zip Code:	Vancouver, WA 98662
Program Director:	James Grenfell
Telephone Number:	360-699-2384
Amount of Award:	\$730,925
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	3

Organization Description:

Abstinence, Wait-training, And Relationship Education (AWARE) has made a positive impact in the lives of 28,000+ adolescents age 12-18 in the past three years in Southwest Washington with the message of "Abstinence Til Marriage" (ATM). AWARE's community reach has grown significantly from touching the lives of 50 adolescents in 1997 to over 30,000 contacts to date due to SPRANS funding which ends June 30, 2005.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

AWARE (with Life Choices of Yakima -new partnership), is seeking a yearly grant from the FYSB to enable the following: Execution of AWARE's community saturation model throughout SW Washington that will allow the program to reach its target population of-60,000 adolescents age 12-18 with 11+ hours of abstinence education per student between their 8th and 12th grades; begin partnership with Life Choices of Yakima to reach the state's highest concentration of at-risk adolescents located in Yakima County. This population has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in the state (currently double the state's average) and is 21% higher than the national teen birthrate. Given this substantial need, AWARE will provide 16+ hours of abstinence education per student between 8 -12 grades. AWARE's Strategic Community Saturation Model: AWARE Foundations (English & Spanish) Classroom Curriculum (grades 8-10). This 3-hour interactive presentation is the foundational program for AWARE's curricula, which establishes abstinence as the only sure method to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. AWARE Advanced Classroom Curriculum (grades 10-12). This 3-hour interactive presentation builds off of the Foundations program and addresses the circumstances unique to upper level high school culture by exploring common beliefs Americans hold about sexual relationships. Illusions Classroom Curriculum (grades 9-12). This 2-hour interactive Pornography Prevention Program has recently been written, developed and piloted by AWARE (May 2005). This program was created as a result of local educators and community leaders requesting AWARE to educate the community's adolescents on the dangers of pornography. S.W.A.T. (Southwest Washington Advising Teens) Peer-To-Peer Mentoring Program (grades 7-9). This 1 hour highly-effective presentation is conducted by upper class high school students who advocate abstinence and healthy choices to the younger students in the community middle schools.

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Grant Number:	90AE0139
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Women for Life, Inc. (dba AA Pregnancy Help Center)
Address:	1517 Nicholasville Rd., Doctors Park, Suite 405
City/State/Zip Code:	Lexington, KY 40503
Program Director:	Cindy McDaniel
Telephone Number:	859-278-8469
Amount of Award:	\$336,516
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	6

Organization Description:

The AAPHC has operated in central Kentucky for 20 years providing healthcare assistance and counseling services to thousands of adolescents experiencing out-of-wedlock pregnancies. The AAPHC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Lexington, Kentucky, the state's second largest metropolitan area, and nearby Frankfort, the capital of the state.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Everyday AAPHC sees the social, physical, and psychological impact from premarital sexual activity; and as a result, it has been a strong supporter of abstinence only education programs. However, much more must be done to discourage unhealthy behaviors and develop appropriate life skills so that our youth are able to realize their hopes and dreams. AAPHC recognizes that it cannot accomplish this goal without support; and therefore, AAPHC will join with Heritage Community Services of Kentucky (HOK) to form the Central Kentucky Abstinence Education Initiative (Abstinence Initiative) because of its extensive experience providing abstinence education until marriage programs. HOK has already reached thousands of central Kentucky children with its nationally acclaimed Heritage Method that not only educates youth about abstinence until marriage but also parents, teachers and community leaders so that it becomes the community standard. The program's success and record of accomplishment are well documented.

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Grant Number:	90AE0093
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	A Woman's Place Ministries, Inc.
Address:	2901 Busch Lake Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code:	Tampa, FL 33614
Program Director:	Patricia Layton
Telephone Number:	813-931-1804
Amount of Award:	\$782,992
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	11

Organization Description:

A Woman's Place, a community and faith-based organization in Tampa Florida and partners propose to expand the IMPACT Project (Increase community awareness; Motivate Parents; and Advance a Culture of abstinence until marriage through teen involvement and education) in Hillsborough County, Florida.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

In Hillsborough County there were nearly 1,800 births to teens ages 15-19 in 2002, second only to Dade County (Miami) in the state. The county is among the unfortunate leaders in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis, gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and AIDS in teenagers. The IMPACT Project will target youth, parents, and professionals with a simple abstinence until marriage message. IMPACT will reach at least 6,000 total youth in the first year and grow to serve 9,000 in the third year. The key messages of the IMPACT Project will be delivered through abstinence only education classes to 12-18 year olds in YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, schools, churches, and other community locations. The youth will participate in a series of two to five one-hour presentations using curriculum (meeting the eight elements of the legislative definition) delivered by staff volunteers, or the Teen Advisors. The Teen Advisors, another key component of IMPACT, is a peer-mentoring program in which high school teens ages 14-18 commit to abstinence from premarital sex, drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products. The Teen Advisors are trained in the delivery of the curriculum to the younger youth. Adults are engaged in IMPACT through the Parent Power program that is designed to educate them about issues related to teen pregnancy, STDs, and abstinence. A Woman's Place has a history of success in delivering abstinence only education through previously funded State of Florida, Department of Health Abstinence Education projects.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90AE0126
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Maui Youth & Family Services, Inc.
Address:	PO Box 790006
City/State/Zip Code:	Pala, HI 96779
Program Director:	Gail Gnazzo
Telephone Number:	808-579-8414
Amount of Award:	\$250,007
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

Maui Youth & Family Services, Inc. (MYFS), a private not for profit family and youth services agency, proposes to offer a community based abstinence education program for youth 12-18 in the county of Maui, Hawaii from 10/05 through 9/08.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Because the Hawaiian culture specifically and Polynesian culture in general does not perceive sexual activity as a taboo, an abstinence program will need to enlist the assistance of cultural leaders to insure the cultural relevance and competency of any abstinence based pregnancy and STD/HIV/AIDS prevention program. The Program's goals are to: 1) reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse; 2) reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and 3) reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents. The program objectives Year 1: Mobilize community, form coalitions, obtain memoranda of agreement, educate community about need, survey and gather various abstinence based potential interventions for implementation, establish criteria to determine which interventions will be the most effective and appropriate for the target population, design implementation program, train staff for implementation, identify and contract evaluation consultant. Year 2: Implement intervention(s), identify target and control, pre test, provide intervention post test, compare pre and post data preliminary report on comparison outcomes, determine whether program as delivered is as planned, etc. Year 3: Impact evaluation on Year 2 participants, continue intervention for incoming 5th graders and high school freshman. Implement intervention(s), identify target and control, pre test, provide intervention post test, compare pre and post data preliminary report on comparison outcomes, determine whether program as delivered is as planned, etc.

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Grant Number: 90AE0131
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: South Carolina Parents Involved in Education
Address: 998 Gulon Dr.
City/State/Zip Code: Lugoff, SC 29078
Program Director: Sheri Few
Telephone Number: 803-438-5144
Amount of Award: \$755,203
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

The proposed project will address South Carolina’s persistent problem of adolescent sexual activity which results in adolescent out-of-wedlock pregnancies and adolescent sexually transmitted diseases by equipping public school teachers to provide a strong abstinence until marriage message to students in high risk counties and empowering adult community members to support and reinforce this message.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Teachers in six public school districts will be trained through a graduate course designed to teach the social, psychological and health gains to be realized when adolescents abstain from sexual activity until marriage. Teachers will complete the two-day Worth the Wait curriculum training. Trained teachers will instruct 17,545 students in six high risk school districts. A subcontract with Pee Dee Family & Community Development program will provide concentrated efforts in the African American faith community of the six target school districts. At least 36 churches will train their clergy, lay leaders and parents to implement the Healthy Image of Sex curriculum, specifically designed for this target population. An Abstinence Education Consultant, Medical Consultant, and Research Assistant will be contracted to provide ongoing training, research and sustainability efforts. South Carolina Parents Involved in Education expects the results and benefits of the proposed project to be: 1) reduction in the proportion of adolescents who engage in pre-marital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse; 2) reduction in the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and 3) reduction in the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

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Grant Number:	90AE0143
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Educational Guidance Institute
Address:	188 Berbusse Lane
City/State/Zip Code:	Front Royal, VA 22630
Program Director:	Onalee McGraw
Telephone Number:	540-635-4420
Amount of Award:	\$742,280
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	3
Congressional District Served:	10

Organization Description:

Heart to Heart in Love, Life and Marriage is a project designed by the Educational Guidance Institute (EGI) whose primary goal is to teach adolescents ages 12-18 the rationale for abstinence from sexual activity until marriage and reduce the incidence of sexual activity among this population.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This will be accomplished through 11 five-session courses given in three distinct community sites: two in Virginia and one in Maryland. EGI will partner with organizations that are highly visible as service institutions in their communities for the implementation of this project. Two of the organizations are faith-based: Ark of Safety Christian Church in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland and St. Anthony Catholic Church in the Bailey's Crossroads (Culmore) area of Fairfax County, Virginia. The third site is in Loudoun County, Virginia, where EGI is in partnership with Inova Loudoun Hospital for the project. Secondary goals are: 1) to provide parents, through parent meetings, with concepts and tools that will assist them in their crucial role as primary educators of their children regarding sexuality and 2) to provide area youth-serving professionals, through seminars and a newsletter, with an introduction to the Principles of Whole Person Learning, thereby increasing both knowledge and acceptance of the abstinence-until-marriage model among these professionals. The same basic dual-component curriculum structure will be implemented at all three sites. The five-session courses will integrate lessons in abstinence education with character formation, and will include opportunities for language arts skill development. At each site, a team of adult teachers, coordinators and facilitators has been assembled, and at two of the sites Young Adult Mentors will be recruited. Youth ages 12-18 in each community will be recruited and enrolled in the five-session courses that combine the A - H structured curriculum Relationships Under Construction with Love & Life at the Movies, a curriculum developed by the Educational Guidance Institute which models good character and commitment in life, love and marriage through studying classic films. It is expected that the FYSB goals of reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies and lowering STD rates among the target population will be achieved when students are empowered to make healthy decisions regarding sexuality in the abstinence education component of the course, and equipped with the self-efficacy required to commit to an abstinent lifestyle until marriage in the character education component of the course.

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Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Longview Wellness Center
Address: 1107 E. Marshall Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Longview, TX 75601
Program Director: Tonya Waite
Telephone Number: 903-758-2762
Amount of Award: \$800,000
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The Longview Wellness Center - East Texas Abstinence Program (ETAP) is an authentic abstinence education program focused on positive youth development, primary public health and risk avoidance education. ETAP is designed to help young people avoid being exposed to potential harms; such as, drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, etc, and intervenes with universal and high-risk populations.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

ETAP takes a dual approach of providing interventions to prevent or forestall behaviors or situations that are detrimental to the development of youth in the area, and intervening with youth who have been or are in situations that place them at risk for premarital sex, out-of-wedlock pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases. Longview Wellness Center is a multi-practice community-based nonprofit health care provider that originally began providing family planning, gynecological and obstetric care, but expanded over the years to pediatrics, family medicine, psychiatric, psychological and substance abuse counseling, and public health services. Dr. John Kirk, the Center's Medical Director and an obstetrician was highly instrumental in the creation and development of the East Texas Abstinence Program, which came into being in 1999 when coalition meetings began being held. Since that time ETAP has grown considerably as a contractor for Texas Title V Abstinence funds and as a SPRANS provider with funding scheduled to end in September of 2005. ETAP includes minority components that are directed by African American and Hispanic youth and their parents. These activities focus efforts into churches, festivals and events that are popular to African Americans or Hispanic residents. Special Project Coordinators focus efforts to recruit and involve minority populations in all activities and it has paid off.

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Grant Number:	90AE0117
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Baker County Health Department
Address:	480 West Lowder St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Macclenny, FL 32063
Program Director:	Kerry Dunlavy
Telephone Number:	904-259-6291
Amount of Award:	\$460,755
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

While the teen birth rates are decreasing on the national, state, and local levels, Baker and Nassau counties still have great need for abstinence education (AE) programming. For the past eight years, the teen birth rate and STD rates in these two counties have exceeded the state rate. These rural counties have limited youth development and positive recreational and social opportunities. The impact of teen sexual activity has led to economic, educational, and health disparities in both of these counties. In an effort to combat the disparities created by teen sexual activity in Baker and Nassau counties, the Baker County Health Department (BCHD) requests funding from the Administration for Children and Families, under the Community-Based Abstinence Education (AE) grant, number HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-AE-0099, to provide AE programming to youth ages 12-18, parents, and significant adults in both Baker and Nassau counties.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Goals include reducing the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity and reducing the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases and out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents in Baker and Nassau counties, the program will: 1) deliver AE to youth 12-18 using the Choosing the Best and Sex Can Wait curricula; 2) deliver AE parent trainings; 3) provide youth development opportunities and activities to youth 12-18; 4) train and assist youth workers in the faith-based community to deliver AE to their congregations; 5) provide a comprehensive media and marketing component, while facilitating and empowering the community to continue efforts beyond the funding cycle. Objectives will target mobilizing community partners, contractors, youth and parents to create a sustainable environment that supports abstinence from sexual activity, providing education to youth and provide skills for avoiding sexual activity, and empowering the community partners and leaders to continue the abstinence movement beyond the project funding cycle. The program's activities comply with the 8 elements of AE as defined by Section 510(b)(2) of Title V of the Social Security Act, support the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Family Services Bureau's philosophy of youth development, and are based on the Social Cognitive Theory, a highly effective model for behavior change. Program evaluation will be based on measuring progress toward meeting program objectives, number and types of services and people served, and quality of services and delivery. Program evaluation will be used to demonstrate program effectiveness, improve program quality and delivery, and disseminate successful programming strategies. The achievement of the program's objectives and sustainability lie in the comprehensive plan and strong collaborative relationships set forth and outlined in the application. The desire to eradicate the disparities created by teen sexual activity in Baker and Nassau counties will guide the professional staff and the communities they serve to achieve the proposed goals and objectives.

