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Frank Crawford to Serve as Board Chair of Foster Family-Based Treatment Association

March 3, 2011 - Children's Home Society of NC Executive Vice President Frank Crawford Jr. has been appointed as the President of the Board of Directors for the Foster Family-Based Treatment Association (FFTA). In this capacity, Crawford will chair all board meetings, appoint committee chairpersons, develop the board meeting agendas, and execute all major business transactions of the association.

“I am honored to serve in this role especially during the 25th anniversary of the association, said Crawford. “Our over 400 member agencies are committed to excellence in their service to children and families in the foster care system in our nation. The Board is a talented and dedicated group of leaders who invest significant time and energy in making our industry stronger.”

FFTA strengthens agencies that support families caring for vulnerable children. It is an agency-led organization of foster care providers established in 1988 with an initial purpose of defining and refining treatment foster care practices. The Association’s membership is composed of agencies throughout North America currently operating foster care programs. The foundation of the FFTA is built upon a belief in the family as a source of stability and security for children and youth.

Since its establishment, FFTA has worked to promote, develop, improve, and support the quality of Treatment Foster Care. With more than 400 member agencies providing services to over 600,000 children and youth each year across North America, FFTA has grown to become the leader in treatment foster care. Agencies train and work closely with treatment foster parents to provide a therapeutic, safe, and stable environment in a family setting for children and youth with serious emotional, behavioral, and/or medical challenges. For more information, visit www.fftta.org or call (800) 414-3382, ext. 113.

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Since 1902, Children's Home Society of NC has been one of the state's leading resources in the effort to ensure that every child has a permanent, safe, and loving family. CHS works with state social service agencies and other community partners to help parents create a safe, positive setting for children to grow and thrive, to preserve families, and when necessary, to provide children with a healthy family setting through foster care or adoption. For more information, please visit www.chsnc.org.