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Two long-time TwinCities non-profits to merge Part of innovative solution to economic downturn

Minneapolis, MN – Genesis II for Families and Children's Safety Centers announced today that they will merge into one organization effective January 1, 2012.

“With this merger, we will be the largest provider of supervised visitation in the state, and experts in safe, effective visitation and parent education, especially for families who have experienced abuse, neglect or other significant past difficulties in parenting,” said Michelle Basham, executive director of Genesis II who will serve as executive director of the new, combined organization.

CSC is a 20-year organization that is a leader in providing supervised parent visitation and exchange services for families affected by crisis and safety concerns. CSC assisted in the drafting of both state and federal legislation for visitation programs, and founded the Minnesota Chapter of the Supervised Visitation Network.

GII for Families is a 35-year organization that provides comprehensive family support services including parent education, parent child interaction therapy, supervised parenting and co-parenting services, teen parenting programming, life skills training, and early childhood education.

“This merger brings together two strong, successful, well-respected organizations that will now combine into a unified effort to serve some of our community's most at-risk families,” said Basham. “Many funders today are looking to support organizations that have a critical mass and breadth of services to allow for long-term sustainability.”

In spring/summer 2012, the organization will announce a new name, logo, tagline, and web site, bringing services and programs together with a new organizational identity.

For more information, visit www.genesis2.org and www.childrensafetycenters.org

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