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Children’s Bureau and Families First Announce Merger

Indianapolis, Ind. (December 2, 2020)—Announced today, two of Indiana’s most established nonprofit organizations are joining forces to better serve families and children. Children’s Bureau and Families First currently offer complementary services, and this merger will allow greater efficiency and impact.

“Children’s Bureau and Families First were once part of the same organization and have long been aligned by missions and approaches,” said David Siler, President & CEO, Families First. “We’re pleased to reunite, combining our resources and expertise to make an even greater impact in the communities we serve.”

Combined, both organizations will do even more to prevent child abuse by supporting and empowering families to reach self-sufficiency and stability. In addition, this merger helps both organizations go further to preserve families who easily become overwhelmed and discouraged by a multitude of service providers—becoming a destination with more of the expertise and resources families need to stay together.

“The impact of our work will be even greater as a result of this merger,” said Tina Cloer, President & CEO, Children’s Bureau. “By joining forces, we’ll be able to offer a more holistic approach to child abuse prevention, family preservation and recovery services.”

“When Families First and Children’s Bureau, two long-time partners of United Way of Central Indiana, decided to explore a merger, we were pleased to assist them with resources to perform due diligence and ultimately consummate the transaction. We offer our congratulations on this new chapter in their service to our community and to the important work they do for Hoosiers both in normal circumstances and in times like these,” said Ann Murtlow, President & CEO, United Way of Central Indiana.

Together, the two organizations will be doing the same important work to strengthen families, support children, and build more resilient communities. Please visit <https://www.childrensbureau.org/> to learn more about this merger and what it means for clients, stakeholders and donors. Individuals are also encouraged to connect with Children’s Bureau on [Facebook](#).

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About Children's Bureau

Children's Bureau is a private nonprofit that focuses on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, preservation of families and placement for children who lack safe and healthy homes. Its mission is to preserve families and protect Indiana's children. Its vision is a healthy family for every child. The agency works in partnership with the Department of Child Services and various other community organizations statewide. It provides child and family social services throughout Central Indiana to more than 40,000 kids and over 20,000 families annually. Learn more at www.childrensbureau.org.

About Families First

On Thanksgiving Day, 1835, James Blake, Calvin Fletcher, and other Indianapolis leaders formed an organization to strengthen family life. For more than 180 years, Families First has helped individuals, couples, and families who struggle with life's challenges and changes. Families First provides education, support, and counseling for those who need care, hope, and guidance - for everyday life or in times of crisis. Families First is partially funded by the United Way of Central Indiana and is fully accredited by the national Council on Accreditation (COA), attesting that it meets the highest standards of professional performance. For more information visit www.familiesfirstindiana.org.