

Casey in Action

Casey Center Launched at Historic Conference

A highlight of the first National Post-Adoption Services Conference was the launch of The Casey Center for Effective Child Welfare Practice. The Casey Center will promote effective practice and sound public policy affecting families and children and provide assistance to agencies that wish to replicate successful program models.

“We are delighted to launch The Casey Center in the presence of more than 500 people attending our Post-Adoption conference,” said Casey Family Services Executive Director Raymond L. Torres. “This is just the kind of learning and sharing that will be a centerpiece of The Casey Center’s work.”

Post-Adoption Services will be the first area of practice addressed by the Casey Center. Over the next year, the Casey Center will design a range of activities to support the expansion of post-adoption services nationwide.

In addition to conferences, workshops and seminars, The Casey Center will provide consultation to agencies interested in replicating models of effective practice; facilitate learning circles of professionals working with families; train practitioners to improve skills and families to advocate for change; convene forums for legislators and administrators to increase awareness of public policy changes needed to improve opportunities for vulnerable children and families.

The Casey Center for Effective Child Welfare Practice has established the following goals:

- Increase awareness of the needs of vulnerable children and families, particularly those in the child welfare system
- Promote effective practice by sharing information about Casey’s program models and learning about successful practices of other agencies
- Provide technical assistance to other agencies interested in replicating Casey’s programs and services
- Promote discussion of innovative ideas and strategies through forums and seminars
- Promote discussion of research and evaluation findings and their implication for child welfare practice
- Promote discussion and debate of public policy issues affecting families and children

Casey Family Services is a fully licensed and accredited non-profit child welfare agency providing a broad range of programs to meet the changing needs of

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vulnerable children and families. Founded in 1976 as a source for long-term foster care, Casey Family Services today offers foster care for children, as well as post-adoption, preservation and reunification services for families. In addition, Casey has established a number of specialized and innovative community-based programs to help strengthen families and enable parents to provide the healthy, nurturing environments their children need to grow and thrive.

Headquartered in Shelton, Connecticut, with operating divisions in Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, Casey Family Services operates as the direct services arm of the Annie E. Casey Foundation (aecf.org). The Annie E. Casey Foundation is a private, charitable organization dedicated to promoting public policies, human services reform and innovative programs that meet the needs of today's disadvantaged children and families in the United States.