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PRESS RELEASE

**L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services
Reaches Out to Community Agencies Through 'Partnerships for
Positive Outcomes' Event on Wednesday, June 30th**

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has invited a select group of community agency partners to a "Partnerships for Positive Outcomes" on **Wednesday, June 30, 2004**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Drive, in Granada Hills. "Partnerships for Positive Outcomes" is co-sponsored by the Casey Family Foundation.

Seeking to build stronger bonds among DCFS and the community agencies in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas, "Partnerships for Positive Outcomes" will provide local agencies an opportunity to meet and share their specific services with each other and DCFS staff. The goal of the event is to increase the collaborative spirit in the community and ultimately improve the safety and stability for children and families served by DCFS. A symposium will feature discussions on Family Team Decision-Making, Family Preservation and Alternative Response, a three-month program that offers in-home counseling, parenting counseling and domestic violence counseling on closed cases. Guest speakers will include families who have worked with DCFS in each of these three areas. In addition, a resource fair with informational literature will be held during the event.

"The Department continues to work on creating more positive outcomes for children," said DCFS Director Dr. David Sanders. "Enhancing our community partnerships through events like this will help the Department provide more vital services to children and families." This event is by invitation only. For information, please call DCFS at (818) 755-5215.

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