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Grant Number: 90AE0142
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Catholic Charities Chemung & Schuyler
Address: 607 North Franklin St.
City/State/Zip Code: Watkins Glen, NY 14891
Program Director: Michael Thomas
Telephone Number: 607-535-2050
Amount of Award: \$399,551
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The purpose of this project is to provide an Abstinence Only Education Program to youth ages 12-18 in Steuben, Chemung, and Schuyler Counties that emphasizes the negative effects of pre-marital sex and offers youth development opportunities that will improve their self confidence and help them become better equipped to lead a healthy, productive life.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goals of this program are threefold: to reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sex (not limited to sexual intercourse), to decrease the number of out of wedlock pregnancies, and to have fewer adolescents infected with sexually transmitted diseases. The objectives are: 1) to help youth develop an attitude of self-respect and respect for others through engaging them in community service and positive youth development activities; 2) to educate youth about the negative social, emotional, and physical effects of engaging in premarital sex (not limited to sexual intercourse); 3) to educate youth about the risks associated with adolescent, out-of-wedlock pregnancy and that abstaining from all sexual activity (not limited to sexual intercourse) until marriage is the only certain way to avoid an out-of wedlock pregnancy; 4) to educate youth about the facts of sexually transmitted diseases and that abstaining from all sexual activity until marriage (and outside of the marriage relationship) is the only certain way to avoid contracting a sexually transmitted disease; 5) to equip youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to resist sexual urges and advances and to avoid situations that may lead to high risk behaviors (drug and alcohol use, pre-marital sex, etc.); 6) to equip youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a productive future, and to postpone pregnancy until they are married and self-sufficient.

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Grant Number:	90AE0116
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Crisis Pregnancy Center, Inc.
Address:	2902 Boniface Pkwy., Suite 200
City/State/Zip Code:	Anchorage, AK 99504
Program Director:	Tamera English
Telephone Number:	907-337-9292
Amount of Award:	\$663,845
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	10
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

CPC Pregnancy Center of Anchorage's Lets Talk Healthy Relationships program is the only existing SPRANS grantee in the state of Alaska. Lets Talk has had a successful abstinence until marriage education program in Anchorage and the surrounding communities since 1991. In 2002 Lets Talk was awarded a three-year Federal DHHS SPRANS grant that expanded its outreach to reach all areas of Alaska.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

By the end of the third year, the Lets Talk has provided the abstinence until marriage message to over 40,000 adolescents ages 12-18 in over 100 cities, towns, and Alaska Native villages. Lets Talk curriculum focuses on risk elimination education and healthy relationship training. Support services include; providing teacher training, and parent/community education and support. The program works with many high-risk youth programs statewide and is currently reaching out to Alaska Native and minority communities to assist in developing culturally appropriate curricula. While progress has been made in promoting abstinence in Alaska, no single agency can provide all of the services needed statewide. Alaska's vast geographical area, extreme weather conditions, high transportation costs and diverse cultures are just some of the challenges. Research on abstinence education has shown that achieving actual reductions in rates with high-risk youth requires the abstinence until marriage message to be provided consistently, over time and from various sources in the community. The communities with high rates of child sexual abuse, substance abuse, domestic violence and other high-risk factors will need to develop additional support services for youth, parents and families. To address the challenges of developing statewide services the Lets Talk program has consulted with youth, parents, teachers, service providers, Native leaders and abstinence education researchers. In 2005 through 2008, the Lets Talk speaker's program will provide abstinence education presentations in over 50 urban and rural communities per year. A new community outreach component will provide community education, training, and technical assistance to help 20 communities develop self-sustaining local programs. In addition, Lets Talk will establish a statewide abstinence resource center with the long-range goal of building a network of self-sustaining, culturally appropriate abstinence education programs across Alaska.

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Grant Number: 90AE0100
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Free Teens USA, Inc.
Address: PO Box 97
City/State/Zip Code: Westwood, NJ 07675
Program Director: Richard Panzer
Telephone Number: 201-358-1504
Amount of Award: \$800,000
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

Free Teens Leadership Training seeks to challenge youth to envision their own future life goals, including that of establishing a future successful marriage and family, and to see the connection between their present attitudes and behaviors and the accomplishment of those future goals.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Abstinence from self-destructive behaviors such as teen sex and the use of alcohol, cigarettes and illegal drugs is advocated as smart, realistic and do-able choices that teens can and should make. Free Teens seeks to increase the confidence of parents to guide their teenage children to avoid these risky behaviors and to create community consensus and an alternative media culture that honors and supports healthy choices that can lead to successful marriages and committed fathers and mothers. Measurable objectives include: 1.80% of the 15,000 program participants who receive stage one presentations will indicate they understand the benefits of premarital abstinence a 80% of 15,000 students who will participate in stage one programs will demonstrate they have refusal skills. 90% of 400 students who participate in weekly club meetings will be able to explain why they have chosen abstinence. 80% of 600 parents who participate in an "abstinence works" presentations will express confidence to guide their teenage children to be abstinent 100 parents/community leaders will agree to participate in a Free Teens Community Advisory Committee 300 students will participate in creating pro-abstinence media in the Free Teens Media Institute.

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Grant Number: 90AE0122
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Teens Empowerment Awareness with Resolutions, Inc.
Address: 1011 South Railroad St.
City/State/Zip Code: Phoenix City, AL 36867
Program Director: Angelia Walton
Telephone Number: 334-291-6363
Amount of Award: \$350,405
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The Passage Alternative Living Program, Inc. is submitting an application of request for financial assistance for the Community-Based Abstinence Education Project. This proposed project will be a local project operating on the city of Chicago's South Side. The targeted communities include Armour Square, Douglas, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Near South Side, Oakland and Gage Park.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

We plan to implement a demonstration Prevention project for teens at-risk for early or premature sexual activity that could possibly lead to unwanted pregnancy and/or contraction of STIs including HIV virus or AIDS. The proposed program will focus on expanding the capacity of Passages current Abstinence Education Program to address the needs of this vulnerable population on Chicago's south side. The proposed prevention program will be based on an adaptation of "Choosing the Best" (CTB) a state of the art approved curriculum. The CTB curriculum involves: intensive social and emotional stabilization, capacity building, engaging adolescents to feel comfortable in discussions with one another, promoting positive self-confidence and self-determination, medical interventions, referrals for psychiatric and mental health, educational and vocational services, life and daily living skills, substance abuse counseling and detoxification services referrals, abstinence pledge that participants will be encouraged to take to ensure they will remain abstinent until marriage. The program will target those adolescents between the ages of 12-18, predominately African American and some Hispanic, who are struggling with the possibility of becoming sexual active or are sexually active as a way of "fitting in" and who are frequently overlooked by some of the major agencies throughout Chicago.

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Grant Number: 90AE0098
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Laredo Independent School District
Address: 1604 Houston St.
City/State/Zip Code: Laredo, TX 78040
Program Director: Rolando Galegos
Telephone Number: 956-795-3338
Amount of Award: \$520,725
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 23

Organization Description:

Hispanic teenagers in Texas Border Schools are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviors linked to sexual activity than their Anglo counterparts in non-border schools. Laredo Independent School District (LISD) is a Texas Border School and is 99% Hispanic, placing its students at extreme risk for teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Total Abstinence Program (TAP) goals are to implement and operate an abstinence-until-marriage training and support program and a high-risk-behavior reduction program to students in grades 7-12 in Laredo ISD. The TAP project is a wide-ranging plan to provide over 175,000 abstinence training encounters for students in grades 7-12 and their parents. The Dreamcatcher Life Plan (DLP) will be used as the project curriculum, and will teach abstinence concepts through existing LISD classes. The DLP is a research-based thirty-seven session abstinence-only curriculum for grades 7-12 which functions as both a prevention and intervention tool that teaches students necessary skills to remain abstinent until marriage. The DLP is correlated to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills system and has an extensive parental involvement component, which teaches parenting skills, and promotes family communication about sexuality.

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Grant Number: 90AE0090
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Charlottesville Pregnancy Center
Address: 1420 Greenbriar Place
City/State/Zip Code: Charlottesville, VA 22901
Program Director: Michael Shin
Telephone Number: 434-979-4516
Amount of Award: \$645,642
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

Charlottesville Pregnancy Center goals of the proposed project, Worth the Wait, are threefold: to reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse. To reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents. To reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The objectives is to provide the 5 day Why kNOw abstinence education program to at least 90% of the students in grades 6-10 in our 9 county target area over a 3 year period. At least 90% of participants will complete the program; at least 80% will indicate an understanding of abstinence, as the only 100% sure way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy and STDs, and at least 65% will commit to abstain from sex until marriage. The approach is a school-based presentation of Why kNOw curriculum (meets standard A-H); after-school and mentoring of at-risk youth using Road to Excellence Leadership Development; and Media Campaign and Website Development.

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Grant Number: 90AE0132
Target Population: Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Professional Counseling Resources, Inc.
Address: 2500 West 4th St., Suite 2
City/State/Zip Code: Wilmington, DE 19805
Program Director: Lulu Nix
Telephone Number: 302-656-7737
Amount of Award: \$617,516
Program Name: Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The overall purpose of the Collaborative Abstinence Program of Delaware (CAP) is to develop and implement a community-based sexual abstinence education program for 850 adolescents, ages 12 through 18, residing in Wilmington, Delaware. Professional Counseling Resource’s (PCR) program is designed to reduce the proportion of adolescents in Wilmington who have engaged in premarital sexual activity, including sexual intercourse, out-of-wedlock pregnancies, and sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents; to provide abstinence-only education and motivation, life planning, incentives and enrichment activities, and adult role models to promote abstinence from sexual activity; and to provide training to parents to enable them to help their children remain abstinent until marriage.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

PCR’s program is a collaboration of faith-based institutions, community based organizations, and a charter school. The Police Athletic League of Wilmington will operate the intensive program with 150 youth and their parents/guardians. A collaboration of 8 churches through the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council (IMAC), a YMCA, a charter school, and several other youth-serving organizations will reach an additional 700 youth and parents and other family members with basic abstinence education efforts. An additional 25 faith and community-based organizations will be given basic training in developing and operating sexual abstinence only programs in Delaware through an online coaching and training site and a one day abstinence promotion capacity building conference.

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Grant Number:	90AE0096
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Mescalero Apache School
Address:	249 White Mountain Dr.
City/State/Zip Code:	Mescalero, NM 88340
Program Director:	Stephen Brooks
Telephone Number:	505-464-4431
Amount of Award:	\$426,983
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	2

Organization Description:

American Indian teenagers living on reservations and adolescents in rural areas are more likely to engage in high-risk behaviors linked to sexual activity than their counterparts in urban areas. The Mescalero Apache School (MAS) is located on a reservation in Southeastern New Mexico with several rural communities in close proximity.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The students in this region are at substantial risk for high rates of teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The Total Abstinence Program (TAP) goals are to implement and operate an abstinence-until-marriage training and support program and a high-risk-behavior reduction program to students in grades 7-12 in the Mescalero Apache School and nearby rural schools. The TAP project is a wide-ranging plan to provide over 60,000 abstinence training encounters for students in grades 7-12 and their parents. The Dreamcatcher Life Plan (DLP) will be used as the project curriculum, and will teach abstinence-until-marriage concepts through existing school classes. The DLP is a research-based thirty-seven session abstinence-only curriculum for grades 7-12 which functions as both a prevention and intervention tool that teaches students necessary skills to remain abstinent until marriage. The DLP is correlated to the state educational requirements and has an extensive parental involvement component, which teaches parenting skills, and promotes family communication about sexuality. TAP will work closely with the New Mexico State Health Department to monitor current abstinence education trends and stay up-to-date on statistics and training methodologies. The TAP performance measure system is designed to gauge the quantity, efficiency, and the impact of the program services, as required by the Government Results and Performance Act (GRPA). The system compares output measures, efficiency measures, and outcome measures to project goals to determine program success.

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Grant Number:	90AE0108
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	The Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County
Address:	515 Denmark St., Suite 1200
City/State/Zip Code:	Statesboro, GA 30458
Program Director:	Mike Jones
Telephone Number:	912-764-9696
Amount of Award:	\$796,232
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	12

Organization Description:

The Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County, in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Augusta, Inc. (serving Richmond & McDuffie Counties); The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia (serving Wayne & Glynn Counties); and the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club (serving Savannah/Chatham County) have partnered to form the East Georgia Boys and Girls Clubs Collaborative to address the need for community-based abstinence education in six East Georgia Counties. Abstinence education is not provided formally to students in the regular school day in any of our communities.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Boys and Girls Clubs obtained input from over 500 parents and youth. Teen pregnancy was identified as a primary issue and the East Georgia Abstinence Education project has been designed around the input gathered from our surveys. The Project will serve youth in both rural and urban areas of Georgia. Project Activities include working with local school system to provide abstinence education during the regular school day, providing abstinence education during after school programs, implementing a comprehensive community awareness campaign, and providing diversionary activities during the critical after school hours. The East Georgia Abstinence Education Project will achieve the following goals over the course of the grant: 1) to provide a comprehensive approach to abstinence-only education to at-risk youth ages 12-18 and to their parents; 2) to successfully communicate an abstinence-until-marriage message to youth; 3) to reduce the teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 in the six targeted counties by a significant percent (at least five percent) during the three-year grant period.

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Grant Number:	90AE0105
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
Address:	1105 Grand Ave., Suite 1
City/State/Zip Code:	Wausau, WI 54476
Program Director:	Scott Stokes
Telephone Number:	920-437-7400
Amount of Award:	\$733,542
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	7

Organization Description:

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is proposing a three-year grant to implement a statewide abstinence until marriage education program - The Wisconsin Abstinence Education Partnership. This project builds upon ARCW's 2001 SPRANS planning grant and three years of experience implementing statewide abstinence education through the Title V-funded True 2 Life (T2L) abstinence until marriage program.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goals of the program mirror the CBAE goals outlined by the Family and Youth Services Bureau for this grant: to reduce the number of adolescents engaging in premarital sexual activity, reduce the incidences of out of wedlock pregnancies, and reduce the number of STDs, including incidences of HIV infection, among adolescents. For the delivery of abstinence until marriage education to youth throughout Wisconsin, ARCW will partner with five separate Boys and Girls Clubs in each of the following cities Milwaukee, Appleton, Green Bay, Kenosha and La Crosse. ARCW and its partners will hire and train 13 FTE abstinence education staff statewide to implement the program. The partnership will utilize the Families United to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (FUPTP) curricula to reach 1,560 youth per year with abstinence until marriage education, 20,000 through a statewide marketing campaign and 2,000 through abstinence rallies. ARCW will deliver FUPTP education curricula in schools and other local organizations, reaching 1,000 youth throughout the state annually. The Boys and Girls Clubs will launch Keystone Abstinence Clubs to operate in conjunction with ARCW's classroom setting presentations, reaching 560 youth between the ages of 12 to 18 years old. While ARCW will partner with five different Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the state, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee will lead the development and implementation of all Keystone Abstinence Clubs.

