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Youthville to welcome national speaker as part of National Adoption Month

(Wichita, Kan., Nov. 5, 2010) Youthville’s Adoption Unit and Marketing & Sales department will be hosting a special event for Youthville staff and the general public. The Adoption and Recruitment Focus will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the First Pentecostal Church in Wichita. Denise Goodman, Ph.D., consultant, trainer and national speaker, will be the guest speaker for the event.

The event will be broken up into three sessions: “Target Recruitment Strategies,” “Power Hour with Denise,” and “Every Child Deserves a Home.” The public can call 800.593.1950, ext. 8118 for additional information and registration.

Goodman has been a child welfare professional for more than 30 years. She began her career working with emotionally disturbed teens in a residential treatment facility and has held positions as a protective services social worker, residential treatment coordinator, research/education specialist, training Denise earned her doctorate in social work from The Ohio State University with dissertation research that examined causal factors of adoption disruption.

Currently, Goodman is a self-employed consultant and trainer. She also serves as a technical assistant to the Annie E. Casey Foundation in the area of recruitment, training, licensing and support of resource families. Goodman conducts workshops and consultations throughout the United States and Canada on topics related to foster care and adoption.

“We are excited to welcome Denise Goodman, speaker, consultant and researcher, to Wichita as part of National Adoption Month. Her strategic approach will provide our staff the opportunity to receive fresh, innovative recruitment techniques as they continue in their mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood,” said Lori Gonzales, Foster Care Program Officer.

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit, child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, psychiatric residential treatment and counseling. The agency's 600 employees are passionate about its mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood to the 1,000 Kansas children who suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and trauma. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit www.youthville.org.

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