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Just in Time for Valentine's Day:

The Parenting Center Launches Its NEW Federal Marriage Project: *Empowering Families*

Feb. 14, Fort Worth, TX – The Parenting Center will launch its new federal marriage project, called *Empowering Families*, on Valentine's Day. It will provide families with the tools to enhance relationship satisfaction & stability, increase communication skills, and reach economic self-sufficiency through a comprehensive array of services.

Statistics show that improving family relationships contributes to the success of a family: a large majority of individuals in poverty report divorce or separation as a strong contributing factor to their poverty.¹ This grant, administered by the Federal Office of Family Assistance, is part of a \$150-million fund established by Congress to increase economic self-sufficiency by promoting healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood in America. Through this project, The Parenting Center will offer marriage/relationship classes and other services to strengthen and stabilize families. The target population for these services is those in the MOST need: low-income families, refugees, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients, and those eligible of receiving TANF.

“We’ve developed this program to promote the stability of families by enhancing relationship satisfaction, addressing barriers preventing the families from participating in services, and providing job and career advancement skills to those who need it most,” states Jennifer Acker, The Parenting Center’s Empowering Families Project Director. “In essence, we’re building stronger families by providing services to enhance the core relationship.”

The Parenting Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Tarrant County, impacts nearly 18,000 individuals a year by providing family life education, counseling, case management, and co-parenting programs. Log on to www.TheParentingCenter.org/EmpoweringFamilies or call 817-332-6348 to sign up.

¹ Lehrman, 1996