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## **NEWARK EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FAMILIES, INC. (NESF)**

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### **Press Release**

#### **NESF Announces Appointment of New Executive Director**

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Location: Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc.  
982 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Newark, NJ - The Board of Directors of Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) is pleased to announce that Damyn Kelly, J.D. was appointed Executive Director of the agency on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Mr. Kelly comes to NESF with more than 15 years of non-profit leadership experience. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Carver Center, a multi-dimensional community center providing social, educational, recreational, immigrant and workforce development services. During his tenure the agency more than doubled in size while showing operational surpluses every single year. Prior to his tenure at Carver, Damyn served as Executive Director of CLUSTER, Inc., an organization providing residential and other services to the chronically and persistently mentally ill and substance abusers. In addition, the agency provided educational, mediation, housing advocacy and re-integration services for the formerly incarcerated. Again, the agency grew in size while showing operational surpluses. Mr. Kelly has also served as the Deputy Executive Director of the Hunter College Center on AIDS, Drugs and Community Health where he also served as an adjunct professor in the School of Urban Public Health and Director of ARRA Related Programs for the Yonkers Community Action Program.

His vast experience working with federal, state and local government funding as well as large private foundations (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Tudor Foundation, Lone Pine Foundation, Helen Andrus Benedict Foundation and the Frog Rock Foundation, amongst others) will be of great value to NESF in its efforts to serve the community.

Sylvester Knox, President of the Board, stated that Damyn Kelly has truly shown his passion for less fortunate individuals with his credo, "Giving a hand up as opposed to a hand out."

Damyn added, "I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and staff in enhancing NESF's capacity to provide services to the residents of Newark and Essex County. In addition, I also look forward to working with the other non-profits in the area, government officials, the business and educational communities to address the concerns of those in need."

We are sure that Mr. Kelly will be contacting each of our generous supporters shortly to share and enhance his vision for our combined efforts.

**PLEASE PLACE IN YOUR PUBLICATION DURING THE WEEK OF THIS EVENT**

For more information, to reach Mr. Kelly, or to support our agency's mission, please contact Damyn Kelly, J.D. at 973-639-7620 or [dkelly@nesfnj.org](mailto:dkelly@nesfnj.org).

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