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Grant Number:	90AE0138
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Communities in Schools Augusta-Richmond County
Address:	1132 Druid Park Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Augusta, GA 30904
Program Director:	Mary Crawford
Telephone Number:	706-774-6600
Amount of Award:	\$405,978
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	12

Organization Description:

Communities In Schools of Augusta-Richmond County Inc. (CISARC) is a nonprofit organization located in Augusta-Richmond, Georgia, that attempts to identify "at-risk" youth prior to dropping out of school, entry into the juvenile justice system and before they begin to participate in "at-risk" behavior: gang violence, unwed pregnancy, substance abuse, etc.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

CISARC provides youth with an opportunity to establish a one to one relationship with a caring adult and a safe place to learn and develop decision-making skills that result in a healthy start and a healthy future. These skills enable youth to become gainfully employed upon graduation and give back to their peers and other members in their communities. The mission of CISARC is to broker community resources to schools and families to help children become academically successful that will, in turn, prepare them for life. CISARC has taught abstinence-only education to middle and high school youth for three years. The sexual attitudes and beliefs were assessed using pre and post course evaluation tools and demonstrated an increase in sexually related attitudes. In the proposed project, we will move beyond a psychosocial evaluation of abstinence only and implement a "Choose Success" abstinence only campaign; because we continue to see high rate of sexually-related at-risk behaviors among youth 12-14 years old and an increase in STDs among youth aged 14-18 old over the next three years, CISARC will implement an abstinence-only educational program and evaluate sexually-related behavior changes among an at-risk youth population. In addition, STDs are on the rise in Augusta-Richmond County; indeed STDs are at epidemic level in the Augusta-Richmond County area. In addition, the Augusta Health District has the second highest number of reported cases of AID with 78% cases among African Americans. Plans call for the eventual expansion of facilities and programs in order to provide longitudinal case management to youth.

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Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Operation Turn Around
Address:	220 Pine St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Minden, LA 71055
Program Director:	Charles Sims
Telephone Number:	318-393-4438
Amount of Award:	\$304,404
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	8/30/2005-8/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	10

Organization Description:

The entire state of Louisiana, including Webster Parish clearly faces significant challenges in regard to poverty, unemployment, with lower rates of high school graduation, educational attainment, literacy levels and high rates of families with single, female head of households. The state ranks 48th in the nation in children living in poverty and ninth in teenage birth rates.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The number of STD cases in our community is alarming. Louisiana had the 2nd highest rate of primary and secondary syphilis since 1995, but fell to 8th in 2002. In 2002, 49.6% of early syphilis cases occurred in females, and 89.6% of the cases occurred in African-Americans. Further 1st in gonorrhea, 4th in chlamydia, 8th highest AIDS rates and 13th in the number of AIDS cases reported. The goals of the OPERATION TURN AROUND Project are to: 1) reduce the number of adolescents engaging in premarital activity; 2) reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and 3) reduce the incidence of sexually-transmitted diseases among adolescents. The project outcomes for the program will increase program participation and awareness of abstinence, higher self-concept, reduce proportion of teens engaged in sexual intercourse, reduce incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among teens, reduce pregnancy rates among 12 to 18 year olds. The philosophy of this program is that the key to sexual abstinence is promoting positive youth development and empowering youth to make healthy choices. OTA will present programs that are innovative, culturally and linguistically tailored for at risk youth of Webster Parish. The activities include abstinence education curricula, drama self-development productions, abstinence education guest speakers, and recreation activities. Choosing The Best and Possessing Your Power curricula chosen for this project are fully compliant with Title V's A-H definition of abstinence education. Training will be provided to educators, parents, healthcare providers, mentors and community.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90AE0092
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	TLC Clinic, Inc.
Address:	3405 Forest Hill Rd.
City/State/Zip Code:	West Palm Beach, FL 33416
Program Director:	Joseph Sowers
Telephone Number:	561-547-8790
Amount of Award:	\$800,000
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	23

Organization Description:

Be the One has been providing abstinence-only education in Palm Beach County, Florida for 13 years. As a program department of TLC Clinic, Inc., Be the One's mission is to empower at-risk youth to develop healthy relationships and lifestyles by saving sex for marriage as well as by encouraging parents to be positive role models for their families. Be the One aims to create a community environment, particularly in Palm Beach County's schools, in which young people are given safe, healthy, and enjoyable opportunities to develop into productive members of society.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Be the One provides abstinence-only education in school classrooms, mentoring relationships in clubs, as well as parent/adult education and training. By avoiding high-risk behaviors such as premarital sex, drug use, alcohol consumption, and violence, youth are far more likely to gain a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and empowerment. Our purpose in applying for the Community-Based Abstinence Education is to continue a highly effective, well-established, and multi-faceted abstinence-only education program in Palm Beach County schools, using our School Saturation Model. Be the One desires to: 1) reduce the proportion of adolescents who engage in premarital sexual activity, including but not limited to sexual intercourse; 2) reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies among adolescents; and 3) reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents. To do so, the following four objectives have been established: Annually educate 12,500 Palm Beach County adolescents, aged 12-18, with four hours of instruction in 27 schools on the physical, intellectual, emotional and social health gains to be realized by abstaining from premarital sexual activity; annually equip and provide support to 320 high school and 550 middle school students in commitment to a lifestyle of abstinence-until-marriage through lunch/after-school clubs, rallies, and other support activities; annually educate and equip 500 parents of adolescents and adults in the community with four hours of instruction on the physical, intellectual, emotional and social benefits of abstinence from premarital sexual activity and other high-risk behaviors; and build and develop abstinence-only education awareness in Palm Beach County, particularly within the 27 target school communities.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90AE0109
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Better Family Life, Inc.
Address:	724 North Union, Suite 301
City/State/Zip Code:	St Louis, MO 63108
Program Director:	Carolyn Seward
Telephone Number:	314-746-0752
Amount of Award:	\$799,500
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	7
Congressional District Served:	1

Organization Description:

Better Family Life, Inc. has formed a partnership, which joins faith/community-based organizations, schools, local government, medical providers and families, to provide abstinence until marriage education in distressed urban neighborhoods located in St. Louis, MO. Better Family Life, Inc. has selected the Families United to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (FUPTP) abstinence-until-marriage curriculum for this project. FUPTP is used in three (more than 40 program delivery sites) Community Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) projects, and has a 19 year history promoting positive youth development and fighting teen pregnancy.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The proposed coalition of partners was formed with the objective of providing a consistent message of abstinence until marriage through St. Louis public/private schools and a powerful network of faith and community-based service-providing organizations. Better Family Life, Inc. was selected as the grant applicant as a result of its 23 years of experience, and its community role as convener of the St. Louis Healthy Families Initiative. Better Family Life, Inc. formed a partnership in 2004 with the Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) to further develop its Healthy Families Initiative's abstinence-until-marriage and healthy marriage programs. CFSS has developed CBAE abstinence-until-marriage and positive youth development program models in ten low-income urban and rural communities throughout the U.S. CFSS is a Title V funded, and has successfully prepared Better Family Life, Inc. and their partners to operate a CBAE project in St. Louis. Better Family Life, Inc. will utilize a well-established network of faith and community-based organizations and schools to implement abstinence until marriage services in St. Louis. The proposal partners in St. Louis will transfer lessons learned from this project to additional partners in their respective networks.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90AE0103
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center
Address:	602 Main St.
City/State/Zip Code:	Texarkana, TX 75501
Program Director:	Kimberly Michelle
Telephone Number:	903-792-5735
Amount of Award:	\$435,419
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

According to a Community Needs Survey by Wadley Regional Hospital of Texarkana, Texas in 2001, teen pregnancy is this community's most pressing problem. Additionally, according to Child Trends, Arkansas and Texas rank #47 and #48 respectively, out of all of the 50 United States for teen pregnancies. And, according to the Texas Department of Health, Texarkana ranks highest in cases of HIV and STDs in the Northeast Region of Texas. 1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's (1st Choice PRC's) 'Abstinence-until-marriage' program's primary goal is to improve and enlarge its 4-year-old "What If...?" 'abstinence-until-marriage' program to more than 9,000 12-18 year-old adolescents and their parents on the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from premarital sexual activity until marriage. The targeted area includes eight school districts, two within the city limits of Texarkana, Texas, Texarkana, Arkansas and in six rural communities.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The objective of this program is to increase the proportion of adolescents who have not engaged in pre-marital sexual activity before 15 years of age and decrease the number of adolescent pregnancies and number of adolescents infected with STDs. 1st Choice will use this grant funding to: 1) Purchase nationally-recognized W.A.I.T. abstinence educational materials and training for its abstinence staff and educators; 2) Purchase effective "abstinence-until-marriage" age and cultural appropriate messages for billboards, radio and television; 3) Provide weekly call-in radio shows to promote abstinence-until-marriage; 4) Provide a 'lending library' of abstinence materials for adolescents, parents and partners; 5) Hire an Abstinence Director and staff who will grow partnerships with community leaders, recruit volunteers, provide 'abstinence-until-marriage' seminars and trainings, community-wide events, and establish 'TaskMaster's Clubs' and Teen's Teams in local schools and community centers to provide mentoring, peer counseling and supervision for adolescents ages 12-18. All of this is designed to heighten awareness for adolescents, their parents and the community on the disadvantages of engaging in pre-marital sexual activity and the advantages of choosing an abstinence-until-marriage lifestyle. Since this program's targeted area is located in the states of Texas and Arkansas, 1st Choice PRC is coordinating with Kathy Ward with the Arkansas Department of Health and Karen Flowers with the Texas Department of Health Child Wellness Division (as recommended in this grant's guidelines to "initiate coordination and collaboration with State agencies currently administering a Section 510 Abstinence Education grant"), and will work with them to eliminate effort duplication and increase the impact of this award. 1st Choice PRC will also coordinate with the targeted school district's administrators, faculty, and community leaders.

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Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90AE0134
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Wedgwood Christian Services
Address:	3300 Thirty Sixth St. South East
City/State/Zip Code:	Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Program Director:	Heidi Harmon
Telephone Number:	616-831-5628
Amount of Award:	\$403,061
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

Kent County was in the top 21 counties in the state of Michigan, which has 83 counties total, in teen births in the year of 2003.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Results or Benefits Expected: 1) to decrease the proportion of teens who engage in premarital sexual activity and the incidences of teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Kent County; 2) to increase public awareness of teen pregnancies and STIs and support for sexual abstinence until marriage program efforts; 3) to develop a Pure Passion for Fashion (PPFF) event curriculum and training module to use with Michigan counties. Approach: 1) Sex Can Wait (SCW) curriculum with application of information and skills learned in this program in service learning and youth events; 2) family engagement efforts including: 1) a parent orientation before the start of each SCW session, 2) a family-focused evening PPFF event, 3) lunch seminars at area businesses/churches/PTOs on the topic teen sexuality, 4) a brochure informing parents of COACH/Wedgwood resources to distribute to PTOs, to parents on PA226 committees, and to attendees at area events/expos, and 5) parent representation on the COACH coalition; 6) community- and school-awareness building efforts including: 1) the PPFF Kent County annual event and providing training to other Michigan Counties on PPFF, 2) a teen drama group, 3) two youth rallies, and 4) a traveling art exhibit. Evaluation: Data for this project includes demographics, pre- and post-survey comparisons, satisfaction surveys, and focus group responses.

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Grant Number:	90AE0137
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Address:	7703 Floyd Curl Dr.
City/State/Zip Code:	San Antonio, TX 78229
Program Director:	Robert Schenken
Telephone Number:	210-567-4650
Amount of Award:	\$213,276
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	6
Congressional District Served:	20

Organization Description:

Bexar County, Texas has one of the highest teen pregnancy and STD rates in the United States, up to 4 times the national average. Sixty percent of Bexar County is Hispanic and up to 96% is categorized as economically disadvantaged. Schools do not have the financial resources to provide a well-planned, coordinated abstinence-only program, and a lack of accurate information provided to adults in the community makes it challenging for parents to support abstinence as the healthiest choice for adolescents.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Our goal is to reduce the rate of adolescent sexual activity through a culturally sensitive community approach, which includes an expansion of the existing University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Sex Education Program (UTHSCSA SEP) in Bexar County. The objectives are to: 1) Increase adolescents' intentions to remain abstinent until marriage by positively influencing attitudes, self-standards, knowledge, emotions and skills in an age-appropriate, culturally-sensitive manner; 2) Enhance adult awareness of the health, socioeconomic, psychological and legal ramifications of adolescent sexual activity and their ability to provide support and guidance to adolescents as they strive to remain abstinent until marriage; 3) Support programmatic efforts that foster the development and collaboration of abstinence-only education for adolescents, ages 12-18 in school districts in Bexar County. The UTHSCSA SEP has implemented the Scott & White Worth the Wait® (WTW®) curriculum in both public and private schools through a Title V grant with the Texas Department of State Health Services for abstinence education for the past two years. WTW® abstinence-only education curriculum meets all eight elements of the Section 510 abstinence education definition, and its components address health, social, economic and legal aspects of teen sexual activity. The UTHSCSA Sex Education Program proposes to expand its current abstinence-only sex education program in Bexar County, partner with community entities, and build community empowerment through knowledge and critical awareness. Leadership development, both in youth and youth workers, and community support of sexual abstinence until marriage will be a critical focus. Because of the culturally diverse needs of youth and community within each school district of Bexar County, the UTHSCSA SEP has networked with different organizations to provide services and empower youth with a critical consciousness of the specific problems in their community and skills needed to make a commitment of sexual abstinence until marriage. The UTHSCSA SEP will continue to consult with the Adult Advisory Board and Teen Advisory Council made up of representation from all areas of Bexar County to ensure that this program remains culturally sensitive and age-appropriate and to increase community support.

