



THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S DEPENDENCY DRUG COURT PROGRAM RECEIVED AWARD AND EXPANSION

December 11, 2010 MIAMI, FL – The Miami-Dade Community Based Care Alliance, the community's voice in child welfare, recently awarded the Dependency Drug Court (DDC) in conjunction with the Family Resource Center of South Florida Drug Court Unit the Community Partners Award at the 4th Annual Regional Child Welfare Conference Awards Luncheon. The Drug Dependency Court program provides early intervention and immediate drug treatment to parents who have lost custody of their children due to substance abuse, with a goal of reuniting families.

This award-winning program has also received an expansion grant of \$500,000 which will allow for client capacity to go from 62 participants to 100 participants over the next two to three years. Family Resource Center (FRC) will provide additional case managers to the growing program. FRC recently celebrated its one year anniversary of servicing DDC and to date has a 100 percent success rate of reuniting all families involved.

The DDC project is funded through Miami-Dade County and is supported by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the University of Miami. DDC is directed by Judge Jeri B. Cohen. Participant's eligibility is based upon their need for substance abuse treatment and their involvement in dependency cases. The program provides substance abuse screening and assessment and referral to treatment with focus on issues related to mental health, trauma (e.g., sexual abuse and domestic violence) parenting, and family dynamics. The length of the program is a minimum of one year commencing with the parent's agreement to participate.

For more information about the Family Resource Center of South Florida or its Dependency Drug Court program, visit www.frcflorida.org or call 305-374-6006.

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ABOUT THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Resource Center was founded in 1978 with the mission to help prevent and treat child abuse and neglect through the strengthening of families. A continuum of child welfare, abuse prevention and treatment services are provided through the following programs throughout Miami-Dade County: Full Case Management, Foster Care, Adoption services, Parent Education Program, and Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs. For more information about the Family Resource Center visit <http://www.frcflorida.org>.

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