



Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

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“May is Mental Health Awareness Month” Event:

City of Los Angeles Declares May 8

“Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day”

Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic Calls for More Early Intervention

LOS ANGELES (MAY 8 2009) –Councilman Bernard Parks led the City Council in declaring today Los Angeles Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day: “Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day is a day to promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery, and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families,” said Councilman Parks. His resolution notes that youth with access to the early intervention and prevention services are more likely to have positive outcomes such as better grades. In contrast, those with poor access are more likely to suffer involvement with the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Councilman Parks singled out the work of Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic for its services to children at risk, as well as for advocating for their needs: “The Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, through its unique approach to serving children and adolescents, is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth and their families in our community,” said Councilman Parks. The Clinic’s has served South and Central Los Angeles areas for 85 years, and is recognized as a national leader in services for children aged zero to five.

Betsy Pfromm, President and CEO of Los Angeles Child Guidance, thanked Councilman Parks for his leadership on the issue: “Children in our community face violence, poverty and other stressors that put them at risk: Early intervention and prevention give them the chance they need for success in life. We thank Councilman Parks for rallying support for children in need and for services like ours, which truly bring hope to the community.”

***About Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic:** The mission of the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic is to provide quality mental health services by ensuring easy access and promoting early intervention. This is achieved by providing family-centered and culturally sensitive mental health services and specialized educational services to seriously emotionally disturbed children.*



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Left to Right:

Ingrid Avila, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

Paco Retana, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

Betsy Pfromm, President and CEO, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

Los Angeles City Councilman Bernard Parks,

Susie Davis, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

Dr. Quinton James, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

Dr. Elena Judd, Vice President of Programs, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic

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