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Press Release

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Local Healthy Families Program Becomes Credentialed

Prevent Child Abuse America
Healthy Families America Initiative
Chicago, Illinois

Program Manager Janet Curran announced today that Healthy Families Montgomery, a program of Family Services, Inc., has received a Certificate of Accreditation from Prevent Child Abuse America. This achievement, effective through November 21, 2012, recognizes the program as a provider of high quality home visitation services. The accreditation process, developed in conjunction with the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children Inc., attests that the home visitation program has met a set of nationally established, research-based standards, ensuring quality service delivery. The process involves an in-depth examination of the program's operation, including personnel, fiscal, and program management, both through completion of a comprehensive site self-assessment and an on-site review conducted by trained peer reviewers. The Healthy Families Montgomery program, located in Gaithersburg, Maryland is to be commended for opening itself up to such an intensive internal and external review.

Prevent Child Abuse America was established in 1972 by Donna J. Stone for the purpose of building a nationwide commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect. The not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization is committed to preventing child abuse in all its forms through education, research, public awareness, and advocacy. The Healthy Families America (HFA) initiative was implemented in 1992 by Prevent Child Abuse America in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities, building on two decades of research in the field of home visitation. The HFA initiative promotes positive parenting, encourages child health and development, and seeks to prevent child abuse and neglect.

