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Population Affairs

Embryo Adoption Awareness and Services Program

Overview

The Office of Population Affairs' (OPA) Embryo Adoption Awareness and Services program is a national program that supports grants, cooperative agreements and contracts that aim to increase public awareness of embryo donation and adoption.

The program was first funded by Congress in 2002 to increase public awareness of the existence of human embryos that remain after *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) procedures, some of which could be made available for adoption. The scope of the program has since expanded to include medical and administrative services that make embryo adoption more attainable for couples. \$1,000,000 is available annually to support grants and contracts through the Embryo Adoption Awareness and Services program.

Purpose and Activities

In the course of IVF treatments, couples usually produce more embryos than they can use. These embryos are generally frozen while the couple decides about their ultimate disposition. Many of these cryo-preserved embryos could be made available for adoption by those who are:

- infertile;
- experiencing difficulty achieving a pregnancy; or
- interested in having more children through frozen embryo transfer.

Program grantees may facilitate the adoption or donation of frozen embryos through public awareness campaigns, medical/administrative services that address common financial and legal obstacles of embryo adoption, or both.

Learn about the Embryo Adoption Awareness and Services program:
www.opa.hhs.gov/grant-programs/embryo-adoption-awareness

Grantees

Embryo Connections aims to make embryo donation a viable, widely accepted and available family building solution. The grantee will build an inclusive, empowering concierge donation infrastructure for individuals; increase provider participation; and leverage exploratory insights to build the foundation for a family building paradigm shift among individuals, clinicians, and professionals.

EM*POWER Donation will expand and build on several services originally developed to increase awareness and knowledge of embryo donation among patients, IVF clinics, and reproductive medicine professionals. The grantee will apply their expertise in psychosocial counseling, genetic counseling, education, and media production to help donors and recipients navigate the complex logistics and relational considerations of embryo donation and matching.

Embryo Solution is a new embryo adoption agency which provides a range of services to embryo donors and adoptive parents. The grantee plans to increase awareness and accessibility of embryo adoption and donation for low- and middle-income couples through a digital public awareness campaign.

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