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CLFC Curriculum Series Now Accepted as Clinically Billable Services in Several States

The *Creating Lasting Family Connections (CLFC) Curriculum Series*' ongoing accumulation of positive published results across multiple fields of study has led to third-party reimbursement for CLFC Providers in several states.

Recognition for the *CLFC Curriculum Series* has continued to expand over the last 22 years. These separate CLFC adaptations have achieved evidence-based status on more than a dozen separate national and international repository lists. These three CLFC program adaptations were all developed by lead author, Ted N. Strader, and are in use throughout the U.S., the U.S. territories and several other countries. The *CLFC Program* has demonstrated positive behavioral results in a number of fields, including substance abuse prevention and treatment, marriage and family enhancement, family strengthening,

violence and truancy prevention, relationship skills, conflict resolution and prison recidivism. All three programs in the series (*The Original CLFC Program*, *The CLFC Fatherhood Program: Family Reintegration* and *The CLFC Marriage Enhancement Program*) have been individually listed on the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP). The *Creating Lasting Family Connections Program* was recognized as an unprecedented four-time recipient of the Exemplary Program Award from the National Prevention Network (NPN) and the National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) (1989, 1995, 2000 and 2010).

In 2018, the *Encyclopedia of Couple and Family Therapy* published a separate chapter on each of the three separate programs in the *CLFC Curriculum Series* in their national resource. This marked the beginning of the *CLFC Series* being recognized as an effective therapeutic practice. While the individual programs comprising the *CLFC Curriculum Series* were not designed to be thought of as therapeutic interventions, each program in the series has demonstrated clear therapeutic outcomes published in peer reviewed journals.

Since then, various adaptations of the *CLFC Program* have been listed in several new evidence-based registries. Most recently, the *Original CLFC Program* has been reviewed and is now listed on the California Evidence-based Clearinghouse (CEBC) for Child Welfare. The *CLFC Fatherhood Program* has been reviewed and scored by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Crime Solutions' contractor, and has been recommended to NIJ for inclusion on their Crime Solutions repository. Please view the active listing on CEBC by clicking the link below:

<https://www.cebc4cw.org/program/creating-lasting-family-connections/>

Both prevention and treatment providers in several states have leveraged these recent recognitions to get CLFC-based programming approved for reimbursement through Medicaid and other insurance options. Third-party billing through these companies is often managed by states, sometimes under federal guidelines. Therefore, the process for seeking and getting approval to bill for CLFC services can be different in each state.

If you or your professional agency is interested in pursuing third-party billing for CLFC Program Implementation, we can help. In concert with one successful entity billing for CLFC-related services we have developed a sample template document that describes how an organization can successfully bill third-party providers for CLFC services. Professionals can use this template as a guide in setting up this process in their own state. This template is available through Resilient Futures Network. Anyone interested in seeking assistance in adapting the *Creating Lasting Family Connections*® (CLFC) Program into a therapeutic design are encouraged to contact Teresa Boyd Strader of COPEs, Inc. and the Resilient Futures Network, LLC. at 502-897-1111 or by email at teresastraderrfn@gmail.com. Teresa will be happy to assist you further, or to link you with others who have successfully integrated CLFC Program materials and services into their insurance billing practices.

Resilient Futures Network Now Pilot Testing Virtual CLFC Implementation Trainings

As the global events surrounding the COVID-19 virus continue to unfold, the *CLFC Curriculum Series* team have engaged in ongoing, thoughtful and strategic planning for how best to respond. Because of the virus, we are unable to safely (and in some states, legally) provide in-person CLFC Implementation

Trainings. However, we still wanted to honor all of our commitments to existing customers who had already purchased training. One of these customers was a group of professionals in Louisiana working at the Tangipahoa Parish Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and the Tangipahoa Alternative Solutions Program. After careful consideration, we decided to develop and provide the Developing Independence and Responsibility (DIR) module (this module's focus is on relationships and emotional intelligence) by interactive, virtual webinar. Initial results of this pilot have been very positive!

Based on this initial experience, virtual training for DIR and Raising Resilient Youth (RRY) is now available. Further, we are looking at the possibility of making virtual CLFC Implementation Trainings available for some or all of our *CLFC Program* modules through Zoom and other distance technologies. To ensure quality control and to optimize learning experiences, we are developing virtual training approaches for each CLFC module based on demand.

If you are interested in live in-person or virtual CLFC Implementation Training for any or all of the 6 *Original CLFC* modules (youth and adult), any or all of the 4 *CLFC Fatherhood Program* modules or the entire *CLFC Marriage Enhancement Program*, please contact the CLFC National Training Director, Teresa Boyd Strader, at the contact information provided below:

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