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Families First for Mississippi | “Expanding Partnerships to Meet Needs”

Impacting the Whole Family

Jackson, MS, (11/1/16) – Families First for Mississippi (FFFM) is excited to be working with and expanding services to include new relationships and opportunities with a wide range of community based partners throughout the state. Each subcontract partner brings something unique and different to the table. Aligning programs and connecting the dots will allow us to access a broader range of resources and expertise. Bob Clay, Families First Community Liaison, explains, *“Utilizing these resources will provide the framework for positive change and create a strong foundation for families and growth throughout Mississippi.”*

These partnerships will allow us to continue to expand our state-wide coverage, sustain growth of programs, and most importantly make a difference for the families in our state. Charlie Smith, Families First Community Liaison, shares, *“I am excited that one day all Mississippi families will be stronger and more stable because of FFFM and its partners. That day will even be sooner if we move in one accord as we connect with others, change culture and build capacity in individuals, families, organizations and communities. Our partners bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and connections to the table.”* Families First for Mississippi is a state-wide organization, but these strong relationships with our partners are necessary to meet the needs of our program participants. Our partner WilmatKol & Syd, Inc.’s Executive Director, Mrs. Tommie Martin explains, *“There is no family greater than Families First for Mississippi because WE are unified, committed to growth and expecting a brighter future for all of Mississippi.”*

Families First for Mississippi services are delivered by two community organizations: The Mississippi Community Education Center (MCEC) and the Family Resource Center of North Mississippi (FRC). MCEC and FRC have provided Families First for Mississippi programs jointly for over 19 years. Families First for Mississippi is expanding its core services to incorporate additional components designed to stimulate employment, support family financial stability, promote literacy, and increase graduation rates while continuing to support positive youth development, impacting teen pregnancy rates, promoting positive father involvement, parenting skills development, and other parenting education.