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Grant Number:	90AE0113
Target Population:	Adolescent youth from 12 to 18 years of age
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Be'er Hagolah Institutes
Address:	671 Louisiana Ave.
City/State/Zip Code:	Brooklyn, NY 11239
Program Director:	Pearl Kaufman
Telephone Number:	718-642-6800
Amount of Award:	\$291,102
Program Name:	Community-Based Abstinence Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region:	2
Congressional District Served:	10

Organization Description:

Be'er Hagolah, with over 20 years of success in guiding and educating the Russian immigrant community, will address these problems with its latest initiative, the Just Say No! program.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

In keeping with the eight elements of legislative requirements Be'er Hagolah has developed six principal objectives to follow in order to achieve its overall goal of graduating sexually abstinent and morally upright youth: Teaching the physical and psychological hazards of engaging in pre-marital sexual activity; Creating an awareness of the effects of peer and media pressure, and how to et and live up to one's own goals; Teaching students to how to deal with and reject peer, social and media pressures, and developing a positive, supportive atmosphere in the school and community; Increasing students' self-confidence while engaging them in positive pursuits; Empowering students with the ability to attain self-sufficiency; and Developing and maintaining parental support and communication. BHI's initiative, the Just Say No! program, is a comprehensive approach that will achieve the goals and objectives described above through a wide array of curriculum-based educational and recreational activities, including workshops; lectures; media research; support groups featuring teenage role models; sports leagues; drama, dance, and music clubs; counseling services, and career courses and advice. Occasional parent events; weekend retreats, dramatic productions and distributed pamphlets will help BHI spread its message beyond the confines of the school. With this approach, BHI hopes to decrease sexual pressures in the school and community, and promote abstinence and positive behaviors for all community adolescents.

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Family Violence Prevention and Services

Bureau Name:	Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number:	90EV0336
Target Population:	Specialized outreach demonstration project for services to underserved and diverse populations
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Regents of the University of Minnesota
Address:	450 McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak St. NE
City/State/Zip Code:	Minneapolis, MN 55455
Program Director:	Oliver Williams
Telephone Number:	612-624-5599
Amount of Award:	\$399,925
Program Name:	Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period:	9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region:	5
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

The Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC), is a research and outreach center within the University of Minnesota School of Social Work. IDVAAC was launched in 1993 as a collaboration between scholars, organizations, and practitioners throughout the nation who were concerned with African American domestic violence. As a result of a DHHS/ACF grant beginning in 1997, IDVAAC has increased its focus and its capacity to address domestic violence with an emphasis on intimate partner violence.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

During this time, IDVAAC has accomplished its mission, which is as follows: To provide an interdisciplinary vehicle and forum by which scholars, practitioners, and observers of family violence in the African American community will have the continual opportunity to articulate the perspective on family violence through research findings, the examination of service delivery and intervention mechanisms, and the identification of appropriate and effective responses to prevent/reduce family violence in the African American community. IDVAAC's goals are to: 1) Create a community of African American scholars and practitioners working in the area of violence in the African American community; 2) Further scholarship in the area of African American violence; and 3) Promote the partnership between scholarship and practice.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0337
Target Population: Specialized outreach demonstration project for services to underserved and diverse populations
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence
Address: PO Box 692, Triborough Station
City/State/Zip Code: New York, NY 10035
Program Director: Adelita Medina
Telephone Number: 646-672-1404
Amount of Award: \$400,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 15

Organization Description:

The National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence (Alianza) is a national organization for ongoing dialogue, education, and advocacy representing domestic violence in Latino communities.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

In furtherance of our mission and goals, which are to promote understanding, sustain dialogue, develop knowledge, and generate solutions regarding this social problem that affects a substantial number of Latino families and individuals, we will continue our efforts in five areas, building on the knowledge and expertise gained during our first five years.

1) Community Education and Development: continue to provide information about domestic violence in Latino communities. 2) Policy Advocacy: expand its promotion of a National Latino Domestic Violence Policy Advocacy Agenda to guide Latino communities in creating culturally responsive strategies to eradicate domestic violence, monitor and track the impact of legislation on Latino communities, inform the public, encourage Latino/a-led organizations to make domestic violence part of their work; and to ensure Latino/a representation at all levels of the policy making process. 3) enhance its research area. 4) Training and Technical Assistance: increase opportunities for Latino service providers to upgrade their skills, and 5) strengthen its infrastructure to meet its goals and objectives and strengthen and expand its networking and collaborations with other national domestic violence organizations, centers, and technical assistance entities.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0349
Target Population: Specialized outreach demonstration project for services to underserved and diverse populations
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Hektoen Institute, L.L.C./The Cook County Bureau of Health Services
Address: 2100 West Harrison St.
City/State/Zip Code: Chicago, IL 60612
Program Director: Carole Warshaw
Telephone Number: 312-543-3437
Amount of Award: \$399,991
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 7

Organization Description:

The Domestic Violence and Mental Health Policy Initiative (DVMHPI) is a project of the Hektoen Institute for Medical Research, LLC and John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital, of Cook County.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project has three major objectives: 1) Promote dialogue (and build consensus) within the national domestic violence community about how to best address the mental health needs of domestic violence survivors and their children and how to respond most effectively to the traumatic effects of domestic violence and lifetime abuse; 2) Enhance the capacity of domestic violence programs to serve women and children who have trauma/mental health needs in a trauma sensitive, culturally competent manner through training, technical assistance and the dissemination of training materials and practice guidelines; 3) Influence policy - Generate recommendations, identify priorities and develop strategies to help build the research and resource base necessary to support effective strategies for meeting the trauma and mental health related needs of domestic violence survivors and their children. The Center will establish a National Advisory Group comprised of survivors, advocates, researchers, practitioners and policymakers, including representatives from national domestic violence organizations, cultural institutes on domestic violence and state domestic violence coalitions to both develop and propel our policy agenda.

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Grant Number: 90EV0350
Target Population: Specialized outreach demonstration project for services to underserved and diverse populations
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Address: 450 Sutter St., Suite 600
City/State/Zip Code: San Francisco, CA 94108
Program Director: Chic Dabby
Telephone Number: 415-954-9988
Amount of Award: \$400,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 8

Organization Description:

A national network of advocates, community members, agencies, professionals, researchers, policy advocates, and activists from community and social justice organizations working to eliminate domestic violence in API communities. The API Institute functions as a national resource center and a network of organizations.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The three main objectives are to: 1) Build the capacity of API advocates and leadership in service programs, across systems, and in our national network by promoting culturally competent advocacy and services for survivors and their families through a national Resource Center that provides materials, technical assistance, training and consultation. 2) Strengthen community-based –groups and organizations to be agents of change to prevent domestic violence utilizing a range of community engagement strategies. 3) Promote systems change and accountability through research, policy analysis and review, and by engaging in pan-ethnic and multi-issue national and regional collaborations.

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Grant Number: 90EV0345
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Address: 425 Office Plaza Dr.
City/State/Zip Code: Tallahassee, FL 32301
Program Director: Tiffany Carr
Telephone Number: 850-425-2749
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) and its statewide organization partners, the Florida Network for Youth & Families (the Florida Network) and the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence (FCASV), are committed to impacting adolescent dating violence among the runaway and homeless youth population in Florida.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project, Collaborating to Impact Teen Dating Violence in the Lives of Runaway and Homeless Youth, is an intervention and awareness program with three major goals. Those goals are: 1) To increase domestic and sexual violence advocates' and runaway youth workers' knowledge of and competency in direct service provision to runaway adolescents who experience dating violence; 2) to create a runaway youth/adolescent dating violence technical assistance network, collaboration protocols and web-based materials to assist state and local service providers; and; 3) to create awareness materials that reach out to runaway and homeless youths and provide informational resources and referrals.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0343
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Wichita Children's Home
Address: 810 North Holyoke
City/State/Zip Code: Wichita, KS 67208
Program Director: Karen Countryman
Telephone Number: 316-684-6581
Amount of Award: \$67,698
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 7
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The Wichita Children's Home cares for victims of abuse, abandonment, and neglect, as well as runaways, children facing family crisis, or children who may be at risk in their homes.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project is a collaboration of three organizations in Wichita: Wichita Children's Home, the local runaway and homeless youth provider; Catholic Charities Harbor House, a domestic violence shelter; and the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center, an advocacy and services program for victims. The three organizations will work together to create an integrated cross-training curriculum for the staff of their respective organizations in the areas of runaway and homeless youth issues, domestic violence identification and services provision and working with victims of sexual assault. These training modules will be made available to other runaway and homeless youth service providers throughout the country. An Emergency Response Team will be identified to respond to victims of adolescent dating violence. A Protocol Development Team will be formed from among the agencies' staff to author a handbook on screening, assessing, accessing services and developing safety plans for youth who meet established victimization criteria. Data will be collected and analyzed and will be used to develop a risk assessment tool in conjunction with Wichita State University.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0342
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth and Family Services
Address: 135 Cumberland Rd., Suite 201
City/State/Zip Code: Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Program Director: Nancy Johnson
Telephone Number: 412-366-6562
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth and Family Services (MANY) helps you stay up-to-date on the latest program innovations, cutting edge training, best practices, and alternative approaches that will raise your services to a new level of quality.

As a regional network, we provide a full range of services to help you address the challenges you face every day.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

MANY is FYSB's designated RHY Training & Technical Assistance Provider for Region III, & has been a leader in this field for 16 years. In addition to its leadership in Pennsylvania, PCADV is FYSB's National Resource Center on Domestic violence, the first & only federally-funded center. Both partner organizations bring considerable resources & experience to this effort, & both are well positioned to disseminate project results on a national scale. This project will provide workers from both disciplines the opportunity to come together to share expertise in a structured format. The project has three major goals: 1) To establish a three year cross disciplinary initiative which will lead to the development of new strategies to prevent dating violence among runaway and homeless youth and enhance domestic violence services in runaway and homeless youth programs; 2) To collaboratively design and develop cross-disciplinary approaches for the effective prevention of dating violence among runaway and homeless youth; and 3) To improve the effectiveness of domestic violence service delivery for youth in runaway & homeless youth programs through cross disciplinary collaboration.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0341
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: NYC Department of Youth and Community Development
Address: 156 William St., 6th Floor
City/State/Zip Code: New York, NY 10038
Program Director: Dorothy Prager
Telephone Number: 212-442-1620
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 8

Organization Description:

The Department of Youth and Community Development develops, coordinates and implements youth programs and activities & is the designated Community Action Agency of the federal Community Services Block Grant Program in New York City.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goals of this project are: 1) To improve the accuracy of quantitative data on the history of domestic violence and dating violence in the lives of the runaway homeless youth in New York City programs; 2) To institutionalize a continual collaboration between the domestic violence service provider network and the runaway homeless youth service provider network to: 3) train runaway homeless youth to educate their peers using; 4) staff training for runaway homeless youth and domestic violence service provider; and 5) OCDV's continued representation on DYCD's Runaway Homeless Youth Advisory Committee, the Senior Peer Trainers' membership on this Committee, and DYCD's representation on the Citywide Domestic Violence Task Force; and 6) To help RHY address the violence and trauma in their lives by encouraging them to partake in the education, employment and housing services in order to become stable and self-sufficient. The Peer Trainers will also offer training to 35 runaway homeless youth and domestic violence service provider staff.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0346
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Womenspace, Inc.
Address: PO Box 50127
City/State/Zip Code: Eugene, OR 97405
Program Director: Cheryl O'Neill
Telephone Number: 541-485-8232
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 10
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The organization is a multi-faceted organization that in addition to basic crisis services supports a strong, county-wide domestic violence council, a publicly located drop-in Advocacy Center, legal advocacy via a collaborative legal clinic, transitional year-long case management services, domestic violence specialists housed in local welfare and child protective service offices, three rural outreach offices, an extensive community education program offering training from the most basic to highly specialized curricula, and a host of collaborative relationships with local and federal partners.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Our goal is to reduce the tolerance for dating and domestic violence in the street culture and increase safety for runaway and homeless youth. We will accomplish this by increasing safe shelter and on-site advocacy options, providing a catalyst for culture shift at the street level, and creating structural changes that will support this work. This project will build upon the significant achievements and lessons learned from our current grant RHY-DV collaboration grant for cross-training and protocol development, as well as other county, state and federal efforts funded through the Office on Violence Against Women and the Family and Youth Services Bureau.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0348
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: South Bay Community Services
Address: 1124 Bay Blvd., Suite D
City/State/Zip Code: Chula Vista, CA 91911
Program Director: Kathryn Lembo
Telephone Number: 619-420-3620
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 51

Organization Description:

The Organization's mission is to provide children, youth, and families in the South Bay area with services, which reinforce the family's role in our community and assist individuals to aspire realistically to lives of self-fulfillment.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Youth and Family Development department is focused on recognizing the strengths, assets, and resiliency of youth in particular, and maximizing the potential for their long-term development by encouraging their creative abilities within a family and community context. Programs include Trolley Trestle Transitional Living Program for former foster youth, Casa Nuestra shelter for runaway and homeless youth, and Independent Living Program for current and former foster youth. Mental Health Services for children and youth in the community, and the Community Assessment Team. Services include a continuum of shelters; counseling and supportive services; community advocacy; and self-sufficiency skills programs. Youth and Family Support Services provides an array of services and activities to assist youth and their families including health, education, work recreation, family, and social, as well as enhancing adult-youth partnerships. Programs include counseling, juvenile diversion, pregnancy prevention, after school programming, gang alternatives, gender specific programming, youth entrepreneurial activities.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0338
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Children's Hospital, Los Angeles
Address: 4650 Sunset Blvd.
City/State/Zip Code: Los Angeles, CA 90027
Program Director: Kelvin Kelley
Telephone Number: 323-669-2103
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 30

Organization Description:

This proposal is submitted by Children's Hospital Los Angeles on behalf of the Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The key program objectives are: 1) Strengthen collaboration around intimate partner violence with RHY by partnering with domestic violence agencies in program and policy development; 2) Enhance the knowledge and skills of youth service workers and domestic violence providers in intimate partner violence assessment and intervention with RHY; 3) Implement an age-appropriate intimate partner violence prevention curriculum for RHY; 4) Enhance understanding of intimate partner violence among RHY; 5) Develop and disseminate model protocols for DV services providers and youth workers; 6) Sustain effective strategies for domestic violence prevention with RHY. The primary approach for the proposal is to enhance our current Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership Violence Prevention Collaborative to include representatives from Break the Cycle and the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women, two domestic violence agencies that have already demonstrated the capacity to address the needs of youth.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0347
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Families and Youth, Inc.
Address: 1320 South Solano
City/State/Zip Code: Las Cruces, NM 88001
Program Director: Mickey Curtis
Telephone Number: 505-522-4004
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

Families and Youth, Inc. (FYI) provides a variety of programs to the community. These programs cover the spectrum from prevention and education to intervention. FYI has become the major provider of no-cost social services for youth and their families in the Las Cruces area. FYI is the sole Las Cruces, New Mexico provider of federally funded Basic Shelter Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY) and Transitional Living Programs for southern New Mexico. La Casa, Inc. is the federally and state funded local organization/ provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

FYI and La Casa, Inc will use the grant funds to cross-train staff and volunteers in utilizing interventions which are effective with runaway/homeless youth; Cross train staff and volunteers on recognizing and educating youth on dating/domestic violence; Identify the number and demographic information on FYI clients who have been in or are currently in abusive relationships in order to track possible trends to assist in development of intervention strategies; Provide prevention group services to increase youth skills and knowledge about dating and domestic violence; and Provide safe, structured experiential group sessions in which youth will practice positive peer relationship skills.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0344
Target Population: Domestic violence/runaway and homeless youth collaboration on the prevention of adolescent dating violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Worcester County Health Department
Address: 6040 Public Landing Rd.
City/State/Zip Code: Snow Hill, MD 21863
Program Director: Joyce Baum
Telephone Number: 410-629-0164
Amount of Award: \$75,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 3

Organization Description:

The Worcester County Health Department’s Basic Center for Runaway and Homeless Youth and the Domestic Violence Coalition (DVC) work together to implement effective strategies for identification and use of domestic violence and adolescent dating violence prevention and intervention services concurrently with the services provided at the Basic Center known as “Sand Castles.”

