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in **Child Welfare**

Save the Date! October 22, 2008

Familyconnect: Making Family Visits work for Children in Foster Care

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Place: Cowles Auditorium/Hubert Humphrey Center
University of Minnesota/West Bank Campus
301 – 19th Avenue S.
Minneapolis MN 55455

Coordinating productive family visits that are safe AND relationship building is complicated. Family Alternatives, a private foster care agency will present their research and best practice findings after a two year pilot project on family visiting. Through qualitative interviews in two Minnesota counties, this unique project captured the voices of children in foster care, birth parents, foster parents and social workers. Key elements of helping families maintain and strengthen their relationships while living apart were explored and an interactive family visiting guide was developed based on the information gathered.

Presenters

Heidi Brinig, Program Director at Families Together, Providence, Rhode Island

Familyconnect Pilot Project Overview and Research Findings

Wendy Negaard; Familyconnect Pilot Project Coordinator

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Panel Discussion

Facilitated by Deena McMahon, LICSW

Birth parents, foster parents and youth in foster care will share their experiences with family visits and what helped them maintain healthy family connections while living apart.

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