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### **Casey Family Program's Zeinab Chahine to Receive Peter W. Forsythe Award**

WASHINGTON, March 18, 2010 — Zeinab Chahine, managing director for Strategic Consulting at Casey Family Programs, will receive the 2009 Peter W. Forsythe Award at the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators' spring conference in Washington.

The award is given yearly to a person who shows leadership in public child welfare in support of NAPCWA's mission. NAPCWA is an organization that represents administrators of city, county and state public child welfare agencies. These agencies provide child abuse prevention, family preservation and family support, child protection, foster care, adoption and independent living services to children and families.

Chahine has spent 25 years working in the field of child welfare. Before joining Casey Family Programs, she served as executive deputy commissioner for child welfare programs at New York City's Administration for Children's Services. She had a key role in the design, development and implementation of major innovative child welfare reform initiatives, leading to an over 50 percent reduction in the foster care population.

At Casey, Chahine provides technical assistance to 14 states to improve child welfare outcomes and safely reduce foster care placements. Chahine has contributed to advancing the field of child welfare through multiple national initiatives such as chairing NAPCWA's Safety Work Group resulting in the publication of *A Framework for Safety in Child Welfare*, a seminal document for the field. She had a leading role in NAPCWA's Positioning Public Child Welfare Initiative and co-chaired the National Breakthrough Series Collaborative on Safety and Risk.

Chahine holds a bachelor of arts in psychology from Hunter College and a master of social work from Columbia University.

The award will be given on Saturday, March 27, at The Fairmont Washington, D.C., during the NAPCWA conference awards reception.

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