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News Release

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Partners for Kids: United Hands Make the Best Families, Responsible Fatherhood Community Access Program, is funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance - Grant No. 90FR0098. This grant was awarded to Circle of Parents, 500 N. Michigan Ave., #200, Chicago, IL 60611.

Successful HFA or PAT applicants must be credentialed through Healthy Families America or certified through the Parent as Teachers National Center. Applicants must also demonstrate collaboration with domestic violence programs and other key services that meet the relevant needs of new and expectant fathers. Applicants must also commit to integrating the Responsible Fatherhood program into the state Circle of Parents State Member Organization, participate in training and technical assistance offered through the national and state Circle of Parents offices and participate in data collection and project evaluation.

Applicants must submit the completed application and supporting documents no later than noon on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. Notification of awards will be made no later than February 22, 2008.

Questions about the grant application and process can be directed (email preferred) to Karen Schrader, Training and TA Manager, Circle of Parents at circleofparents@northstate.net or 336-883-4560. Your state Circle of Parents organization's staff is also available to provide TA during the application process.

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