

Introduction

In 2002, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the Department of Health and Human Services launched the Healthy Marriage Initiative to support President George W. Bush's goal of increasing healthy marriages by focusing attention and action on strengthening marriages and preparing interested individuals and couples for healthy marriage.ⁱ

In supporting healthy marriage, ACF seeks to improve the well being of children and families. Researchers have found that healthy marriages benefit not only men and women individually, but children and communities as well.

ⁱ *Healthy Marriage Initiative Activities and Accomplishments 2002-2005*. Administration for Children and Families Healthy Marriage Initiative, Department of Health and Human Services. 2006.
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/healthymarriage/pdf/community2006.pdf>