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Families United Network, Inc. is Reaccredited

Muncy, PA, June 8, 2011 – **Families United Network, Inc.** has just received notification that it has been reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), according to an announcement made by **Thomas A. Neuhard, Chief Executive Officer** of the organization.

COA is an international, independent, not-for-profit accrediting body of social and behavioral healthcare services. COA's mission is to "promote best-practice standards; champion quality services for children, youth, and families; and advocate for the value of accreditation". COA accreditation attests that an organization meets the highest national standards and is delivering the best quality services to the community it serves.

While COA's Community of Excellence includes more than 1,800 private and public organizations that serve over 7,000,000 children, individuals, and families in the United States and Canada, less than 2% of foster care/adoption and inter-country adoption providers in Pennsylvania have obtained this objective and reliable verification. "We were originally accredited in 2007 and have maintained diligence in the quality and outcomes of our programming. This rigorous reaccreditation is evidence of the dedication and commitment of all of our staff in continuously striving for the very best programs for the youth and families we serve," said Neuhard.

The COA accreditation process involved an in-depth examination of the organization's compliance with best practice standards in the areas of human resources, financial and risk management and continuous quality improvement, as well as thirty-nine service standards. The service standards address a full array of child, family and behavioral healthcare services, including financial and debt management, employee assistance program, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, foster care and health services and a host of other service areas.

For more information about Families United Network, Inc. or COA, visit www.families4kids.org.

Photo Caption: Families United Network, Inc. staff with COA inspectors at conclusion of site visit. Pictured from left to right: Leo McLaughlin (Executive Director), Janna Brubaker (Director of Special Services), Jennifer Ethridge (COA Inspector), Warren Heinke (COA Inspector), Sharon Sutkins (Board Member), Tom Neuhard (CEO) and Vickie Johnson (Executive Assistant).

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About Our Agency—*Families United Network, Inc. is a leader in child welfare services with eight offices that serve 50 counties throughout Pennsylvania. The agency provides quality foster care as well as domestic and international adoption services. The agency also operates Community Residential Care/Life Readiness programs to prepare adolescent boys and girls as they age-out of the child welfare system. A non-profit, social service agency, founded in 1995, Families United Network is among a select group of social service organizations in the nation that is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA). COA is an international accreditation that requires agencies to demonstrate rigorous standards in quality of services and management.*

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