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St. Vincent Family Centers Receives National Recognition!

St. Vincent Family Centers has been awarded the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) 2008 Science and Service Award for Mental Health Promotion. St. Vincent Family Centers was recognized for its implementation of the evidence based, Incredible Years Program. The agency provides treatment, intervention and mental health prevention services to children and families throughout Ohio. St. Vincent Family Centers is one of three agencies to win in the category of Mental Health Promotion.

The agency began using The Incredible Years program in 2006; the program grew from thirteen Parent, Classroom and Small Groups in 2007 to twenty-three groups in 2008. Last year St. Vincent Family Centers expanded implementation of Incredible Years Classroom Group curriculum into its Preschool Program. Parents of preschool students have the opportunity to participate in Incredible Years Parent Groups. The agency also uses Incredible Years to serve its Deaf clients. Specially modified puppets allow group facilitators to communicate using American Sign Language. According to The Incredible Years national office, this is the first time puppets have been used with this population. St. Vincent Family Centers also incorporated Incredible Years programming into services for Hispanic / Latino parents.

St. Vincent Family Centers is one of only 29 agencies nationally to be recognized by SAMSHA in five categories: substance abuse prevention; treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services; mental health promotion; treatment of mental illness and recovery support services; and, co-occurring disorders. Now in its second year, the SAMSHA annual awards program recognizes public and private sector organizations, as well as community-based groups and coalitions that have worked to improve their communities and the lives of individuals by providing the best services possible.

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St. Vincent Family Centers provides mental health prevention, intervention and treatment services to children and families in Columbus and throughout the state of Ohio. The agency is a 2008 winner of the SAMSHA Science and Service for Mental Health Promotion, a Council on Accreditation (COA) agency, certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, and a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). St. Vincent Family Centers is also a provider agency for the ADAMH Board, Franklin County Children Services and the United Way of Central Ohio.