

PRESS RELEASE

FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE AND FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES ANNOUNCE MERGER

— *Newly combined behavioral health agency to provide expanded, enhanced services to Long Island residents* —

HUNTINGTON, NY — <January 3, 2012> — [Family Service League](#) (FSL), one of Long Island's largest non-profit human services agencies, and [Family Counseling Services](#), a multi-service agency providing comprehensive behavioral health services in Eastern Long Island, today announced that the two organizations have merged operations. The integration of these two leading social service providers significantly expands the availability and depth of behavioral health and related services across Suffolk County, especially to residents of Brookhaven, East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold.

Family Counseling Services, headquartered in Westhampton Beach, provides assistance to over 6,000 individuals and families across Long Island's East End. Services include treatment and prevention of substance abuse, depression and anxiety, and treatment and advocacy for families affected by autism spectrum disorders. The agency, founded in 1971, has satellite offices in East Yaphank and Shirley.

Huntington-based Family Service League, established in 1926, serves 47,000 people annually with [programs](#) for mental health, substance abuse treatment and prevention, housing and homelessness, vocational services, family and senior citizen support services, and at-risk youth. In addition, FSL operates [pre-school learning centers, a universal pre-K program](#) and Suffolk County's only [Community School](#), located in the Brentwood Union Free School District. In all, FSL operates 43 programs at 15 locations in Suffolk County, including five Family Centers in Huntington, Huntington Station, Bay Shore, East Yaphank and Riverhead.

“This merger brings together two dynamic organizations that are well positioned to meet the continually increasing demand for a broad spectrum of behavioral health programs and social services for individuals and families in crisis,” said Barbara Page, Chairwoman of the Board of Family Service League. “The addition of Family Counseling Services’ experienced board members further strengthens and expands Family Service League’s ability to provide a critical safety net for people who often have nowhere else to turn for help.”

“Both organizations have a shared mission and demonstrated record of success in delivering quality services through professional, dedicated staffs and highly effective programming,” said Scott J. Skorobohaty, recent Chairman of the Board, Family Counseling Services. “Drawing on 125 years of collective experience in helping individuals and families in crisis, the combined organization will provide even greater service and support to those who need us the most.”

Karen Boorshtein, LCSW, President and CEO of FSL, will head the merged organization, which will operate under the Family Service League banner. Family Counseling Services will operate as a division of FSL. Judith Margolis, LCSW, will continue as a key member of this combined agency. In its most recent IRS annual filing, FSL reported total program revenue of \$26 million for the year 2010, with Family Counseling Services reporting \$2.3 million in the same period.

“FSL will maintain a strong commitment to the Westhampton community, where FCS has benefited from the generous support of loyal donors for many years. This will continue to be a high priority for us going forward,” Ms. Boorshtein said.

About Family Counseling Services

Family Counseling Services (www.familycounselingsvc.org) is a licensed, non-profit, non-sectarian agency serving Eastern Long Island. Established in 1971, it is a community based, United Way agency providing treatment, prevention, education, crisis intervention and supportive services at its main office in Westhampton Beach and its two satellite offices in Shirley and E. Yaphank as well as several school based mental health satellites. The agency serves over 6,000 individuals and families in need of mental health counseling annually.

About Family Service League:

Family Service League (FSL), founded in 1926, is a not-for-profit, community based human service agency assisting more than 47,000 people each year. FSL serves individuals from infancy through the senior years and families, and offers 43 programs in 15 locations. Family Service League has five Family Centers – located in Huntington, Huntington Station, Bay Shore, East Yaphank, and Riverhead – where families can come and receive assistance to address a broad range of needs. Other program sites are located throughout Long Island from Huntington to Greenport to East Hampton. FSL is credentialed by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA) for meeting the highest standards of best practices and quality services for individuals and families. For more information, call 631.427.3700 or visit the Family Service League web site at www.fsl-li.org.

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