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SAFY selected to lead community-based family service provision initiative in South Carolina

(COLUMBIA, South Carolina) – Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY), a nationally-recognized non-profit organization providing an integrated system of care resulting in permanency and well-being for families and their children, has announced it was selected to receive a five-year statewide contract from the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) to lead the provision of services which enhance protective factors within families and communities through secondary prevention.

In its role as the Lead Network Administrator, SAFY will collaborate with the DSS and a base of child welfare providers known as the Empowering Families Network, expanding the expertise and capacity of advocacy agencies to establish a uniquely branded system of care to empower families to resolve difficulties which impact their ability to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

“SAFY is an organization dedicated to the health and strength of the family,” says Scott Spangler, SAFY President and Chief Executive Officer. “Our goal in this project is to not only ensure the most effective treatment measures are in place for each family while collaborating across the network spectrum, but to advance changes at the individual, community, and state levels that result in sustainability of outcomes, and establish a system of care that provides an organizing framework for reform on behalf of families and their children.”

It is estimated CBPS services will impact more than 6,000 families each year. SAFY is recognized as an innovative, high-performing organization known for its clinical expertise, leadership, and ability to produce positive, sustainable change in the lives of families and their children. In creating a system to maximize overall well-being, SAFY will engage and target key influencers, including families, to serve as representatives to the system of care. The expertise and capacity developed from advocate families and organizations will be utilized to establish parent leadership engagement and communication strategies which increase the health and welfare of additional families and communities, and leverage legislative and societal supports.

“The potential for positive results is greatest when families, care providers, and state agencies are on the same page regarding a child’s care,” Spangler adds. “SAFY looks forward to working in partnership with DSS in developing infrastructure and implementing programs that demonstrate efficacy and advance our Mission to Preserve Families and Secure Futures.”

About SAFY. Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) of America is a national nonprofit organization creating healthy youth and families through community-based solutions. Building upon our reputation as a leader in treatment foster care services, our comprehensive home- and community-based programs serve those with social service and behavioral health needs in nine states including Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Nevada, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Carolina, and Texas. To learn more about our programs and services, call 800.532.7239 or visit www.safy.org.

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