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Community Action Project of Tulsa County, A National Leader and Innovator in Early Childhood Education, Seeks to Hire New Leaders

Community Action Project of Tulsa County (CAP), a national leader in early childhood education located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is undergoing a period of rapid expansion even as the state of Oklahoma receives further recognition for high standards in the field. Oklahoma ranked first of 50 states in a report on early education standards released this month by The National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies.

CAP, which last year hired 190 employees, is seeking dedicated professionals to help lead large-scale growth in its innovative Early Childhood Program Division. Open positions at CAP include: Associate Director-Site Management, Associate Director-Program Management and Educare Site Director. For more information, or to apply, please visit our website at www.captc.org.

“CAP is seeking dedicated, experienced leaders who want to work at the forefront of early childhood education in this country and who share our goal of expanding opportunities for young children and their families,” said Steven Dow, CAP’s executive director. “Our high-quality programs are designed to bring an end to the cycle of intergenerational poverty for low-income families and CAP needs additional leaders who are committed to advancing this vitally important work.”

With an annual operating budget of approximately \$43 million, and through the efforts of more than 450 employees and hundreds of volunteers, CAP is one of the premiere service providers to the low-income community in the Tulsa area.

CAP operates more than 100 classrooms at 19 different sites strategically located around the city of Tulsa near low-income neighborhoods. We serve more than 1,700 children, ages birth to five, of which 88 percent live at or below the federal poverty line and 79 percent are minorities.

In 2007, CAP opened two new early childhood facilities and undertook the second year of operation of the State of Oklahoma Pilot Early Childhood Program, a program to increase early

education to low-income children birth through three in both urban and rural areas of the state. CAP is now building three additional new early childhood education centers, scheduled to open in the fall of 2008.

In 2009, Tulsa will become just the second city in the country (after Omaha) to have two Educare Centers. The first Tulsa Educare, which opened in the fall of 2006, serves 200 low-income children in a state-of-the-art learning center, providing a range of educational, medical and social-emotional supports for each child and family.

Since 2001, the Ounce of Prevention Fund has partnered with leaders in five states to help build Educare Centers thereby expanding the pool of national allies for high-quality care for young children growing up in poverty. Educare serves as a national model of excellence that illustrates to both the public and private sectors the impact that high quality early education can have on children's lives. Decades of research in neuroscience, child development, and other areas, confirm that learning begins well before kindergarten, and that investing in children during their earliest weeks, months, and years produces the greatest returns to families and to society. For more, visit www.ounceofprevention.org.

Tulsa Educare is a partnership that includes CAP, the Bounce Learning Network, Family & Children's Services, University of Oklahoma, Tulsa Public Schools, and the George Kaiser Family Foundation in concert with other local philanthropists.

CAP's work would not be possible without strong partnerships with organizations such as Family and Childrens' Services, the Tulsa Community Foundation, local school districts and others. Additionally, CAP strives to operate all of our programs with a diverse funding base through a blend of federal, state, United Way, and private donor funds.

For more information about CAP's programs and community partners, visit www.captc.org. For more on The National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies report, *Leaving Children to Chance: NACCRRRA's Ranking of State Standards and Oversight of Small Family Child Care Home*, which ranks all states on their current family child care standards and oversight policies, visit www.naccrra.org.

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