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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Supports Family & Youth's Conference

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Pictured: Julio Galan, Family & Youth Executive Director; Candis Carr, Connections Count! Conference Director; Ann Knapp, Blue Cross and Blue Shield board member; and Thad Minaldi, Blue Cross and Blue Shield board member.

(Lake Charles)— Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana supports Connection Count! Family Focus Professional Development Conference with a \$10,000 donation. Family & Youth's 12th annual conference connects professionals and practitioners from throughout Louisiana as they expand, enhance, and share knowledge, expertise, and "know how" related to services for children, youth, and families.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Louisiana through community involvement, employee volunteerism, and the investment of resources in the communities it serves.

"With this grant Family & Youth can offer professionals and practitioners the chance to hear local, state, and nationally recognized speakers discuss the challenges and answers for today's most pressing family and community concerns," Julio Galan, Executive Director of Family & Youth said. "This is an opportunity for

professionals to learn, be challenged, and network with one goal in mind – better outcomes for children, youth, and families.”

Family & Youth, a United Way agency, is celebrating 40 years of service in Southwest Louisiana. It is the belief of Family & Youth that all individuals possess the ability to solve their own challenges and live full and healthy lives when support is available. It is the mission of Family & Youth to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to the advocacy, counseling, and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana. For more information call 337-436-9533.

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