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“GOT RESILIENCY?” MAGELLAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY CELEBRATE RESILIENT YOUTH AT RESOURCE FAIR

NEWTOWN, Penn. – Sept. 27, 2010 – Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, a local subsidiary of Magellan Health Services, Inc., the nation’s leading manager of behavioral health and substance abuse benefits, celebrated resilient youth at “Got Resiliency?” – a carnival-style resource fair on Saturday, Sept. 25, in collaboration with the Montgomery County Department of Behavioral Health/Developmental Disabilities.

The free event was attended by more than 300 individuals, providers, families and others affected by mental illness. The fair’s purpose was to bring youth and families together to celebrate their strengths, demonstrate collaboration across the behavioral health system, showcase local providers’ youth programs and have fun. The event was staffed by the Montgomery County behavioral health provider community, along with families and youth who have experience with the county’s behavioral health system.

“We work closely with Montgomery County and our providers to help individuals and families build on their unique strengths and build resiliency in their lives,” said Evon Bergey, general manager of Magellan’s Newtown, Penn., Care Management Center. “This event is a celebration of our youth and their commitment to achieving their health and wellness goals – and making positive changes in their lives.”

Activities included games, musical performances, youth art displays and discussion panels to encourage youth to have a voice in the county’s behavioral health system and serve as role models for their peers. Central to the event were resources about mental health and wellness, including new community services.

Montgomery County is committed to identifying youth leaders and parent partners to enhance local services. “We are determined to find better ways to serve our communities and are pleased to collaborate with Magellan and our providers to ensure a system of care that meets our families’ needs,” said Eric Goldstein, administrator, Montgomery County Department of Behavioral Health/Developmental Disabilities. “The positive energy displayed by the youth at this event shows me that we are succeeding.”

The event took place at the Philadelphia Expo Center in Phoenixville, Penn.

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania provides child/adolescent and adult behavioral health and substance abuse services and supports to nearly 60,000 individuals in Montgomery County. Its network of area providers includes 260 contracted facilities, where care is provided by licensed professionals such as psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, social workers and marriage and family therapists.

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