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PRESS RELEASE: CLUES Receives Family Strengthening Award from the Annie E. Casey Foundation

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May 26, 2009 – The Annie E. Casey Foundation, in partnership with the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), awarded CLUES, in addition to two other affiliate programs, the prestigious national Family Strengthening Award. The award will be presented to CLUES at the NCLR annual conference in Chicago July 25-28th.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has developed and deepened a strong commitment to a work and wealth-based approach to reduce family poverty. The Foundation invests in new models, best practices, evaluation, and policy research, in order to promote strategies that enable parents to get jobs and advance in the workforce, increase their income, and build and protect a base of assets sufficient to secure a better future for their families. The CLUES Economic Advancement Services Division was honored with this award for running exemplary programs dedicated to strengthening Hispanic families.

CLUES' Economic Advancement Division consists of Employment, Education, Financial Empowerment, and Learning Together Departments, and employs a linguistically appropriate and culturally proficient family-centric model to assist individuals and families in overcoming barriers to family stability. Families enjoy improved parenting, financial stability, healthier home environments, and academically and socially successful children who pursue educational goals, careers, and economic independence to build stronger communities.

Jesse Bethke Gomez, President of CLUES, stated, "On behalf of our Board of Directors, paid and volunteer staff, funders, friends, the community and as importantly the individuals and families served by CLUES, we are tremendously grateful to the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the National Council of La Raza for this national award and recognition. We believe that our services delivered through this family centric coordinated care model hold the key to unlock the power of productivity for families in realizing greater prosperity especially during these difficult economic times."

CLUES is in its 28th year of service to the community. CLUES provides a family centric coordinated care model of linguistically appropriate and culturally competent services including: Mental Health Services, Chemical Health Services, Family Services, Aging Well Services, Community Health Worker Services, and Economic Advancement Services in employment, education, and financial literacy.

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