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Community Leadership Institute Offers Invaluable Training from Renowned Faculty *Gain Powerful Tools to Succeed In Your Role within Your Community or Agency*

Santa Barbara, CA (September 20, 2005) – On December 4 – 7, 2005 leaders, managers, parents, evaluators, and advocates who want to better understand and lead system and agency change will have a unique chance to increase the value and impact of their work. A three and a half day Community Leadership Institute serving private, public, and not-for-profit sectors will be held in Santa Barbara, California, imparting invaluable new tools for effective leadership in a changing environment.

A seasoned and esteemed faculty leads the training, from past Chief of the federal government's national office for child and family mental health, to expert consultants specializing in leadership roles in systems of care, to parent advocates and industry-leading program evaluators. Faculty members have all led system change efforts, steering their organizations through the resistance and struggles that inevitably accompany significant change and forward movement.

“This Institute provides vital training that falls outside of the core skill set most of our attendees study to obtain their credentials, or that parents of children with special needs were ever trained for,” said Center for Community Leadership President Gary De Carolis and author of *A View from the Balcony: Leadership Challenges in Systems of Care*. “Subsequently, they find themselves facing the challenges of leadership without strategies or a roadmap to guide them. Our Institute offers them the tools they need to flourish in the face of these challenges.”

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Community Leadership Institute participants will study the theory, practice and language of leadership. Faculty members share tools to enhance participants' ability to move communities and organizations forward, as well as strategies to inspire action and manage the tension of change. Small group work focuses on new perspectives on personal leadership styles and strengths, and addresses each individual's unique leadership challenge.

Past Institute participant Meri Sue Pepper of Families First & Foremost states, "Invest in yourself. Invest in your community. This program will challenge and enrich every area of your decision-making skills. You will leave refreshed, motivated and energized for the opportunities ahead!"

The Community Leadership Institute is sponsored by the Center for Community Leadership and is co-sponsored by Mosaic Network: *The Evaluation Solutions Company*. The Institute will be held on December 4 – 7, 2005 at the oceanfront Hotel Mar Monte, in Santa Barbara, California. Participation is limited to 80 registrants to provide a collegial, hands-on environment. Registration fee is \$995. Partial scholarships are available. Participants are responsible for accommodations, meals, and transportation. Contact Gary De Carolis to learn more at meosla@aol.com or call, (802) 863-9132. Visit us on the web at, www.centerforcommunityleadership.com and www.mosaic-network.com.

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Extended biographies are available on the web at www.centerforcommunityleadership.com.

Gary De Carolis, M.Ed., is president of the Center for Community Leadership. His recent book, *A View from the Balcony: Leadership Challenges in Systems of Care*, draws from his nine years directing the federal government's national office for child, adolescent and family mental health and from key leadership roles in Vermont state and local government. Gary has over 25 years of hands-on leadership experience designing, building and administering community based systems of care for children with disabilities and their families. He also served three terms on the Burlington (VT) City Council.

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Pamela Marshall, J.D., M.S.W., served as Director of the Arkansas Department of Mental Health, and has directed both not-for profit and for-profit community agencies. In advocating for service system reform across the nation, Pam effectively draws on her personal experience as the parent of a child with special needs, as well as her legal training and background.

Anne Lezak, MPA, is a nationally-recognized consultant and writer on leadership and community-based systems of care for children and their families, people who are homeless, and adults with serious mental illness. Previously, Anne directed a Boys & Girls Club and worked at the National Institute of Mental Health, coordinating federal efforts for people who are homeless and have mental illness.

Kenley Wade, MBA, a frequent speaker at national conferences and seminars, is a management consultant with over 35 years of experience in state-level public service administration and the development of community-based service systems in Illinois. He has worked in 29 states providing consultation on leadership and organizational design.

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Prashant Rajvaidya, Ph.D., is president of Mosaic Network. He is an internationally recognized computer science expert and advises the chief scientists of leading international networking and software companies, research institutes, and universities. He has more than eight years of experience designing information management solutions related to children's system of care, social services and education evaluation projects.

Michael J. Furlong, Ph.D., M.Ed. is a nationally respected trainer of school psychologists and a powerful advocate for positive youth and family development. He is a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara and coordinator of the School Psychology credential program. He is also co-founder of the Center for School-Based Youth Development at the University of California and a co-founder of Mosaic Network.

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Michael Bates, Ph.D., a co-founder of Mosaic Network, is a researcher at the University of California, Santa Barbara and serves as the Evaluation Director for the Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County. A recognized expert in outcome-based evaluation design, Mike has been leading large-scale evaluation projects for a decade.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The Center for Community Leadership works with states, counties, cities, Native American tribes, and public and private agencies. Specific areas of Center expertise include leadership development, strategic planning, managing organizational and system change, cultural competency, and expanding community- and school-based services. For more information on the Center for Community Leadership, please visit www.centerforcommunityleadership.com or call (802) 863-9132.

ABOUT MOSAIC NETWORK

Mosaic Network is an evaluation solutions company providing evaluation software and consulting to help evaluate community services and their impacts. The company's GEMS software is used by over 600 government, philanthropic, and similar community based organizations every day to further community well-being. For more information on Mosaic, please visit www.mosaic-network.com or call (805) 692-0992.

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