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The DVC/Sand Castles partnership will: 1) raise awareness of domestic and teen dating violence issue in both youth and professionals; 2) implement domestic violence and runaway and homeless youth cross training activities for staff; and 3) incorporate violence prevention and intervention activities at the Basic Center for disconnected youth. To achieve this the DVC/Sand Castles partnership will: 1) Collect data on the prevalence of domestic violence and teen dating violence by screening all youth seen by the health department for history of domestic violence and/or adolescent dating violence, ; 2) Sand Castles’ Program Coordinator will attend Domestic Violence Coalition Monthly meetings and Domestic Violence Coordinator will attend Sand Castles’ Advisory Board meetings; 3) Sand Castles’ staff with Worcester County Health Department (WCHD) Prevention staff will be trained on the foundation of the Empower Program and the dynamics of teen dating violence; and 4) Sand Castles’ staff and WCHD Prevention staff will facilitate teen dating violence lessons from the Empower curricula and incorporate violence prevention and conflict resolution activities at the Basic Center and as a part of Domestic Violence Month activities at the local high schools.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0351
Target Population: Minority training grant stipends in domestic violence for historically black, hispanic-serving and tribal colleges and universities
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Regents of New Mexico State University
Address: PO Box 30001, MSC OGC, 1620 Standley Drive
City/State/Zip Code: Las Cruces, NM 88003
Program Director: Martha Roditti
Telephone Number: 505-646-7903
Amount of Award: \$100,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 16

Organization Description:

The School of Social Work at New Mexico State University continues to develop as one of the premier social work programs in the Southwest. Currently the School offers both the BSW degree and the MSW degree.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This project goal is to increase the numbers and the capacity of the social workers, advocates and allies working in the field of preventing and treating domestic violence in Hispanic (Mexican-American) communities in the Southern Border Region of New Mexico and Western Texas. NMSU will 1) research, develop and implement a cutting edge, culturally competent domestic violence training and skills building program through a field training program and the development course emphasizing cultural content on domestic violence prevention, treatment and research; 2) implement two field placements that will provide social work students with a multi-ethnic environment and a culturally competent training program; 3) develop a domestic violence stipend program for a total of 26 promising students over three years who are committed to a career in domestic violence; 4) identify different approaches to prevention, identification of, and the treatment efforts for domestic violence in Hispanic families and create a workbook on different approaches using the experiences of the agencies and students in the project; and 5) engage in efforts to impact domestic violence prevention services, intervention efforts, policies and practice for Hispanic families on the national, State, local governmental and non-profit agency level.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0340
Target Population: Minority training grant stipends in domestic violence for historically black, hispanic-serving and tribal colleges and universities
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Delaware State University
Address: 1500 North Dupont Hwy.
City/State/Zip Code: Dover, DE 19901
Program Director: Diane Metzendorf
Telephone Number: 302-857-6778
Amount of Award: \$99,995
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

Delaware State University (DSU) is a HBCU. For 112 years, DSU has educated a diverse population of students who otherwise may have been denied the opportunity to acquire a baccalaureate or master's degree. The University and the Dept. of Social Work focus on helping communities of color resolve serious social and economic problems.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Delaware State University Department of Social Work in collaboration with a network of eight domestic violence organizations in rural Sussex County, Delaware will place eight stipend-eligible social work students with a special interest in domestic violence as interns in each one of these organizations. All stipend-eligible social work students are full time and are placed at the organization for a minimum of 400 hours for a one-year period. The ultimate purpose of this project is to increase the number of social work professionals able to provide culturally competent domestic violence services to diverse underserved populations in rural, Sussex County, Delaware. Through the provision of Minority Training Grant Stipends to undergraduate and graduate social work students, ongoing partnerships will be created between Delaware State University Department of Social Work and local domestic violence and victims service programs that will serve to enhance the ability of social workers to provide culturally competent services and ultimately to increase the numbers of advocates and allies working to prevent domestic violence in underserved and/or minority communities.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0339
Target Population: Minority training grant stipends in domestic violence for historically black, hispanic-serving and tribal colleges and universities
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Southern University of New Orleans
Address: 6400 Press Dr.
City/State/Zip Code: New Orleans, LA 70126
Program Director: Gladys Merrick
Telephone Number: 504-286-5376
Amount of Award: \$100,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

The only public HBCU in the metropolitan of New Orelans region. This university is actively involved in efforts to improve services to women and children experiencing domestic violence. The School of Social Work provides both undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work. Its student body is largely drawn from the metropolitan are and is predominantly African American.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The purpose of this project is to increase the cultural sensitivity and effectiveness of social work practitioners who are responding to violence in communities which are underserved because of ethnic, racial, or lifestyle diversity. SUNO will provide intensive educational programs that prepare students for informed, competent social work practice in the field of domestic violence. Within the framework of the master's program, internships will be offered in direct practice with an emphasis on use of research-based models of intervention and treatment.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0359
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Womenspace, Inc.
Address: PO Box 50127
City/State/Zip Code: Eugene, OR 97405
Program Director: Elaine Phillips
Telephone Number: 541-485-8232
Amount of Award: \$130,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 10
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

The organization is a multi-faceted organization that provides basic crisis services, supports a county-wide domestic violence council, a publicly located drop-in Advocacy Center, legal advocacy via a collaborative legal clinic, transitional year-long case management services, domestic violence specialists housed in local welfare and child protective service offices, three rural outreach offices, an extensive community education program offering training from the most basic to highly specialized curricula, and a host of collaborative relationships with local and federal partners.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

For this project, our partners will be the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS); the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV); the Relief Nursery, which provides services to families at risk for child abuse; and Looking Glass Counseling Services. Our goal is to set up a system of seamless support for children and non-offending parents as they identify themselves as victims of domestic violence and obtain assistance for improving their safety. Collaborative efforts to provide comprehensive services will be a focus on engaging children who appear in Womenspace's programs and to immediately involve them in wrap around support right where we encounter them. Our collaboration will provide individual therapeutic intervention, group support, parenting education, home visits, therapeutic respite care and school-based outreach education and psycho-educational support groups that are both developmentally appropriate for children and culturally appropriate for the families we serve.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0352
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
Address: 1010 North Thompson St., Suite 202
City/State/Zip Code: Richmond, VA 23230
Program Director: Kristi VanAudenhove
Telephone Number: 804-377-0335
Amount of Award: \$129,056
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The Virginia Sexual & DV Action Alliance (VSDVAA) is the state coalition of dv programs. VSDVAA establishes standards for service delivery, including the standards for service delivery to children, and provides resources, training and technical assistance to support community dv programs in delivery of effective services to victims and their children. VSDVAA also operates the confidential data collection system that is used by all of the dv programs to document who is being served, their experiences, and the services provided.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

VSDVAA and the Office of Family Violence will assess current needs, test service and support strategies to meet those needs, create new standards of service based on tested strategies, train providers to meet those new standards of service, and identify resources to support the statewide implementation of enhanced services to children and youth who have been exposed to dv. The goal is to use this demonstration to affect a significant improvement in services to children and youth. Once successful, the project may serve as a model for other states across the nation.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0353
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Address: 6400 Flank Dr., Suite 1300
City/State/Zip Code: Harrisburg, PA 17112
Program Director: Connie Thomas
Telephone Number: 717-545-6400
Amount of Award: \$130,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 17

Organization Description:

PCADV offers consultation and technical expertise to state domestic violence coalitions, private and government agencies, and state and federal policy-makers; provides information and resource materials to the media and general public; provides extensive training to law enforcement and criminal justice personnel, health care providers, religious leaders, drug and alcohol counselors, batterer intervention service providers, and other professionals who seek justice and safety for battered women.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

PCADV will expand the capacity of domestic violence programs to address the needs of children and adolescents; improve the services and supports for children residing in domestic violence shelters; enhance the competency of domestic violence advocates in order for them to support the abused parent's on-going care-giving capacity and ability to build resiliency in children; and develop new home-based services with five demonstration sites to enhance the safety of the abused parent and to help ameliorate the impact of domestic violence on children. PCADV will utilize the expertise of the staff of the Child Witness to Violence Project at Boston Hospital, consultants from the Competency Based Training Institute of the Pennsylvania Office of Children Youth and Families and Cris Sullivan, PhD of Michigan State University.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0355
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: New York Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Address: 350 New Scotland Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Albany, NY 12208
Program Director: Patti Jo Newell
Telephone Number: 518-482-5465
Amount of Award: \$130,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 2
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Coalition) is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to eradicate domestic violence and to ensure the provision of effective and appropriate services to victims of domestic violence through community outreach, education, training, technical assistance and policy development.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The project's objectives are: 1) providing safety, services and support to children and youth in ways that mitigate the effects of domestic violence; 2) providing safety, services and support to adult caregivers of children and youth in ways that enhance their capacity to care for their children; 3) maintaining and supporting children and youth relationships with their adult care-givers, including their non-offending parents and other relatives, as well as their offending parents, in a manner that ensures their safety; 4) increasing the capacity of supervised visitation centers to provide safety, services and support to children and youth, their adult caregivers, including non-offending parents, and other relatives, when there has been a history of domestic violence; and 5) developing a replicable, best practice model of supervised visitation that meets the safety service and support needs of child and youth witnesses to dv, and their adult caregivers, including non-offending parents and other relatives, while addressing the unique and specific needs of families living in rural and metropolitan areas.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0356
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Department of Human Services
Address: 235 South Grand Ave.
City/State/Zip Code: Lansing, MI 48909
Program Director: Debi Cain
Telephone Number: 517-241-5114
Amount of Award: \$129,150
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 8

Organization Description:

The Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board is administratively housed within the Michigan Department of Human Services established by Public Act 389 of the Public Acts of 1978 specifically to address the issues associated with domestic violence.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) in collaboration with two MDVPTB-funded local domestic violence service provider agencies, the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV), and the Project Steering Committee plan to implement a three-year pilot project focusing on serving children who have been exposed to domestic violence. The objectives are: 1) To increase free, voluntary and high quality resources and services available to children and youth affected by domestic violence; 2) To increase resources and support services available to the mother; 3) To foster the coordination and enhanced services provided by other local systems coming in contact with some or all of the family members; and 4) To develop written survivor and child resources to domestic violence services providers in Michigan and nationally, as well as other systems for statewide and national implementation.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0357
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: District of Columbia Department of Human Services
Address: 64 New York Ave., NE, 6th Floor
City/State/Zip Code: Washington, DC 20002
Program Director: Joi Yeldell
Telephone Number: 202-671-4402
Amount of Award: \$130,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 3
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The District of Columbia Child Safety Net Coordination System is a prevention/early intervention initiative designed to establish a seamless and holistic system of case management and coordination among healthcare and social service agencies that serve DC's most vulnerable population.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The DCKIDS project will provide enhanced services and support to the TANF dependent/TANF eligible children and youth who have been exposed to dv; develop, enhance and offer community-based interventions for children exposed to dv whose parents have not sought services or support from a dv program; provide a safety net for TANF dependent/TANF eligible children at risk of or exposed to dv; promote positive child development; increase the families' knowledge about what constitutes dv; reduce the number of dv incidents among TANF dependent/eligible families; identify and reduce risk factors and problem behaviors leading to dv; help families create safe and stable environments for their children; enhance parenting skills around dv related issues; improve family functioning and attainment of self sufficiency; and enroll 100 children and 50 parents in the DCKIDS program and increase that number by 100 percent each subsequent year.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0360
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: East Bay Community Foundation
Address: 200 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
City/State/Zip Code: Oakland, CA 94611
Program Director: Quinta Seward
Telephone Number: 510-238-4456
Amount of Award: \$129,760
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/29/2005-9/28/2008
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 9

Organization Description:

Collaborative partners for the New Beginnings Project include: Safe Passages, California Alliance Against DV, Jewish Family & Children’s Services, Building Futures with Women & Children, The County of Alameda, The City of Oakland, and The Oakland Unified School District.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The goals of New Beginnings are to: 1) Increase cross-agency collaboration of training activities and direct services related to children 0-5 exposed to domestic violence; and 2) Ensure that culturally, linguistically, and developmentally-appropriate services are accessible to children 0-5 exposed to violence. Over 200 children in emergency shelters will be served each year by providing mental health consultation and implementing the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum. Crisis intervention and case management will be provided to an additional 8 families and 12 children each year that have been referred by partner social service organizations. Implementation of the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum in all Oakland Unified School District Child Development Centers and Oakland Head Start sites, reaching 5,000 children each year. A parent curriculum will be developed to compliment the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum to reach 1,200 parents each year. Culturally competent staff will deliver all services offered with the ethnic and linguistic capacity to meet the needs of the diverse populations of Alameda County.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0358
Target Population: Demonstration of enhanced services to children & youth exposed to domestic violence
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
Address: 3815 North Santa Fe Ave., Suite 124
City/State/Zip Code: Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Program Director: Marcia Smith
Telephone Number: 405-524-0700
Amount of Award: \$130,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2008
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is committed to helping individuals acquire the information and survival skills necessary to take control of their lives and the decisions affecting their lives.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The first project objective is to identify, design and test a psych-educational intervention for child domestic violence shelter residents and their female caregivers. To accomplish this, a random-assignment outcome study will be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of a brief psycho-educational intervention in the treatment of trauma-related symptoms in children residing in six selected Oklahoma domestic violence shelters. The intervention will be modified from an existing intervention, Safety First, which was recently piloted in three central Oklahoma domestic violence shelters and found to produce moderate child symptom improvements as compared to standard shelter services. The second project objective is to enhance the quality of children's services provided by Oklahoma domestic violence programs. This will be accomplished through: 1) the development of an OCADVSA working group on children's domestic violence services, whose role will be, in part, to review and revise state standards related to children's domestic violence services; and 2) the development, implementation and evaluation of a standardized training curriculum for Oklahoma domestic violence program child advocates.

