



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

**Lee “Bob” Smith, Director of Training and Development, Institute for Family Centered Services  
Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF)  
“National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence”**

Lee “Bob” Smith, MS, LMFT, Director of Training and Development, Institute for Family Centered Services, presented at the Family Violence Prevention Fund’s National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence in New Orleans, LA, October 8-10, 2009.

The Family Violence Prevention Fund works to prevent violence within the home, and in the community, to help those whose lives are devastated by violence because everyone has the right to live free of violence. For more than three decades, the Family Violence Prevention Fund has worked to end violence against women and children around the world. Instrumental in developing the landmark Violence Against Women Act passed by Congress in 1994, the FVPF has continued to break new ground by reaching new audiences including men and youth, promoting leadership within communities to ensure that violence prevention efforts become self-sustaining, and transforming the way health care providers, police, judges, employers and others address violence.

Attendees at the National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence included leading health and domestic violence experts. Mr. Smith’s presentation, “Safely Working with Family Violence in an In-Home Setting” detailed specifics about the recent growth of the in-home setting as an intervention for family violence and the specific benefits of intensive in-home treatment – Family Centered Treatment® (FCT®), developed by Institute for Family Centered Services (IFCS). FCT is an exciting evidence based model of family preservation that has been proven highly effective and a cost saving, viable alternative to hospitalization, correctional facility or residential placement.