



JF&CS receives \$10,000 grant from the Foundation for MetroWest for CERS

WALTHAM, MA (December 22, 2014) – Jewish Family & Children’s Service (JF&CS) has received a \$10,000 grant from the Foundation for MetroWest. This grant was made in support of the JF&CS Center for Early Relationship Support® (CERS) and will help CERS sustain its comprehensive services for at-risk families of newborns in MetroWest communities, including in-home therapy, weekly home visits by volunteers and paraprofessionals (“Visiting Moms”), and weekly support groups for new moms and their babies in two MetroWest locations.

The JF&CS Center for Early Relationship Support is a center of excellence, providing direct services to families, as well as professional training, supervision, and consultation, with a focus on the earliest infant-parent relationship. Founded in 1989, CERS promotes the healthy development of families by supporting mothers and fathers as they manage the challenges of caring for their babies and adapting to their new roles as parents.

About Jewish Family & Children’s Service

For 150 years, **Jewish Family & Children’s Service** has provided exceptional human service and health care programs, guided by Jewish traditions of social responsibility, compassion, and respect for all members of the community. With an integrated network of more than 40 programs serving communities throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts, JF&CS helps people of all faiths and backgrounds meet life’s challenges. JF&CS programs focus on serving particularly vulnerable populations including children and adults with disabilities or mental illness, new mothers and their infants, seniors living with chronic conditions, and people experiencing financial crisis, hunger, or domestic abuse. For more information, please visit www.jfcsboston.org.

About the Foundation for MetroWest

Established in 1995, the Foundation for MetroWest is the only community foundation serving the 33 cities and towns in the region, connecting the philanthropic interests of donors with demonstrated need in the areas of Family Support, Arts & Culture, Environment and Youth Development. The Foundation has granted over \$9 million to charitable organizations and currently stewards more than \$15 million in charitable assets for current needs and future impact. To learn more, please visit www.foundationformetrowest.org or call 508-647-2260.