INMED’s MotherNet/Healthy Families Loudoun Program Awarded FACT Grant

Grant will Provide Support, Education for New Families

Ashburn, Virginia (June 25, 2010) — For any new parents, pregnancy and childrearing is a challenging time filled with questions and concerns—but even more so if they don’t know where to turn for answers and support to help them raise their child in a safe, healthy, nurturing environment.

Through INMED Partnerships for Children’s MotherNet/Healthy Families Loudoun program, approximately 60 pregnant women and new families will receive the help they need to give their children the healthiest possible start in life, thanks in part to a $10,000 grant from the Family and Children’s Trust Fund of Virginia.

“All parents want to give their children the best start in life, but families in difficult situations need extra help,” said María Elena Vásquez-Alvarez, director of the INMED’s Loudoun County programs. “We are grateful for the support of the Family and Children’s Trust Fund, which will allow us to directly reach out to some of the most vulnerable families in our community and help them achieve the goals they have set for themselves and their children.”

Since 1994, INMED’s MotherNet/Healthy Families Loudoun program has provided hundreds of local families with intensive in-home parenting education, monitoring of children’s progress toward developmental milestones, emotional and practical support to achieve family-identified goals, and links to other appropriate community resources. The program’s center-based parent education groups, open to the community at large, also provide complementary education and support services.

INMED Partnerships for Children, headquartered in Loudoun County, is an international nonprofit development organization working to rescue children from the immediate and irreversible harm of disease, hunger, abuse, neglect or violence, and to prepare them to shape a brighter future for themselves and the next generation. For more information about INMED’s MotherNet/Healthy Families Loudoun program or to make a donation, visit www.inmed.org or contact Ms. Vásquez-Alvarez at (703) 444-4477 ext. 218 or mvasquez@inmed.org.
The Family and Children’s Trust Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor to raise and distribute funds to local communities for family violence prevention, treatment and public awareness throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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