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**Texas Bar Foundation Grants The Parenting Center \$6,500 to**

**Enhance the Family Transitions Co-Parenting Program**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 7, 2012, Fort Worth, TX** – The Parenting Center (TPC) is pleased to announce that the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded a \$6,500 grant to help TPC sustain and enhance, Family Transitions, its co-parenting program for families raising children between two homes.

Since 2001, Family Transitions has provided comprehensive co-parenting support, education and guidance designed to help parents, grandparents, step families and blended families keep children safe and healthy throughout the family's transition. The program offers classes, consultation, mediation and co-parent coaching to help adults learn how to make better decisions, understand the child's perspective in a divorce and develop plans on how to resolve conflict and provide continuity for their children.

“This grant will allow us to enhance the quality of the co-parenting services that we provide, while maintaining an affordable rate for our families. Specifically, part of this grant will be used to purchase CROSSROADS of Parenting & Divorce, an evidence based co-parenting curriculum for families,” states Leah Leone, J.D., Family Transitions Program Manager. “I’m absolutely thrilled to be a part of the growth and transformation that I see families experiencing at The Parenting Center and excited to see the positive changes that this grant will bring about.”

Divorce impacts more than one million children in the United States each year. In Tarrant County, the divorce rate is higher than both the state and national average, and thousands of children in our community are impacted by its negative effects. All children deserve to receive the love, care and support of *both* their parents; TPC's Family Transitions program helps parents

receive quality co-parenting services at an affordable rate. The Texas Bar Foundation grant will not only offer funding to sustain and enhance Family Transitions, but also helps to further TPC's mission of providing professionals and family members with the tools, resources and services to build successful families.

### **About the Texas Bar Foundation**

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$14 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation. For more information, visit [www.txbf.org](http://www.txbf.org).

### **About The Parenting Center**

The Parenting Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission of providing professionals and family members with the tools, resources and services needed to build successful families. Since 1975, The Parenting Center has dedicated itself to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and is a leader in the field of parenting education and skills based training. To learn more about The Parenting Center, visit [www.TheParentingCenter.org](http://www.TheParentingCenter.org).

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