



Getting the Word Out...

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**“Crisis in Child Welfare - Strengthening Public Policy and Practice”
Child Welfare League - 2007 Mid-Atlantic Region Training Conference**

William Painter, Jr., Executive Vice President, and Cynthia Roberson, Maryland Director of State Operations, Institute for Family Centered Services (IFCS) presented at the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) 2007 Mid-Atlantic Region Training Conference in Baltimore, MD.

The “Crisis in Child Welfare - Strengthening Public Policy and Practice” conference addressed the current climate for America’s most vulnerable children, families, and communities. It raised expectations for best practice and moved policy and social issues to successful realities. The focus of the conference was on opportunities to rededicate to best practice and strong solid public policy that ensures the well-being and safety of children, families and communities. Professionals, families and youth came together to learn from past challenges and move forward toward undiscovered roads of success.

Mr. Painter and Ms. Roberson’s presentation of “Engaging Juvenile Justice Clients’ Families in the Treatment Process” provided clear and helpful information. The Institute for Family Centered Services has national recognition in engaging families of offenders in the Family Centered Treatment® model via practice-based techniques. Participants learned to engage families via “Bendro’s Circle of Courage” family-centered activity.