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## Painting for Prevention 2010

*Local Bucks County agencies celebrated Child Abuse Prevention Month through art and community*

(Langhorne, PA) May 4, 2010—Family Service Association (FSA), participated in the “Painting for Child Abuse Prevention” project along with about 100 families in Bristol Borough on April 14, 2010. Parents, children, and community volunteers painted a 4’x8’ mural that will later be displayed in Bristol Borough. This evening was part of the bi-monthly Family Night program, an activity of the Family to Family Initiative. The Family to Family Initiative is a cooperative program of the Bristol Borough School District, the Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency and FSA. The painting project will be held at the Grundy Recreational Center from 6-7:30pm on Wednesday, April 14.

In April 2008 and April 2009, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance partnered with over a dozen state and local organizations to spread the word that child abuse can be prevented by strengthening families and supporting parents. Each year, these efforts resulted in the creation of four unique, collaborative murals, which serve as ongoing reminders of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Local organizations develop the ideas for the design of the murals, and artists from Heart to Art (a woman-owned arts education organization) create sketches on mural boards. Then, members of the community, families, children and teens collaborate to paint the murals. Last year, it is estimated that over 2,000 people painted on the murals. Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency will accept the mural, “Communities Supporting Families”, on behalf of the Bucks County agencies and families involved.

In addition to Family Nights, Family Service offers a *Parent Support Group* as part of the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance.

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