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MAYOR SEGARRA, DSS COMMISSIONER CELEBRATE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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(March 24, 2012) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra and Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Roderick L. Bremby on Thursday celebrated the Connecticut Family Development Credential Program's 10-year anniversary.

The FDC is a significant city-state professional development partnership that provides frontline staff of family-centered service organizations and civic leaders with the skills and competencies they need to empower families.

Attending the event were elected and appointed officials from city and state government; graduates of the FDC Program; representatives of Hartford's nonprofit and philanthropic communities; and representatives of the entities that together manage the FDC Program (Hartford's Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation, Connecticut's Children's Trust Fund and UConn's Center for the Study of Culture, Health and Human Services).

"FDC-trained professionals have helped many families in Hartford capitalize on their strengths and set attainable goals for improving their families' quality of life," said Mayor Segarra. "This event acknowledges our ongoing commitment to workers and leaders in the city who want to strengthen Hartford's families in respectful and compassionate ways."

Commissioner Bremby said that the FDC is an effective tool for advancing DSS's mission of strengthening families and communities throughout the state. "With the help of the FDC Program, we are well on the way toward establishing a family service delivery system focused on empowerment rather than crisis intervention and that builds lasting links to networks and resources throughout Connecticut."

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