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HEALTHY START COALITION TO TRAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN INNOVATIVE GROUP-CARE MODEL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition is hosting a training August 20-21 for medical providers to expand the evidence-based Centering model of health care to improve the health of women, children and families in Northeast Florida. The training is funded by The Chartrand Family Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida.

Fifteen medical professionals from four health care agencies will be trained by staff from the Centering Healthcare Institute. The participating agencies are: Agape Community Health Center, Florida Department of Health Duval, UF Health Jacksonville and Sulzbacher.

Centering Healthcare Institute is a non-profit organization that works closely with healthcare providers from all sectors to change healthcare through group-based care. Programs like CenteringPregnancy prenatal care and CenteringParenting well-child care have been utilized across the country to improve birth outcomes and ensure families have access to quality care and support. Centering Healthcare has expanded to several new areas, including diabetes and chronic disease management.

CenteringPregnancy has been implemented at the Coalition's Magnolia Project for several years. The training will expand the capacity of the community to offer Centering classes.

The Healthy Start Coalition received a two-year grant from The Chartrand Family Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida to provide CenteringParenting classes and train health care providers on the various Centering models. The Chartrand Family established the Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida in 2012 to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that do work the family has supported over many years, connect with others who are doing similar work, and to expand opportunities for local collaboration. The Chartrand Family has a long history of philanthropy in the community. Their Fund focuses on early childhood education, K-12 public education reform, and social and emotional mental health for children and youth.

To attend a portion of the training, please contact Erin Addington at 904.447.9853 or eaddington@nefhsc.org for further details

About the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition

The Healthy Start Coalition leads the community effort to reduce infant death and improve the health of children, childbearing women, fathers and their families in Northeast Florida. For more information, [view our media kit](#) visit us at <http://nefhealthystart.org> or on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @nefhealthystart.

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