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**SECRETARY DEVORE ANNOUNCES FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY
AVAILABLE IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

Annapolis, MD—(May 13, 2008). Secretary Donald DeVore, Department of Juvenile Services, in collaboration with the Center for Children, Inc., announces the expansion of evidence based practices with the opening of 57 additional slots for Functional Family Therapy ("FFT") in Anne Arundel County. Following this announcement an informational event will give an overview of the research-based model Functional Family Therapy ("FFT").

**WHAT: SECRETARY DEVORE ANNOUNCES FUNCTIONAL FAMILY
THERAPY AVAILABLE IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

WHEN: Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 9:00am – 12:00pm

WHERE: Judiciary Education and Conference Center
Training Room 5
2011 Commerce Park Drive
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

MESSAGE: FFT is a well documented and highly successful family intervention for at-risk and juvenile justice involved youth. The major goal of FFT is to improve family communication and supportiveness while helping families adopt positive behavior change and parenting strategies. In the past 5 years FFT has been designated as a "Blueprint Program," "Exemplary Model Program", "Best Practice," by such sources as the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, and The Center for Disease Control. 57 slots have been secured for FFT in Anne Arundel County. The goal of the Department is to provide best practices throughout Maryland to ensure community services for all our youth.

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