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30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT FAMILY STRENGTHENING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010
1:00-5:00P.M.

PRESIDIO OFFICER'S CLUB
50 MORAGA AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94129

We invite you to join us for an afternoon symposium on family support and family strengthening. We will learn about policy trends at federal and state levels, and share lively discussion and insights for best practice at the local level. Stay for a celebratory reception at the end of the day, honoring Parent Services Project's 30th anniversary.



SPECIAL GUEST
COMMISSIONER BRYAN SAMUELS
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WASHINGTON D.C.

Tickets are \$50.00 each

For more information or to order tickets contact:

Cesar Lopez at the Parent Services Project office: 415.454.1870 or at family@parentservices.org

Our mission is to engage and strengthen families, working in partnership with educators and service providers to take leadership in assuring the well-being of all children, families, and communities. To learn about our programs and contributions to our communities in the greater Bay Area visit www.parentservices.org

FAMILY STRENGTHENING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

ABOUT COMMISSIONER SAMUELS

Bryan H. Samuels, Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Bryan H. Samuels, tapped by President Obama to head the [Administration on Children, Youth and Families](#), has spent his career formulating service delivery innovations and streamlining operations in large government organizations on behalf of children, youth, and families. His commitment to public service is largely motivated by his own success in overcoming great personal hardship during his eleven and half years of growing up in a residential school for disadvantaged children. This experience helped shape his commitment to serve children who lived in foster care and reinforced his belief that dedicated people and well-designed programs can make a dramatic impact on the lives of at-risk youth.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Samuels was Chief of Staff for Chicago Public Schools, where he played a leadership role in managing the day-to-day operations of the third largest school system in the nation with 420,000 students, 623 schools, 44,000 employees, and a \$5 billion budget. His responsibilities included reviewing all policy changes recommended to the Chicago Board of Education and developing a model to address the impact of exposure to violence on student outcomes.

From 2003 to 2007, Samuels served as the Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the nation's third largest child welfare agency. While Director, he moved aggressively to implement comprehensive assessments of all children entering care, redesigned transitional and independent living programs to prepare youth for transitioning to adulthood, created a child location unit to track all runaway youth, and introduced evidence-based services to address the impact of trauma and exposure to violence on children in state care. As a result of his efforts, DCFS established the lowest caseload ratios for case managers in the nation; reduced the number of youth "on run" by 40 percent and number of days "on run" by 50 percent; decreased the use of residential treatment or group homes by 20 percent; and eliminated the number of past due child protection investigations by 60 percent. Prior to 2003, Samuels taught at the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, while also providing technical assistance to state and local governments to improve human service delivery to vulnerable populations. Samuels holds a Master's Degree from the University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy Studies and a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from the University of Notre Dame.

PANEL DISCUSSANTS

*The afternoon will also feature a panel discussion including guests **Leticia Alejandrez of [California Family Resource Association](#)** to give a state-level perspective, and local program leaders/parents.*

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