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This Letter of Partnership is to recognize the strong relationship between the Arlington District Office of the Virginia Department of Social Services' Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE), serving Arlington County and the cities of Arlington and Alexandria and the Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP), Inc. This partnership will facilitate new initiatives that in an effort to get fathers to assume financial responsibility for their children recognize their role as a nurturing parent, bestow values upon their children, and promote more positive and direct contact between fathers and their children.

The DCSE and the Capital Youth Empowerment Program, Inc. will work collaboratively to address some of the issues impacting the epidemic of the fatherless home. The DCSE is responsible for the establishment of paternity and obtaining financial support on behalf of custodial parents. The Capital Youth Empowerment Program, Inc. implements the "Fathers in Touch" program to educate fathers through a 12-week "24/7 Dad" parenting class and also helps to facilitate stronger relationships between fathers and their children through monthly bonding activities. The partnership will benefit both organizations as well as families in the Northern Virginia community.

The DCSE will refer men into the "Fathers in Touch" program when appropriate, and the Capital Youth Empowerment Program, Inc. will help promote paternity issues and financial responsibility through the 24/7™ Dad parenting class. The DCSE agrees to give presentations at the "Fathers in Touch" 24/7™ Dad parenting class in an effort to educate men on their rights and responsibilities as non-custodial parents. In addition to having a positive impact on fathers in our local communities, the children of Northern Virginia will also greatly reap the benefits from this partnership.

The goal of reuniting families and empowering children is an enormous yet critical task that must be recognized and acted upon. The DCSE and CYEP, Inc.'s partnership is an innovative and collaborative effort that uses a government agency and a nonprofit organization to achieve a shared goal. Establishing important partnerships like this is imperative to addressing the complex issues that face our community and children, not only now, but in the future to come.

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