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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family  
Services, Casey Family Foundation  
Hold Community Partnership Event on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Casey Family Foundation invite the community to the first Strengthening Partnerships conference to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Baldwin Park on **Tuesday, June 29, 2004, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The hotel is located at 14635 Baldwin Park Towne Center. Lunch will be served and parking is free.

The goal of the event is to build stronger bonds among the community agencies in the San Gabriel Valley area. The event will provide an opportunity for local agencies to meet, share their specific services with each other and DCFS staff. The focus of the discussion will be on how the agencies can better work together to meet the needs of the children under the care of DCFS and help to increase the safety and permanency of children. There will be a resource fair throughout the event. Speakers include DCFS Children's Social Worker Jessica Ambroz who was a foster child herself and now mentors emancipating foster youth.

"The Department continues to work on creating more positive outcomes for children," said DCFS Director Dr. David Sanders. "Enhancing community partnerships through events like this will help the Department provide more vital services to children and families."

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