



Getting the Word Out...

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“Because We Are Stronger Together”**

William E. Painter, Jr., Senior Director, Organizational Development, Institute for Family Centered Services, presented at the 2009 Generations United 15th International Conference in Washington, DC. The conference, entitled “Because We’re Stronger Together”, brought together individuals from agencies across the country that value and engage all generations to improve the lives of children, youth and older people through intergenerational collaboration and programs for the enduring benefit for all.

Generations United (GU) is the national membership organization focused solely on improving the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational strategies, programs, and public policies. Since 1986 GU has served as a resource for educating policymakers and the public about the economic, social, and personal imperatives of intergenerational cooperation. GU acts as a catalyst for stimulating collaboration between aging, children, and youth organizations, providing a forum to explore areas of common ground while celebrating the richness of each generation.

Mr. Painter joined nationally recognized speakers from across the country to share his presentation of “Creating an Effective Parental Alliance When Multiple Generations are Parenting”. The presentation offered practical tools to overcome the typical barriers to the reunification process and taught fellow therapists how to engage parents and grandparents in this valuable process.