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Bureau Name: Family and Youth Services Bureau
Grant Number: 90EV0361
Target Population: National domestic violence hotline
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Texas Council on Family Violence
Address: 3423 Bee Caves Rd.
City/State/Zip Code: Austin, TX 78716
Program Director: Sheryl Cates
Telephone Number: 512-794-1133
Amount of Award: \$3,000,000
Program Name: Family Violence Prevention & Services
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is a vital link to safety for over a millions victims of domestic violence across the U.S. and its territories. Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, this service is the only one of its kind nationally, offering a TTY line for the Deaf, Deaf Blind and Hard of Hearing, employing advocates who speak both English and Spanish and offering translations for more than 140 languages. The Hotline’s two distinct services are invaluable to callers in crisis-advocacy and the ability to directly connect callers to immediate sources of help and safety in their communities. The Texas Council on Family Violence is the largest domestic violence coalition in the nation and in 1995 was selected by US Department of Justice to launch the existing National Domestic Violence Hotline.

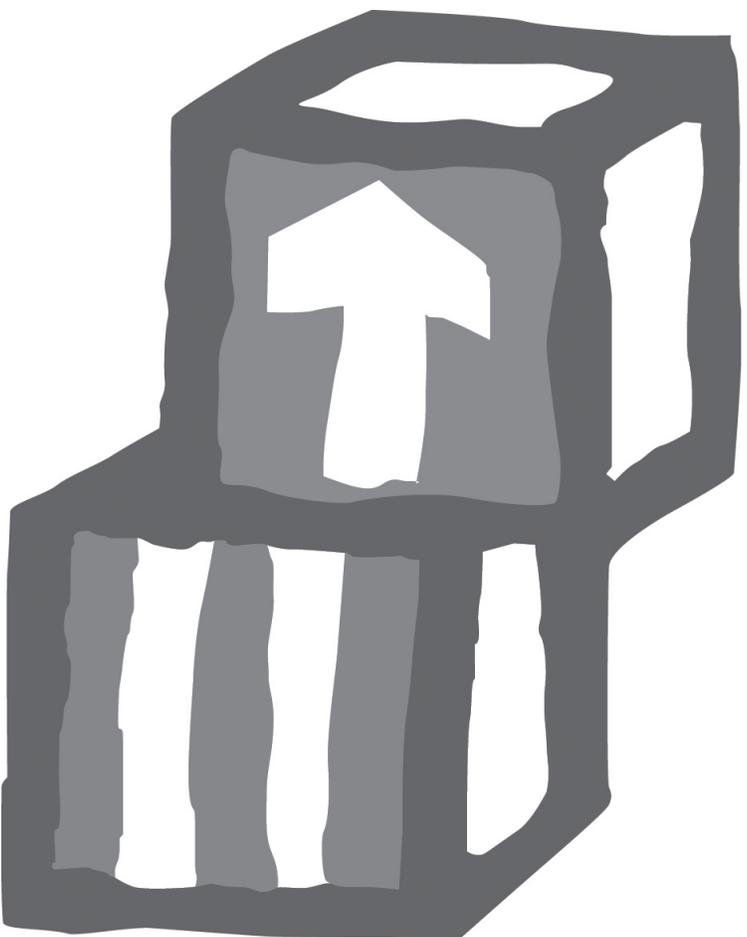
Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The Hotline’s guiding principles ensure that callers will receive confidentiality, compassion, crisis intervention, safety planning options, and the quality services needed to change lives and save lives. Our goal is to answer every call with a skilled advocate who is prepared to listen, offer information and assistance to each caller. TCFV provides training, technical support and networking opportunities to shelters across Texas; offers training and assistance with DV protocols to law enforcement agencies state-wide; provides training to battering intervention and prevention programs and other family violence service providers; leads public awareness efforts on DV; advocates for laws and policies that affect battered women and their children; works to protect survivors through the passage of significant laws related to DV; and collaborates with others to facilitate the social, legal and cultural changes needed to permanently stop the violence.

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HEAD START BUREAU



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Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs which serve children from birth to age 5, pregnant women, and their families. They are child-focused programs and have the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families.

The Head Start program is administered by the Head Start Bureau, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Grants are awarded by the ACF Regional Offices and the Head Start Bureau's American Indian - Alaska Native and Migrant and Seasonal Program Branches directly to local public agencies, private organizations, Indian Tribes and school systems for the purpose of operating Head Start programs at the community level.

The Head Start program has a long tradition of delivering comprehensive and high quality services designed to foster healthy development in low-income children. Head Start grantee and delegate agencies provide a range of individualized services in the areas of education and early childhood development; medical, dental, and mental health; nutrition; and parent involvement. In addition, the entire range of Head Start services is responsive and appropriate to each child's and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage and experience.

All Head Start programs must adhere to Program Performance Standards. The Head Start Program Performance Standards define the services that Head Start Programs are to provide to the children and families they serve. They constitute the expectations and requirements that Head Start grantees must meet. They are designed to ensure that the Head Start goals and objectives are implemented successfully, that the Head Start philosophy continues to thrive, and that all grantee and delegate agencies maintain the highest possible quality in the provision of Head Start services.

The Head Start Bureau's Discretionary Grant Programs

Head Start

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Early Head Start

With the reauthorization of the Head Start program in 1994, Congress established a new program for low income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women which is called Early Head Start. In creating this program, the Congress acted upon evidence from research and practice which illustrates that early intervention through high quality programs enhances children's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development; enables parents to be better caregivers and teachers to their children; and helps parents meet their own goals, including economic independence. Such programs answer an undeniable need.

The Early Head Start program provides resources to community programs to address such needs and to achieve the purposes set forth by Congress. The local programs funded through Early Head Start operate as a national laboratory to demonstrate the impact that can be gained when early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive services are provided to pregnant women and very young children and their families.

Head Start Partnerships With Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education

Bureau Name:	Head Start Bureau
Grant Number:	90YP0037
Target Population:	Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Arizona State University
Address:	Office for Research & Sponsored Projects Administration, PO Box 873503
City/State/Zip Code:	Tempe, AZ 85287
Program Director:	Elizabeth Swadener
Telephone Number:	480-965-1452
Amount of Award:	\$149,990
Program Name:	Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	5

Organization Description:

The program is a collaboration between Arizona State University (ASU) and five Head Start agencies, which include Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start grantee agencies serving the Arizona Maricopa, Gila, and Pinal counties. Sixty percent to 98 percent of the children served are Hispanic. The agencies have a long history of collaborating with ASU on bilingual, early literacy, and professional development programs. ASU's Early Childhood faculty has developed a Bachelor's of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) degree in Early Childhood Education and Child and Family Studies.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The program will recruit 40 Head Start teachers, in two cohorts of 20 each, for the multi-year training project. All applicants must have an associate's degree in ECE or a related field, and 60 transferable credits. Students will complete an additional 60 credit-sequence of courses and field experiences for a bachelor's degree. The cohort approach allows for the creation of a peer learning community for the participants that, in conjunction with their project advisors, will serve as a primary vehicle for academic and social support. A mentoring program will be implemented for the students in the program to ensure that they are successful accessing the university and completing the course work. Faculty from the College of Education (ECE and Bilingual Education) and from Speech and Hearing Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences have collaboratively developed the curriculum to: 1) meet the guidelines for the ECE certificate with the State requirement of Structured English Immersion endorsement; and 2) emphasize best practices to work with the unique language, culture, early literacy, and learning needs of Hispanic Spanish-speaking children and their families.

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Grant Number: 90YP0042
Target Population: Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Board of Regents, NSHE, on behalf of University of Nevada, Reno
Address: Sponsored Projects, Mail Stop 325
City/State/Zip Code: Reno, NV 89557
Program Director: Eva Essa
Telephone Number: 775-784-7005
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), is collaborating with Community Services Agency on this project. UNR is a land-grant university that offers a wide variety of academic programs. One of the university's programs is the four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE), covering the education of children from birth through age 8. The degree allows graduates to apply for a teaching license from the Nevada Department of Education in programs for children from birth through second grade. Community Services Agency, a local non-profit organization, operates Head Start programs in six northern Nevada counties at 13 sites. The majority of these are in Washoe County, where Reno is located.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This program is part of a larger statewide effort to increase the number of Hispanic professionals who work in early childhood programs. The principal objective of the project is to support a high quality, culturally sensitive program that will help eight to ten Hispanic Head Start and Early Head Start teachers earn Bachelor of Science degrees in Early Childhood Education (ECE) from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). The grant will provide funding to pay for tuition, books, substitute teachers, and support personnel to help these teachers succeed. Priority will be given to Hispanic teachers who have already earned an associate's degree, since they are most likely to be able to finish a bachelor's degree within the time span of the grant.

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Grant Number: 90YP0035
Target Population: Head Start teachers and staff
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: California State University, Bakersfield
Address: 9001 Stockdale Hwy.
City/State/Zip Code: Bakersfield, CA 93311
Program Director: Christine Howell
Telephone Number: 661-654-3494
Amount of Award: \$149,836
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 22

Organization Description:

This project is a collaboration of The Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) and California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB). CAPK is the umbrella organization for the Head Start providers of Kern County, California, providing 2,666 families and children with early childhood educational opportunities in 53 sites across the county. CSUB is one of the 23 campuses in the California State University System. It has a degree program in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies that reaches out to those who work with children within CSUB's Service Region.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This project will offer four cohorts, totaling a minimum of 46 Head Start staff members, a method of obtaining a B.A. degree in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies. Services offered include: specialized advising by faculty and peer advisors; tutoring opportunities in small-group and individual settings; special sections of selected required classes to allow cohort attendance; scheduling for classes offered at accessible times and locations; and mentoring by the Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS) faculty at California State University, Bakersfield. The students will receive a stipend for tuition and support for books and supplies. CAFS classes will be offered in formats that support the academic experience of the student as an individual and as a member of a cohort. This approach will support the Head Start staff in taking the classes in a sequence that will encourage timely graduation with a baccalaureate degree in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies.

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Grant Number: 90YP0041
Target Population: Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start and Early Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: California State University, Northridge
Address: 1811 Nordhoff St.
City/State/Zip Code: Los Angeles, CA 91330
Program Director: Alyce Akers
Telephone Number: 818-677-3051
Amount of Award: \$149,872
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 27

Organization Description:

California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is partnering with Head Start delegate agencies in the San Fernando Valley, Child Development Resources, Inc. of Ventura County, and the Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County. CSUN is a Hispanic-Latino Serving Institution and is the only four-year university in the San Fernando Valley section of the city of Los Angeles. The university successfully completed a similar project in 2004. Child Development Resources, Inc. administers Head Start centers in Ventura County; and the Economic Opportunity Commission of San Luis Obispo County administers three Migrant and Seasonal Head Start centers in Ventura County. Both Head Start organizations provide Family Child Care Programs for infants 1-2 years of age.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This project will assist Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start teachers to attain appropriate university degrees, thereby providing high quality service to the predominately Hispanic clientele they serve. Approximately nine participants from all sources will receive an A.A., B.A., or M.S. degree every year of the 5 year program. Strategies for meeting project goals include recruiting Head Start, Early Head Start, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start teachers to attend community colleges and/or to complete a major or minor applicable toward the bachelor's or master's degrees at CSUN. Incentives fall into several categories: 1) Educational Opportunities Program awards; 2) stipends to cover tuition not covered by the partnering agencies, parking, books, and/or other educational expenses; 3) cross-enrollment from community college to CSUN; 4) summer employment and training in the CFSC Lab; and 5) access to department-held scholarships. Non-financial assistance is also important and will be available to participants. Examples of non-financial help are a special Head Start Seminar, classes offered to accommodate Head Start schedules, and mentoring/tutoring assistance. The project will accept participants wherever they are in the higher education process and help them achieve their individual goals.

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Grant Number: 90YP0032
Target Population: Head Start teachers and trainers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Community College of Denver
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City/State/Zip Code: Denver, CO 80217
Program Director: Alicia Biggs
Telephone Number: 303-521-8685
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 8
Congressional District Served: 1

Organization Description:

This project is a partnership of two multi-site Head Start and Early Head Start organizations (Clayton Family Futures and Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers) and the Community College of Denver (CCD), all serving low income, ethnically diverse populations of children, families, and their teachers. CCD offers 2-year associate's degrees and certificates in more than 125 areas. With a minority student body of 58 percent, CCD has the most diverse student population of any higher education institution in Colorado.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The primary goal of the Early Childhood Educators Learning Communities Project is to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start programs by providing incumbent early childhood educators with onsite academic training that will increase the number of teachers with degrees in Early Childhood Education. This project will provide 150 early childhood educators, currently working in six Head Start-funded learning centers, with the coursework and support programs required to complete an associate's degree. Objectives include the design and use of innovative curriculum specifically for teachers of limited English proficient students; development of Learning Communities to sustain organizational commitment to innovation, training and collaboration; and delivery of programs leading to associate's degrees in Early Childhood Education to six employee cohorts from partnering Head Start centers.

