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Center for Adoption Support and Education to receive the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2019 Adoption Excellence Award on November 12

BURTONSVILLE, Md.— The Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) was nominated by Uma Ahluwalia, Health Management Associates, to receive the 2019 Adoption Excellence Award for Business Contributions and Initiatives for its National Adoption Competency, Mental Health Training Initiative (NTI) program. NTI, standardized, web-based trainings for child welfare and mental health professionals, is funded through a cooperative agreement between the Children’s Bureau and C.A.S.E. Visit www.adoptionsupport.org/nti to learn more. C.A.S.E. will be recognized for its extraordinary contributions made supporting positive permanency outcomes for children in foster care through development and implementation of the NTI program on Tuesday, November 12 at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services award ceremony at the Huber H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20201 from 10am – 12pm.

The Adoption Excellence Awards will be presented to 12 recipients during the Children’s Bureau celebration of National Adoption Month. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established the Adoption Excellence Awards program in 1997 to recognize outstanding accomplishments in achieving permanency for America’s children waiting in foster care. States, child welfare agencies, organizations, courts, businesses, individuals and families are honored each year through this prestigious award program. To learn more about the program visit http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/adoption-excellence-awards."

“This award recognizes C.A.S.E.’s incredible contributions to the field of adoption, but more importantly, their impact on the lives of children and families touched by adoption,” said Uma Ahluwalia. “I am proud to be a part of the C.A.S.E family and to have played a small part in their nomination that has led to the recognition and achievement today.”

“NTI has played a significant role in breathing life back into our state’s child welfare adoption practice. This is the most comprehensive, relevant and interactive adoption competency training I have experienced in my 24 years as a child welfare professional! I highly recommend it for all child welfare and mental health practitioners working with children and families in foster or adoptive care,” said Kristi Poole, Adoption Program Manager, Maine Office of Child and Family Services.

C.A.S.E. is a nationally-recognized leader in mental health services for the adoption and foster care community. The nonprofit organization’s mission is to improve the lives of children who have been adopted or in foster care and their families through counseling, lifelong education, and a growing national network of trained professionals. With seven offices across Northern Virginia, Maryland and New York, C.A.S.E. has provided clinical services for more than 6,200 clients and their families since its founding in 1998. Visit www.adoptionsupport.org to learn more.

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