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Building Stronger Families:

The Parenting Center Receives \$1.38 Million Dollar Grant to support Empowering Families Project
On October 5th, The Parenting Center was awarded a \$1.38 million dollar grant by The Administration for Children and Families. The grant is expected to continue for the next 5 years and will fund The Empowering Families Project, an innovative program focused on improving and enriching marriages and relationships in Tarrant County. The Parenting Center will offer marriage/relationship and parenting education services, career placement and information and referral support for domestic violence and child abuse to low-income families, refugees, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients, and those at risk of receiving TANF.

“The ultimate goal of The Parenting Center is to eliminate child abuse and neglect. Healthy relationships are a key part in making that goal a reality,” says Executive Director Paul Gravley. “We are ready to work with partner agencies to offer our clients comprehensive services that we know will not only transform their relationships and gain a foothold on their finances, but also help them to be great examples for their children.”

The Empowering Families Project also includes a comprehensive research study to be led by the University of North Texas in Denton. Other community agencies involved in this collaborative project are: Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, SafeHaven of Tarrant County, One Safe Place, Family Pathfinders, Clayton Yes!, and Communities in Schools.

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. For more information on services please visit www.theparentingcenter.org or call 817-332-6348.

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