

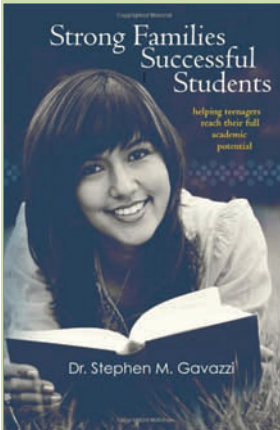


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OFCA Annual Conference
Parenting in a Time of Change:
Finding a Harbor in the Storm

June 25 -26, 2010
Fort Rapids Indoor Water Park
Columbus, Ohio

OFCA Conference Presenter is Published Author



Stephen M. Gavazzi, Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at The Ohio State University, and well known to many in Ohio's child welfare community, has written a book entitled, *Strong Families Successful Students: helping teenagers reach their full academic potential*. The book

offers new hope to parents who wonder whether or not what they are doing is "good enough" when it comes to helping their teenage sons and daughters experience success in school. In the book, Dr. Gavazzi insists that family members are their own best experts when it comes to raising their teenage sons and daughter and provides important information about how families operate at their best.

Dr. Gavazzi will be presenting a workshop at the OFCA Annual Conference in June. For more information about his book, go to: www.amazon.com/Strong-Families-Successful-Students-teenagers/dp/1439262438/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1262029219&sr=1-1

Bill Supporting Federal Funding for Therapeutic Foster Care Introduced in the House

On March 10, 2010, Reps. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and John Sullivan (R-OK) introduced legislation (H.R. 4787), that would maintain federal funding for Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) services. According to the Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA), the bill is similar to legislation introduced in the Senate (S. 1217). According to FFTA, the House bill provides a definition of therapeutic foster care in federal statute for the first time. It also permits states to use reasonable and efficient payment methodologies for reimbursement of these services. Additionally, should an individual state so wish to utilize it, the bill creates a new medical assistance category under Medicaid for which TFC services could be directly billed thus providing increased transparency and accountability to taxpayers and to the mental health field. Additionally, it protects and supports case management services, codifies the Olmstead Act, and assures Medicaid reimbursement for eligible youth who are in psychiatric facilities. For more information, go to: www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h111-4787

Impact of the California Rate Case

On February 22, 2010, the federal 9th Circuit ruled that the state of California must pay nonprofit child welfare providers the "full cost of care" allowable under Title IV-E. To read more about this case and its potential impact on other states, go to: www.alliance1.org/Public_Policy/PDFs/California%20Lawsuit%20Report.pdf

Adoption Tax Credit Expanded

The adoption tax credit has been expanded and extended. On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148). Prior to this law, the tax credit was set to expire December 31st of this year. Section 10909 of the bill addressed the adoption tax credit. In the new law, the amount of the credit has been increased by \$1,000 bringing the amount to \$13,170 for tax year 2010. In addition, the credit was made refundable for all types of adoptions; allowing families with small tax liabilities to better access the credit for adoptions finalized in 2010 & 2011. The credit will be extended through December 31, 2011.