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**NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING GROUP HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE IN NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA**

**THE NATIONAL COUNSELING GROUP TO HOST OPEN HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2010**

The National Counseling Group, Inc., a leader in the provision of quality mental health and substance abuse treatment for over 17 years, is inviting our friends and colleagues to join us for fellowship, food, and door prizes. The Open House, scheduled for Wednesday September 29th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, will be a great opportunity for professionals and community members to learn more about NCG's philosophy and best practices used by some of the most well-trained and respected clinicians in the region to treat children, adults and families.

Tom Minnick, CEO and President stated "I am incredibly excited to offer this 'meet and greet' opportunity for our very hardworking NCG counselors and Newport News community members. NCG is honored to have so much bi-partisan support from community leaders that truly care about the welfare of Virginians and we look forward to welcoming those attending our Open House."

Conveniently located at 733 Thimble Shoals Blvd Ste. 100, Newport News, VA 23606, the Newport News office has been open since June 2006. Tina Washington, Assistant Site Director of NCG's Newport News Office shared "I have been employed with NCG for over 2 years and it has been quiet the experience. Getting to know the lovely people of Newport News and surrounding areas has been an absolute pleasure. I am elated to be part of an organization whose main focus is to alleviate suffering in the lives of our community members."

The Newport News office is proud to offer Community-Based Counseling, Mental Health Support Services and Therapeutic Day Treatment Services for the City of Newport News, City of Hampton, York County, City of Poquoson, James City County, and the City of Williamsburg. NCG's approach to therapeutic programming and case management bridges the gap between traditional mental health therapies and contemporary modalities such as multi-systemic and evidence-based programming. An innovative and compassionate organization, NCG's mission includes advocacy for increased access and availability of services, public-private partnerships, community education and support, and swift response times to those seeking help. Among the clinical services offered, include community- based services for youth, adults and families funded by Medicaid.

**BACKGROUND:**

*The National Counseling Group, Inc. (NCG) is a private organization that was established in 1993 by Thomas W. Minnick in order to provide an outpatient program designed to more effectively address the needs of individuals suffering from the combination of mental health and substance abuse disorders by treating dual diagnosis under one roof. Comprised of highly-skilled, professional and caring counselors, NCG has provided premium therapeutic services to individuals and families throughout Virginia for over 15 years. NCG has received many accolades for providing a variety of community-based and outpatient services to address community mental health needs throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. NCG currently has 18 offices with locations in Winchester, Exmore, Herndon, Petersburg, Manassas, Marshall, Martinsville, Newport News, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Annandale, Fredericksburg, Culpeper, Front Royal, Harrisonburg, Staunton and Warrenton.*

*NCG specializes in treating behavioral problems, substance abuse issues, mental health disorders, and family discord through a multi-systemic approach and evidence-based practice. As a result, countless professionals have utilized NCG to service the needs of children, adolescents, young adults, adults, and families. In addition to receiving referrals from private psychiatrists, attorneys, and physicians, NCG has strong relationships with public agencies throughout Virginia including Departments of Social Services, Court Services Units, Community Services Board, and public and private schools.*

*In addition, NCG is playing a major role to increase the accessibility of care to children, adults and families through public-private partnerships, provision of community-based programming, offering Medicaid-funded services and through charitable giving. NCG has been recognized for its innovative and excellent professional services by President Ronald Reagan, Governor Tim Kaine, The Washington Post, the Clinton Administration, and twice by the Virginia General Assembly. In July of 2008, Mr. Minnick was featured on the cover of the NFIB My Business Magazine. For more information about NCG, visit [www.nationalcounselinggroup.com](http://www.nationalcounselinggroup.com).*