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New Partners in Puerto Rico

In September 2012, Iniciativa Comunitaria and Hogares Teresa Toda, two agencies funded by the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG), joined the international *Creating Lasting Family Connections*® (CLFC) “family” by receiving the *CLFC Program Implementation Training* in San Juan, Puerto Rico. CLFC National Training Director, Teresa Boyd Strader, facilitated this culturally sensitive implementation training in English and Spanish with help from Lorenza Mena, her co-facilitator and translator.

While a Spanish version of the *CLFC Program* translated by Lorenza Mena and Josefina L. Tamez de Martinez has been available since 2002, Hogares Teresa Toda is currently co-developing a new Spanish assessment tool with Resilient Futures Network (RFN) and COPES, Inc. This new tool will translate into Spanish an expanded *CLFC* relationship survey with added outcome questions taken from the module-specific *CLFC Retrospective Surveys* (Developing Positive Parental Influences, Getting Real and Raising Resilient Youth). Once the agencies finalize the assessment tool, they plan to pilot the instrument in multiple *CLFC Program* implementations with Spanish populations. Stay tuned for more news about this exciting new venture!

CLFC Developer Co-hosts Webinar on Prevention and Recovery

CLFC Program Developer, Ted N. Strader, will co-host a regional webinar with Dr. Michael Flaherty on December 6th, 2012 entitled, “*Prevention and Recovery: Cornerstones in Modern Treatment*”. A description of the webinar is included below:

An integral component of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) is the National Prevention Strategy, which is designed to shift the focus of healthcare from the treatment of sickness and disease to prevention and the maintenance of health. This presentation will review how this shift and the principles of prevention and recovery, when combined, can strengthen the impact of care and build wellness - at whatever point of addressing the illness along its trajectory over the continuum of care in prevention, intervention, treatment or recovery itself. By reviewing the evolution of our understanding of the illness and in examining best preventative and recovery science and practice, each point of contact or opportunity will be defined not as a separate end in itself but as a dynamic process of *enhanced services* and *anticipatory practice* to address substance use as a potentially chronic illness while simultaneously building the wellness of each individual, family and community. Examples of actual pioneering programs that are using this emerging and evolved approach of person and community centric care will be given with implications for all health care and local replication discussed.

If the response to this initial presentation is as positive as anticipated, the webinar may be expanded to a national audience.

New CLFC Materials are Published and Now Available!

In the last newsletter, we announced that the COPEs website (www.copes.org) and the Resilient Futures Network website (<http://myresilientfuturesnetwork.com>) have been fully updated and integrated with information on the two NEW curriculums designed by the original *CLFC* Program Developer, Ted N. Strader. Interested parties can now view and purchase a whole range of products and training for the *Creating Lasting Family Connections® (CLFC) Marriage Enhancement Program* and the *Creating Lasting Family Connections® (CLFC) Fatherhood Program: Family Reintegration*. These new materials are now published and available for immediate order. Special packages which include all required materials plus some strongly recommended supplemental materials are available at reduced prices. *CLFC* Certification Training is required to implement both new curriculums with fidelity. Current Certified *CLFC* Trainers can broaden their scope of services by acquiring the new *CLFC Fatherhood* and/or *Marriage Enhancement* Certification. The largest not-for-profit community-based adult substance abuse treatment facility in Chicago, which serves over 18,000 patients per year, has already ordered and received the *CLFC Fatherhood Program* materials and training. As RFN continues to study the changing economic and social landscape of our country and around the world, we are also looking into the feasibility of possible franchise opportunities with the *CLFC Healthy Marriage Program*.

If you are interested in the *Creating Lasting Family Connections® Fatherhood Program: Family Reintegration* or the *Creating Lasting Family Connections® Marriage Enhancement Program*, call or email COPEs at (502) 583-6820 or tstrader@sprynet.com. You can also visit www.copes.org.

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