



October 2010

Dear *Celebrating Families!* friends and supporters,

2010 has become a year of recognition for all of our work since 2002!

- In April *Celebrating Families!* was listed by name as one of the preferred programs by SAMHSA's Request for Proposals to Expand Services to Children Affected by Methamphetamine in Families Participating in Family Treatment Drug Court.
- Also in April, during a presentation by Barbara McCrady, Ph.D. on Evidence Based Treatments for Women at NIDA's (National Institute on Drug Abuse) 8th Blending Conference a question from the floor was posed:
 "Do you think *Celebrating Families!* is the new model for treatment?"
(I was blown away, not even knowing the person that asked the question. I now know he is a professor from Texas.)
- In July Steve Hornberger (NACoA's *CF!* Program Manager), representatives of *CF!*'s Columbus, Ohio and Farmington, New Mexico sites, and I presented at the 4th National Conference on Women & Addictions. Also *CF!* was an exhibitor here for the first time. LOTS of interest.
- September was the highlight! PPI and *Celebrating Families!* were
 - Selected to receive the "Director's Award" in the "Cultural Diversity" category at the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' Training Conference in Sacramento
 - Recognized for our work in Santa Clara County by the County Board of Supervisors (nomination by Chair Health and Hospital Committee, Liz Kniss).
- Over 50 sites in 23 states are now implementing *Celebrating Families!* Steve Hornberger and I have trained a number of sites this year including: White Plains, NY; Columbus, Ohio; with upcoming trainings in Albany and Brooklyn, NY.

In 2010 PPI focused on:

- Finishing adaptation and translation of *Celebrating Families!* for families speaking Spanish. ¡*Celebrando Familias!* should be available early in 2011 for sites throughout the US and Spanish speaking countries.
- Writing an Addendum for *Celebrating Families!* based on
 - Feedback from sites
 - Attachment- based research, placing more emphasis on how to become a nurturing parent
 - Recognition of ways that *CF!* is trauma-sensitive
 - New evaluation and quality assurance instruments
 - A Handbook for Foster Parents and Caregivers.

Last year at the Santa Clara County's Child Abuse Symposium, a parent graduate made a compelling presentation about the impact of *Celebrating Families!* on her and her daughter's lives. The video is now available at <http://nacoa.org/> Look for the *CF!* logo low on NACoA's home page (www.nacoa.org) and click to hear Sonya.

I thank you for your support and remain happy to answer questions.

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