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Family Service, Inc. Appoints New Executive Director

Lawrence, MA – The Board of Family Service, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth (Liz) Sweeney as its next Executive Director effective May 2011.

Ms. Sweeney has worked at Family Service since 1993. She began as a social work intern and has subsequently risen to the position of Associate Director. During her tenure she has conducted mental health counseling, Employee Assistance Program account management, and assisted in successfully expanding the organization's community prevention programs to include over 20 different services. Ms. Sweeney is responsible for the growth of Family Service's mentoring programs to include more than 500 youth/adult matches, making Family Service one of the largest mentoring agencies in the state. Ms. Sweeney serves on several community coalitions, has a master's degree in social work from Salem State College, and in June will complete Boston University's Institute of Non-profit Management and Leadership program.

"Due to Liz's display of leadership, skill, dedication and enthusiasm, the vote for her appointment was unanimous," says Ron Pollina, Family Service Board President. "We look forward to working with her to lead Family Service into its next exciting chapter."

Ms. Sweeney follows Kay Berthold Frishman, who has served since 1986 as the organization's 10th Executive Director. Family Service looks forward to celebrating Kay's retirement at its annual fundraising Rhapsody event on May 6, 2011, at the Andover Country Club.

Originally established in 1854 as a relief society for the area's newly arriving farm and immigrant mill workers, Family Service, Inc. is a non-profit social service agency located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Family Service has grown in recent years from a small mental health clinic (c.1985) to a large and dynamic organization providing over 20 programs and services, including youth mentoring, parent education, mental health counseling, suicide prevention and an Employee Assistance Program.

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Kay Berthold Frishman (L) with Family Service's Appointed Executive Director, Liz Sweeney (R)

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