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The Parenting Center Welcomes New Family Transitions Program Manager

August 22, 2012, Fort Worth, TX – The Parenting Center is proud to announce and welcome Leah Leone, JD as the Manager for the Family Transitions Program. Leone will be responsible for directing the co-parenting and anger management classes, dispute resolution/mediation services and the development of parenting plans.

Leone joins The Parenting Center's team from Durham, North Carolina where she received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree from the North Carolina Central University School of Law, as well as a specialized degree certificate in Dispute Resolution for her training in (ADR) Alternative Dispute Resolution. Leone is also a Certified Superior Court Mediator and has extensive experience mediating in district criminal and civil courts, working in family and juvenile law courts.

Leone comes to The Parenting Center with unparalleled integrity, initiative and diligence in achieving both short- and long-term goals and business objectives. She holds the title of National Mediator Champion and winner of the Jeffrey S. Abrams National Mediator Contest hosted by The Blakely Advocacy Institute at the University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas. She also received a Resolution of Achievement from the State of North Carolina's Dispute Resolution Commission.

"I am thrilled to be part of The Parenting Center. My focus and passion is to resolve disputes within families and to teach them the requisite skills necessary to communicate effectively. This will enable them to build a stronger, successful family unit. I look forward to continuing that tradition by providing the "best in class" co-parenting support to families struggling with divorce and custody issues."

Barbara Lamsens, Executive Director, states "We are very excited to welcome Leah to our agency. Her wealth of experience and expertise will transform our department into the very best, highest quality co-parenting program that meets the myriad needs of families involved in the court system."

The Family Transitions program provides comprehensive co-parenting support, education and guidance to families raising children between two homes. These services are offered to parents, step-families, grandparents, and children and include classes, consultation and mediation.

For over 37 years, The Parenting Center has been providing families the tools to succeed through co-parenting, counseling, family life education and case management services. For more information on The Parenting Center, visit <u>www.theparentingcenter.org</u>.