



## **Getting the Word Out...**

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**“A Quasi-Experimental Examination of Family Centered Treatment®: Outcomes  
for a Juvenile Delinquent Population”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> National Research Conference on Child and Family  
Programs and Policy (NRCCFPP)**

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William Painter, Senior Director, Institute for Family Centered Services (IFCS) and Melonie Sullivan, Research Director, FamiliFirst, presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy (NRCCFPP) in Bridgewater, MA.

The National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy is among the first conferences to focus exclusively on programmatic and policy solutions as a way to enhance the well-being of children and their families. Thus, they welcome researchers from many different disciplines, including, but not limited to, family studies, psychology, sociology, social work, child/human development, political science, economics, public health, education, criminal justice, and social/public policy.

Mr. Painter and Melonie Sullivan presented the research design, the research outcomes and the clinical components of FCT. This six year study examines outcomes of field implementation of FCT. The quasi-experimental research process compared FCT outcomes to those of the secured residential facilities from which youth receiving FCT are diverted. The participants learned the process involved with the quasi-experimental research and differentiating factors of FCS.