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L'Auberge du Lac Casino Resort Supports Connections Count! Professional Development Conference

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Pictured: Kerry Andersen, Director of Community and Public Relations at L'Auberge du Lac Casino Resort; Candis Carr, Conference Director, and Julio Galan, Executive Director of Family & Youth.

(Lake Charles)— L'Auberge du Lac supports the Connection Count! Professional Development Conference with a \$5,000 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.

Featured speakers for the 2010 conference included Patricia Doykos, Ph.D., Director, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation who presented the keynote address on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, and Dr. Barry Duncan who presented two workshops and the keynote speech on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010. Also James Lukefahr, M.D., University of Texas Health Sciences Center San Antonio's Child Abuse Division, and Terrence D. Walton, M.S.W., National Drug Court Institute, each presented three workshops. Other speakers include Jan

Disney, Ph.D.; Linda Brannon, Ph.D.; Lakisha Williams, Psy.D.; Michael Kudla, M.D.; Jean Valliere, LCSW; Stacie LeBlanc, J.D., M.Ed.; and more. Some of the topics include sex addiction, gangs, child abuse burns, play therapy, asperger's disorder, postpartum depression, counseling ethics, internet crime, *Twilight* series, criminal forensic psychiatry, and more.

Family & Youth is celebrating 40 years of service in Southwest Louisiana, and is a United Way Agency. Family & Youth believes 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. Our effort and commitment to building family values will guarantee a stable and stronger community. For experienced professional assistance, contact Family & Youth at 337-436-9533 or 1-888-414-FYCA.

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