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Dear Mr. Barrer:

Congratulations on your appointment as departmental liaison to the not-for-profit sector. We at Family Service America are appreciative of the recognition the Clinton Administration is giving to the essential work not-for-profit organizations do for our country. We look forward to working with you in a special partnership - using both public and private resources -- to strengthen families and thereby strengthen our society.

Family Service America (FSA) is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families in all their forms through services, education, and advocacy. Founded in 1911, FSA represents the oldest and largest network of community-based family and child counseling and support services in North America, serving more than 4 million people annually in over 1,000 communities with 11,000 professionals and 10,000 volunteers.

Because your position is of great significance and potential, I would enjoy having the opportunity to meet with you at an early date to explore possibilities for active cooperation and coordination of our mutual efforts. I am sure there are many areas of common interest and endeavor.

For your information and use, I am enclosing a copy of our Action Agenda for Families and a fact sheet about our organization and the FSA Washington Office of Public Policy. Please call on us any time our offices or field network can be of assistance; we can be reached at (202) 347-1124.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Field
Senior Vice President
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**FAMILY SERVICE AMERICA, INC.
OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY
FACT SHEET**

What is FSA?

Founded in 1911, Family Service America (FSA) is an international nonprofit organization, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dedicated to strengthening families in all their forms through services, education and advocacy. With our accredited agencies, we constitute the largest network of community-based family and children's counseling and support services in North America, serving more than 4 million people annually in over 1,000 communities with 11,000 professionals and 10,000 volunteers.

**How does FSA
promote policies
for families?**

The public policy work of FSA is carried out through its Office of Public Policy in Washington, D.C. It is directed by a senior vice-president for public policy and guided by a FSA Board committee on public policy made up of prominent volunteers and agency executives from all parts of the country. They have established the following priorities for the 103rd Congress:

- 1) High quality education and job training coordinated with comprehensive human services for students and their families;
- 2) Tax and fiscal policies that strengthen family economic viability;
- 3) Affordable and safe housing and neighborhoods for all families;
- 4) Affordable and accessible family-centered health and mental health care for all Americans;
- 5) Employment opportunities and workplace policies that are supportive of family life.

Also, because our agencies provide direct services to families, we actively support ongoing efforts to promote and enhance the work of the nonprofit sector, services for children, and prevention and rehabilitation for substance abuse and family violence. Whether in these or the priorities listed above, FSA can be of real assistance in providing research and other informational resources, professional counsel and testimony, and policy staff services for the development and processing of legislation, regulations, and other policy instruments.

**What is the
FSA network?**

FSA member agencies are nonprofit service organizations governed by volunteer citizen leaders from their communities. They include accredited family and child service agencies and military-based family service facilities located in communities throughout the United States and Canada, and affiliated voluntary human service organizations in Scotland, Costa Rica, and Singapore.

What does the FSA network do?

The FSA network of service agencies assists individuals and families in the areas of:

- parenting
- marital difficulties
- drug and alcohol dependency
- AIDS
- teenage pregnancy
- elder care
- child care and development
- adult day care
- family violence
- displaced workers
- school-linked human services
- family economics
- employment difficulties
- homemaker services
- homelessness
- home health aides
- adoption and foster care
- family preservation
- other complex problems affecting family life

How does FSA support its member network, its federal-state policy work, and families?

FSA supports its member network, its federal-state policy work, and families with

- the Severson National Information Center, which functions as a national clearinghouse on family issues and "state of the art" services to families
- the Institute for Family Studies, which provides research and reports on shifting social trends and their effects on family and community life
- the Public Policy program to represent common interests to policymakers and government agencies, and to communicate the network's concerns and achievements through the mass media
- publication of the prestigious professional journal *Families in Society* and book manuscripts for the family practice field
- technical assistance to increase local agency capacity to develop innovative programs that serve families and to improve clinical and management practices
- national and regional training programs, conferences, and seminars for professional and volunteer leadership, including the annual national family policy conference in Washington, D.C.
- National Services to Working Families, which develops employee assistance and managed care programs with national corporations for their employees in the 50 states, Canada, Guam, and Puerto Rico
- informational services to the developing nonprofit human service sectors in developing countries

How is FSA governed?

FSA is governed by an international volunteer Board of Directors composed of distinguished corporate, professional, agency and community leaders from throughout the United States and Canada.

How can you use FSA's policy services?

Contact the FSA Office of Public Policy for policy information or staff services at (202) 347-1124.

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America's Families.*

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