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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to **encourage you to apply to a program being offered by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute**. The Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare: Multi-System Integration Certificate Program for Public Sector Leaders is designed to provide intensive study for public agency leaders and senior level management responsible for policy development and implementation in their jurisdictions. The instruction provided at the program is intended to enhance systems integration and build a strong cadre of leaders supportive of reform efforts designed to achieve better outcomes for young people known to multiple systems of care. The program focuses on children involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems—also known as crossover youth. Through modules on topics such as multi-system integration (information sharing; joint case assessment, planning and management; and financial mapping); collaborative leadership skills; education; disproportionality; and the effective use of proactive and reactive communication strategies, participants gain the knowledge necessary to develop a Capstone Project to implement reform in their home jurisdiction with the aim of improving outcomes for youth known across systems of care.

This year's program will be held from July 9 to July 15, 2010 at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Public agency leaders and senior managers will convene for one week to study the practices and policies identified through CJJR's investigation of research and practice-based knowledge in juvenile justice and related systems of care. Through this intensive study approach, the participants involved in the Certificate Program will develop a greater understanding of the key principles of a strong multi-systems reform agenda, its related practices and policies, and how to move them forward as part of a more comprehensive reform agenda.

Through the generous support of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Public Welfare Foundation, and the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, participants will be able to benefit from expert guidance, professional resources, and financial assistance to support their work across juvenile justice and related systems of care. Individuals can receive financial support to help subsidize their travel, lodging and tuition for the Certificate Program (details available on CJJR's website, <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu>).

Participants will receive a certificate from Georgetown University recognizing their successful completion of the program and become a part of CJJR's Fellows Network, a mutually supportive cadre of leaders focused on multi-systems reform efforts designed to better serve youth known to multiple systems. They will also receive technical assistance from national experts on their Capstone Project after they return home from Georgetown.

For more information, including testimonials from alumni and to apply to the program, please visit <http://cjjr.georgetown.edu> and click on Certificate Programs. You may also send an email to jjreform@georgetown.edu or call CJJR at (202) 687-7657. **Note that the application deadline is March 24, 2010.** We both urge you to consider applying to this unique program to help improve outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice system in your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,



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