



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## MEDIA ADVISORY

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

**WHAT:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (US DHHS) to announce grant award to National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), along with University of Minnesota (UM), for National Healthy Marriage Resource Center.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 23, 2004  
10 a.m.

**WHERE:** University of Minnesota  
Fireplace Room (Room 274)  
McNeal Hall  
1985 Buford Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

**WHO:** US DHHS Assistant Secretary for Children and Families  
Wade F. Horn, Ph.D.

Michael Benjamin  
Executive Director of NCFR

William Doherty, Ph. D.  
Former President, NCFR  
Professor, University of Minnesota

**WHY:** The US DHHS' Healthy Marriage Initiative is dedicated to promoting the benefits of a strong marriage and providing individuals, especially those in low-income families, the resources to create, build, and maintain healthy marriages. NCFR, along with partnering universities including UM, has been selected, through a competitive grant review, to operate the first-ever National Healthy Marriage Resource Center. NCFR will receive \$900,000 per year for up to 5 years.

Dr. Wade F. Horn, HHS Asst. Secretary for Children and Families, will make remarks and present a check to NCFR.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Press Office, Administration for Children and Families  
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