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Grant Number: 90YP0033
Target Population: Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Florida International University
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City/State/Zip Code: Miami, FL 33199
Program Director: Gail Gregg
Telephone Number: 305-348-2158
Amount of Award: \$149,997
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 18

Organization Description:

This project is a collaboration of Florida International University (FIU) and Miami Dade County Head Start programs. FIU is a culturally and ethnically diverse urban campus with nearly 70 percent of its students from minority groups. It is the top producer of Hispanic graduates in the United States and the third largest producer of minority graduates. Miami Dade County Head Start programs serve an area that has 39 public schools that are failing according to State standards. The majority of these failing schools are in low socioeconomic status (SES) areas of the county.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The purpose of this project is to recruit, educate and prepare highly qualified Head Start teachers. Project HEAT (Headstart Educators Advanced Training) will develop and implement a new bachelor's program that will deepen teacher knowledge and skills with the aim of improving student learning and school readiness skills in young children. This grant will also help Head Start educators to simultaneously prepare for the Florida Teacher's certificate. Participants will already be working as Head Start teachers and will become role models and mentors in the Miami Dade County early childhood community where they are employed. Project HEAT will offer a unique bachelor's program that allows these teachers to continue working full-time while attending classes at night. This new program also will override the required semester of student teaching because the students will have already been working in the field for at least two years. Their coursework will help these students develop skills to enhance Miami Dade County's predominantly Hispanic children's language, physical, cognitive and social/emotional development.

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Grant Number: 90YP0036
Target Population: Migrant and Seasonal Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Michigan State University
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City/State/Zip Code: East Lansing, MI 48824
Program Director: Rene Rosenbaum
Telephone Number: 517-432-3383
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 5
Congressional District Served: 8

Organization Description:

This project is collaboration between Michigan State University (MSU) and the Telamon Corporation. Over the last four years, MSU has helped in excess of 100 Migrant Head Start (MHS) teachers in Michigan go to college; it is projected that by the end of the year, 43 will earn their Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree. Telamon Corporation is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the economic and educational upgrading of agricultural workers throughout the United States; it is the sole Migrant Head Start (MHS) grantee in Michigan.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The MSU - Telamon Corporation MHS partnership will establish Proyecto Escalón, a project that will help 45 MHS teachers willing to take the next step to earn their B.S./B.A. degrees. Specific objectives are: 1) To identify and recruit into the project 25 MHS teachers with A.A. degrees willing to pursue MSU's Bachelor of Science degree in Family Community Services: Young Child Emphasis, and 20 MHS teachers close to earning the associate degree and interested in pursuing a B.S./B.A. degree; 2) To assure all participants receive the necessary curriculum, career, financial, educational information, and supportive services to succeed academically and earn a four year degree; 3) To assure that all participants enrolled in college classes are considered for mileage and childcare stipends; 4) To implement a sequence of MSU courses and to enter agreements with community colleges to allow participants attending MSU to earn their B.S. degree over a 5 year period; and 5) To conduct evaluation and research activities to assess Proyecto Escalón as a strategy to achieve higher educational standards for MHS teachers and improve center-based child care quality in MHS centers in Michigan.

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Grant Number: 90YP0040
Target Population: Early childhood educators
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: San Francisco State University
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City/State/Zip Code: San Francisco, CA 94103
Program Director: Juanita Santana
Telephone Number: 415-338-6976
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 9
Congressional District Served: 12

Organization Description:

The San Francisco State University/Head Start-Early Head Start Higher Education Hispanic Service Institution Partnerships (SFSU/HS-EHS/HEHSIP) Project is a result of a partnership between the San Francisco State University Head Start/Early Head Start program, the City College of San Francisco, the city of San Francisco's "First Five Project," San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), and the San Francisco State University's Marian Wright Edelman Institute. The San Francisco State University Head Start/Early Head Start program provides services to a total of 1,404 children in the city and county of San Francisco. The City College of San Francisco offers Early Childhood Education (ECE) professional development opportunities for the San Francisco region. The "First Five Project" offers grants to individuals seeking to obtain their A.A. or B.A. in ECE. DCYF enhances the lives and futures of San Francisco's children and youth through innovative partnerships with parents and youth, community organizations, city departments, schools, funding organizations, and the private sector. The Marian Wright Edelman Institute will provide faculty that have skills to implement an academic program that is responsive to the language and cultural needs of a diverse population that speaks a language other than English.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This project will enhance the school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children with limited English proficiency, by providing specialized professional development training for 48 early childhood educators who will obtain their B.A. degree in ECE. The model to be implemented will divide the teachers into two cohorts of 24 teachers each. Each cohort will participate in a three-year program period and the students will graduate with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from San Francisco State University at the end of each of the two three-year-program periods. Teachers will be selected from among those that work primarily with Hispanic children and their families and who have an A.A. degree. The program will also target those teachers who are only lacking a few courses, such as English, mathematics, and science, before being able to obtain their A.A. degree; they will enroll in intensive classes to transition them into the B.A. program.

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Fiscal Year: 2005
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City/State/Zip Code: Laredo, TX 78041
Program Director: Ramon Alaniz
Telephone Number: 956-326-2435
Amount of Award: \$139,055
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 23, 28

Organization Description:

This project is a collaboration of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) and the Webb County Head Start Program (WCHSP). TAMIU is a Hispanic-serving institution located in Laredo, Texas. It provides students with a learning environment anchored by a teacher training program built on an academic foundation in the liberal arts and natural sciences. WCHSP serves approximately 1,150 children and their families. Only one of its 293 employees has a B.A. degree. It serves an area where nearly 92 percent of five-year-olds speak a language other than English at home and where 31 percent of the population lived below the poverty level in 2002.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The primary goal of “Excellence in Early Childhood Education (E3)” is to recruit and enroll current Head Start teachers and staff in an Associate of Arts degree program and then to assist them to complete a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood and/or Bilingual Early Childhood Education. To reach its goal, the following objectives have been developed: 1) to identify and recruit at least 30 qualified candidates from the Webb County Head Start centers and to assist them in the completion of a B.S. program in Early Childhood Education or Bilingual/Early Childhood Education at TAMIU; and 2) to develop a comparability chart of lower division and upper division course work leading to B.S. degrees in the targeted areas. It is expected that by the end of the grant period a total of 30 Head Start teachers and staff will have attained a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education or Bilingual Childhood Education.

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Grant Number: 90YP0038
Target Population: Head Start, Early Head Start, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The University of Texas at San Antonio
Address: 6900 N. Loop 1604 West
City/State/Zip Code: San Antonio, TX 78249
Program Director: Harriett Romo
Telephone Number: 210-458-4340
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 23

Organization Description:

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is partnering with San Antonio Community College, St. Philips College, and South & Central Texas Head Start/Early Head Start programs, particularly AVANCE, Parent Child, Inc., Texas Migrant Council, and Community Action, Inc. UTSA has implemented a Higher Education Partnership Grant through which 15 Head Start, Early Head Start, and Migrant Head Start teachers received an A.A. or A.A.S. degree. UTSA has been successful in reaching out to and serving first generation Hispanic college students and is suited to serve the target population of Head Start and Early Head Start employees. San Antonio Community College is a Hispanic Serving Institution; St. Philips College is a Historically Black College/University and a Hispanic Serving Institution. The City of San Antonio Head Start/Early Head Start programs have 72 center-based classrooms with 311 teachers; Community Action, Inc. has 32 Head Start/Early Head Start classrooms with 63 teachers; the Texas Migrant Council has 80 home-based teachers in the Texas Winter Garden area and 45 teachers in the Rio Grande area. All of these teachers work with Hispanic children and families.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This program will provide professional development and college credit for Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, and Early Head Start childhood educators through Summer Institutes designed to meet the differing needs of each group. The project will serve approximately 50 participants to help them work toward obtaining their A.A./A.A.S. or B.A./B.A.A.S. degrees. The Level I Institute will address the needs of early childhood educators who need college readiness skills, assistance with degree planning, and early childhood certification or an A.A./A.A.S. degree. The Level II Institute will address the needs of early childhood education teachers and staff who have already earned college credits or an A.A./A.A.S. degree and would like to pursue a B.A. degree. The key purpose of this program is to increase the number of Head Start classroom teaching staff with B.A. degrees in Early Childhood Education as per the provisions of the Head Start Act. The program will help fund tuition, books, and dorms for early childhood educators during the summer institutes.

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Grant Number: 90YP0034
Target Population: Head Start teachers and staff
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: The University of Texas-Pan American
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City/State/Zip Code: Edinburg, TX 78541
Program Director: Dora Salazar
Telephone Number: 956-381-3615
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions of Higher Education
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 15

Organization Description:

This project is a partnership between the University of Texas Pan American (UTPA), Hidalgo County Head Start, and Texas Migrant Council Head Start. UTPA's College of Education has a teacher education program that is field-based and taught entirely on selected campuses of the South Texas Center for Professional Development of Teachers (STCPDT), an existing collaboration of South Texas Community College, Region One Education Service Center, and seven independent school districts. STCPDT was established ten years ago to improve student academic achievement in low-performing schools. Hidalgo County Head Start has a total funded enrollment of 3,570. Texas Migrant Council Head Start provides day care and early childhood education to approximately 86 children. Primary health care and adult education are also provided through coordination with local service agencies.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The South Texas Advantage Project (STAP) will improve program quality for early childhood education professionals. The goals of the project are: 1) recruit and prepare future teachers and retain new teachers; 2) increase the number of teaching staff with early childhood educational qualifications and certifications; 3) facilitate professional development to include developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and effective teaching approaches that enhance each child's learning and development; and 4) develop a model of professional development to work effectively with diverse families by using information about families to adapt the environment, curriculum, and teaching methods to the families served. Three cohorts of Head Start teachers who have associate's degrees will earn a bachelor's degree in Early Child Education. Eighty percent of the participants will pass the Texas Higher Education Assessment prior to enrolling in the degree program.

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Head Start Partnerships With Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Bureau Name:	Head Start Bureau
Grant Number:	90YH0051
Target Population:	Head Start teachers, teaching assistants, and program managers
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Jackson State University
Address:	3825 Ridgewood Rd., Box 23
City/State/Zip Code:	Jackson, MS 39211
Program Director:	Johnnie Mills-Jones
Telephone Number:	601-432-6234
Amount of Award:	\$149,409
Program Name:	Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region:	4
Congressional District Served:	4

Organization Description:

Jackson State University (JSU) has formed a partnership with six Head Start Agencies to create the Center for the Advancement of Teachers Educating Youngsters (CATEY). JSU's College of Lifelong Learning will serve as leader and administrator of the project. JSU's College of Education and Human Development's staff were among the proposal planners.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

CATEY's goals are: 1) to develop a Center for the Advancement of Teachers Educating Youngsters; 2) increase the number of qualified Head Start classroom teaching personnel with bachelor's degrees in Child Care and Family Education; and 3) update the curricula development and instructional skills for Head Start classroom teaching personnel through the Certificate Program in Child Care and Family Education. The primary objectives are to: 1) offer academic training leading towards a bachelor's degree in Child Care and Family Education for 612 Head Start teachers, teaching assistants, and program managers; and 2) provide a minimum of 440 contact hours of continuing education training for all partnering Head Start agencies' teachers, teaching assistants, and managers in the areas of limited English proficiency, disabilities, literacy, effective teaching and learning strategies, and classroom and behavioral management.

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Grant Number: 90YH0049
Target Population: Head Start and Early Head Start teachers, teaching assistants, center directors, staff and parents
Fiscal Year: 2005
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Program Director: Dr. Rosa Purcell
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Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 12

Organization Description:

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T), is collaborating with Guilford Child Development (GCD), the Head Start grantee for Guilford County, on this project. NC A&T is a public Historically Black University; GCD is the Head Start provider in Guilford County, operating eleven child development centers in lower income communities across the county. NC A&T and GCD have worked together for many years to increase educational opportunities for Head Start/Early Head Start teachers and students.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The principal goal of this project is to improve the quality and long-term effectiveness of Head Start and Early Head Start (HS/EHS) classrooms through the development of realistic academic training models that will increase the number of Head Start teachers with degrees in Early Childhood Development. The project's objectives are: 1) to provide a course schedule that will be accessible to HS/EHS staff; 2) increase the number of teachers holding a degree in the field of early childhood education to 60 percent in 2009 and to 70 percent by 2010; 3) increase the number of teacher assistants working toward a degree in the field of early childhood education by 30 percent; 4) provide opportunities for all HS/EHS Center Directors to receive training in administration and leadership development; 5) provide at least four workshops, seminars, or short courses for Head Start staff and parents on current child care issues; and 6) provide a mentoring program for HS/EHS teachers and staff to encourage their career development. Fifteen participants will be recruited into the Early Child Development B.S. degree program; 10 Head Start staff will be recruited into the Administrators Training; a minimum of five parents will be recruited into the seminars and workshops; and four to eight workshops, seminars, and short courses will be conducted throughout the project so that approximately 50 Head Start staff and others will gain information on child care issues.

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Grant Number: 90YH0048
Target Population: Head Start teachers, personnel, and parents
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Shaw University
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City/State/Zip Code: Raleigh, NC 27601
Program Director: Joan Barrax
Telephone Number: 919-743-5702
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 4

Organization Description:

Shaw University is a private liberal arts university affiliated with the Baptist Church. It has provided training for Head Start agency personnel through the Child Development Associate Program for over 20 years. Shaw University also has had experience working with Head Start teachers in a federally funded Educational Training Program. Currently, it works with Head Start agencies headquartered in five counties in North Carolina that serve programs in more than seven North Carolina counties.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

The primary goals of the Teacher Educational Project (TEP) are to: 1) assist Head Start and Early Head Start personnel in acquiring the course work and experiences that will enable them to prepare children more effectively so that they enter school ready to learn; and 2) work with the parents and caregivers of these children to support them in their efforts to fulfill parental roles as their child's primary educator. The specific objectives of TEP include: 1) Enrolling at least 15 persons, from a minimum of three Head Start agencies, for six or more credit hours each semester and summer of the funding period that will lead to a degree in Birth through Kindergarten Education; 2) Enhancing the skills of at least 15 Head Start and Early Head Start teachers each semester, through course work and experiences, in working with families to enhance the academic success of their children; and 3) Engaging a minimum of 10 parents and caregivers of Head Start and Early Head Start children in activities that will enhance their knowledge of how to be involved in the education of their children.

