



Getting the Word Out...

William E. Painter, Jr., and Teri Herrmann 2009 North Carolina Council of Community Programs “Shifting Gears to Stay on the Fast Track”

William E. Painter, Jr., President, FamiliFirst, and Teri Herrmann, Western North Carolina Area Manager, Institute for Family Centered Services, co-exhibited at the North Carolina Council of Community Programs, December 2-4, 2009 in Pinehurst, NC.

The North Carolina Council of Community MH/DD/SA Programs, is dedicated to helping its member area programs improve their service quality and management effectiveness. The Council provides its member programs with a strong, cohesive, statewide voice through policy analysis, technical assistance, publications, and educational programs. It is governed by a 20 member Board of Directors consisting of an equal number of citizen area board members and professional area administrators. The Council works to fashion consensus positions on statewide policy issues among its member programs then works closely with state agencies and the General Assembly in formulation of state policies affecting community services.

Mr. Painter, and Ms. Herrmann, spoke with qualified professionals, state agency leaders, and family advocates from across the state and they exhibited and distributed educational materials that detailed a new evidence based program. “Family Centered Treatment[®] – a practice based evidence and evidence based practice model of home based treatment” is an exciting model of family preservation that has been proven highly effective with families and youth with behavioral and mental disorders and with youth involved in juvenile services and crime. FCT is a cost saving and viable alternative to hospitalization, correctional facility, or residential placement and is effective in transitioning individuals from these placements.