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Grant Number: 90YH0050
Target Population: Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Spelman College
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City/State/Zip Code: Atlanta, GA 30314
Program Director: Pauline Drake
Telephone Number: 404-270-5364
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 4
Congressional District Served: 5

Organization Description:

Spelman College's Continuing Education Program and Department of Education have partnered with theYMCA Early Child Development Corporation (YMCA Head Start), the Partnership for Community Action (PCA Head Start), and Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers Head Start Programs for this project. Spelman College is a private liberal arts HBCU for women. YMCA Head Start is comprised of three traditional Head Start centers and five partners, all of which are located in Fulton County, Georgia. PCA Head Start operates 15 Head Start Centers and three Early Head Start programs in DeKalb and Rockdale counties. Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers Head Start operates 14 Early Head Start and Head Start centers in seven nearby Georgia counties.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This project will provide educational services and will conduct a project to improve literacy outcomes for Head Start children and families. The grant proposes to: 1) support 15 Head Start teachers as they attend Spelman College to earn either an A.A. or a B.A. degree in Child Development, specializing in early childhood development, with those who complete an A.A. degree encouraged to obtain their B.A. degree; and 2) establish a literacy project that will enrich lending libraries with children's books written in English and Spanish and that will provide a cadre of college student literacy volunteers to read to children and assist teachers with literacy development activities in the classroom.

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Grant Number: 90YH0047
Target Population: Head Start teachers
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: St. Philip's College
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Program Director: Martha Trevino
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Amount of Award: \$145,647
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 6
Congressional District Served: 21

Organization Description:

St. Philip's College (SPC), the only postsecondary educational institution in the nation federally designated as both a Historically Black College and a Hispanic Serving Institution, is collaborating with the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and Parent/Child Incorporated (PCI) on this project. SPC is a community college with a diverse student population. UTSA serves the San Antonio metropolitan area and the broader region of South Texas with programs and services offered on its three campuses. PCI currently operates 79 Head Start centers serving the San Antonio/Bexar County metropolitan area.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

Through Project Advance, PCI Head Start/Early Head Start teachers will be recruited to complete their coursework for an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Early Childhood Studies at SPC, and then guided in transferring to and graduating from UTSA, where they will earn the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science (B.A.A.S.) in Language and Literacy degree, with an emphasis in Reading and Early Childhood Education. Fourteen PCI teachers, who have a minimum of 18 college credits in basic education, and five teachers with an A.A.S. will participate in the project. The SPC student support service personnel will ensure that participants' academic and personal needs are met. The transfer process will be explained to all participants who are nearing completion of their A.A.S. degree in Early Childhood Studies. A minimum of 17 project participants will graduate after five years in the project.

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Head Start Partnerships With Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities

Bureau Name: Head Start Bureau
Grant Number: 90YT0027
Target Population: Head Start teachers and staff
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Little Big Horn College
Address: PO Box 370, 1 Forestry Lane
City/State/Zip Code: Crow Agency, MT 59022
Program Director: Mandy Moccasin-Plainfeather
Telephone Number: 406-638-3108
Amount of Award: \$150,000
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 8
Congressional District Served: At large

Organization Description:

Little Big Horn College (LBHC) is in partnership with the Crow Tribe Head Start Program and the Tribal Community College Early Childhood Education - Head Start Montana State University-Bozeman Partnership Program. LBHC is a public 2-year tribally controlled community college located in Crow Agency, Montana. It offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees and certificates in areas that reflect the developing economic opportunities and social needs of the Crow Nation. The Early Childhood Education Partnership Program helps Head Start teachers further develop their educational competencies by completing an associate's degree or bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This program's goal is to train, graduate, certify and place 12 Early Childhood Education degreed Head Start teachers at the four Head Start centers on the Crow Reservation. The outcomes of this project will include: 1) increased numbers of Native American students completing an A.A. and B.S. in Early Childhood Education; 2) meeting the National mandates and Head Start standards; 3) increased enrollment of Native American students at Little Big Horn College and at Montana State University-Bozeman; 4) increased student salaries in their respective Head Start programs; 5) a vehicle for Little Big Horn College/Head Start teachers to complete their degree; and 6) enhanced collaborative efforts between Little Big Horn College and MSU-Bozeman.

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Grant Number: 90YT0029
Target Population: Head Start teachers and staff
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Northwest Indian College
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City/State/Zip Code: Bellingham, WA 98226
Program Director: Shelley Macy
Telephone Number: 360-676-2772
Amount of Award: \$149,940
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 10
Congressional District Served: 2

Organization Description:

Northwest Indian College (NWIC) is the only regional tribal college in the United States. They are not affiliated with a specific tribe, but instead provide direct educational services to multiple tribes. As the only accredited tribal college in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, they serve as the gateway to post-secondary education for over 40 tribes and 125,000 Indian people. NWIC will partner with Head Start (HS) programs from seven tribes (Lummi, Nooksack, Suquamish, Muckleshoot, Colville, Yakama and Nez Perce) and four baccalaureate colleges (Washington State University, Heritage University, The Evergreen State College, and Lewis-Clark State College) that currently accept the Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees from NWIC. The partnership with these colleges will build ongoing relationships that will support students in their transition to, and success in, their Bachelor of Arts program.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

NWIC will continuously have 50 HS classroom staff enrolled in Early Childhood Education (ECE) courses at NWIC. Nineteen culturally appropriate ECE courses will be available to HS staff. During the grant period: 6 HS classroom staff will earn Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials; 4 HS classroom staff will earn CDA credentials and a 2-year degree in ECE; 14 HS/EHS classroom staff will earn a 2-year degree in ECE; 3 HS classroom staff will earn a 2-year degree in ECE and a B.A. in ECE or a B.A. with a minimum of six courses in ECE; 10 HS classroom staff will earn a B.A. in ECE or a closely related field and complete a minimum of six courses in ECE; and 2 HS classroom staff will add at least six ECE courses to an existing Bachelor of Arts. During the grant period, NWIC will build an enduring relationship with all partners so that services will continue to be offered after the grant period ends.

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Bureau Name: Head Start Bureau
Grant Number: 90YT0028
Target Population: Head Start teachers and staff
Fiscal Year: 2005
Grantee Name: Sitting Bull College
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City/State/Zip Code: Fort Yates, ND 58538
Program Director: Ellen Murphy
Telephone Number: 701-854-3861
Amount of Award: \$149,624
Program Name: Head Start Partnerships with Tribally Controlled Land Grant Colleges and Universities
Project Period: 9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region: 8
Congressional District Served: 31

Organization Description:

Sitting Bull College (SBC) is in partnership with Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College (SWCC) and two Head Start grantees (Standing Rock Reservation and Lake Traverse Reservation) funded by the American Indian Programs Branch of the Head Start Bureau for this project. The colleges are partners in an arrangement known as the North Dakota Association of Tribal Colleges and have a long history of working together on projects. Both offer degree programs in Early Childhood Education; in addition, Sitting Bull College is in the process of developing a bachelor's degree program in Early Childhood Education. Standing Rock Reservation straddles the North Dakota/South Dakota boundary and has a population of 5,964. Lake Traverse Reservation has 4,268 members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe living on or near the reservation.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

This project will provide educational services to employees of Head Start programs on two reservations located in the northern part of South Dakota and the southern part of North Dakota. The project will provide instruction at the associate's and bachelor's degree levels to staff and related personnel on both reservations. Seventy five percent (45 teachers) of the total teaching staff will complete a degree in Early Childhood Education within the five years of the grant period. The approach that will be taken to achieve this goal involves: 1) Each college offering to its own students a degree program in Early Childhood Education; 2) Each college making arrangements for its Early Childhood course work to be cross-listed, thus making sharing of offerings possible; 3) Converting 15 courses to distance learning (Internet-based) formats; and 4) Working together so that Head Start personnel can begin work on degrees at the bachelor's level within one year of the beginning of grant period.

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National Head Start Family Literacy Center

Bureau Name:	Head Start Bureau
Grant Number:	90YL0002
Target Population:	All Head Start and Early Head Start programs
Fiscal Year:	2005
Grantee Name:	Sonoma State University
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City/State/Zip Code:	Camarillo, CA 93012
Program Director:	Joanne Knapp-Philo
Telephone Number:	805-388-5634
Amount of Award:	\$3,000,000
Program Name:	National Head Start Family Literacy Center
Project Period:	9/30/2005-9/29/2010
ACF Region:	9
Congressional District Served:	6

Organization Description:

In 1979 Sonoma State University (SSU) established The California Institute on Human Services (CIHS) to develop and test research-based solutions to real problems in the fields of education and related human services, and literacy has long been a focus. SSU/CIHS is a leader in the provision of training and technical assistance programs (T/TA), and many of these programs encompass aspects of family literacy, including early literacy and language development, age-appropriate education and school-readiness, parenting and family support, and building program capacity. A number of these T/TA programs have included curriculum development and follow-up TA for Head Start and Early Head Start programs across the United States, including specialized populations of migrant and seasonal workers, Native Americans, Pacific Rim residents, and families of children with disabilities and special needs.

Use(s) of ACF Program Grant Funds:

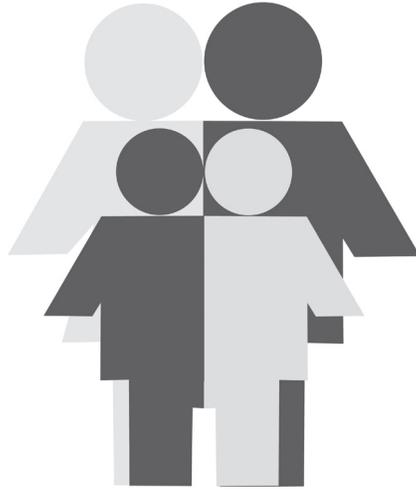
The California Institute on Human Services at Sonoma State University proposes to establish a National Head Start Family Literacy Center at SSU, which will be staffed by early childhood education and literacy professionals. The National Head Start Family Literacy Center will offer research-supported strategies and practices to all 2,689 Head Start and Early Head Start programs nationwide that are designed to improve the quality and positive outcomes of the family literacy services these programs provide. The four components of family literacy, as defined in the Head Start Act, will be the focus of the efforts of SSU/CIHS. A variety of methods are to be utilized, including traditional training, technical assistance, and information analysis and dissemination, as well as more innovative electronic technologies such as Web-based training, online seminars, and video learning modules.

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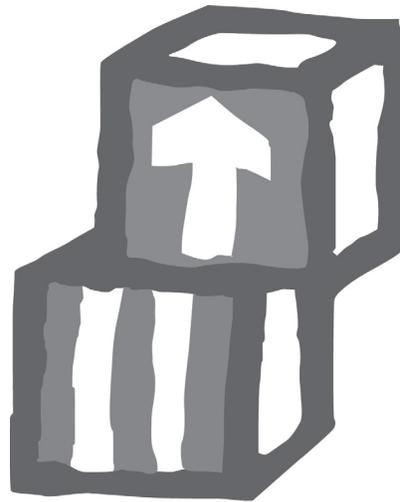
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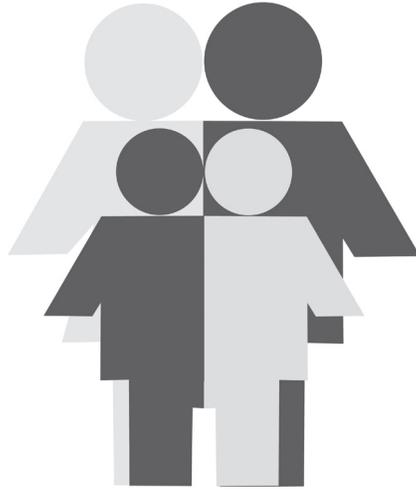
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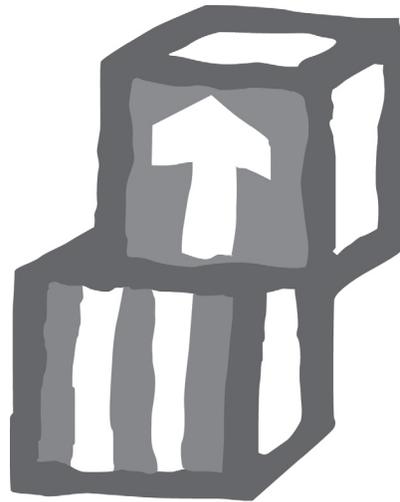
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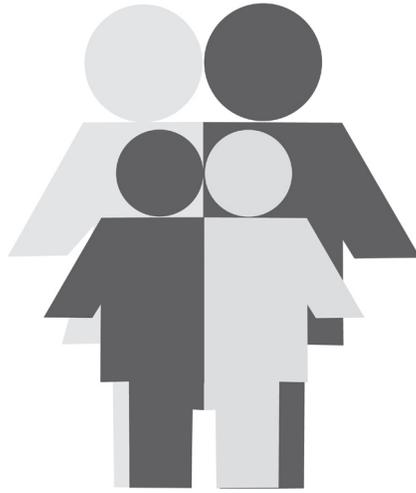
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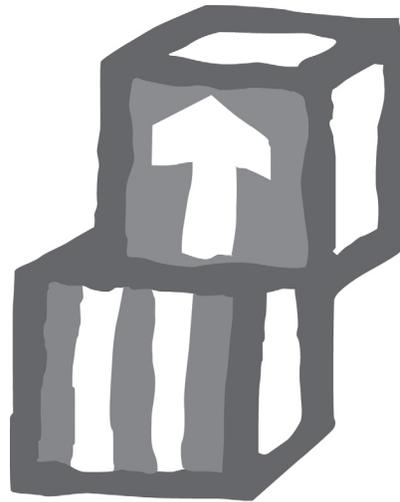
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