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Nurse-Family Partnership's Leadership in Health Care Delivery Spotlights at Brookings Institution's Health Care Reform Event

WASHINGTON, DC (Nov. 16, 2011) — Nurse-Family Partnership's Director of Nursing Practice Elly Yost addressed providers today as a featured panelist at the Brookings Institution health care reform event, *Clinician Leadership for Health Care Reform: Reforming Policies and Reforming Care*. Yost discussed Nurse-Family Partnership's (NFP) leadership in delivering health care through implementing an evidence-based model and in using data to improve client outcomes.

"Nurse-Family Partnership is a leading evidence-based home visitation program that continues to bring significant outcomes and cost savings to communities across the country," stated Yost.

"NFP nurses are community health leaders, providing client care, while addressing policy issues that affect young families," she continued. "The nurses are in the heart of the community, collaborating with pregnant women and young parents to support them in achieving goals for a healthier life. They are advocates for clients and empower moms to advocate for their families' future. NFP nurses coach women in having healthy pregnancies and support women in becoming confident and capable moms."

Yost also described the client-centered approach, championed by NFP nurses, to help moms make their own choices to have a healthy pregnancy, improve their children's health and development and achieve economic self-sufficiency. This client-centered approach, she believes, should be applied to health care reform.

Yost spoke on a panel that addressed community leadership in health care and included panelists Dr. Jeffrey Brenner, founder and executive director of Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, and Dr. Barbara Tobias, medical director of Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati.

The Brookings event focused on how providers can lead innovations in payment reform and delivery of care. Other guest panelists included provider and policy leaders representing Geisinger Health System,

New York Presbyterian Hospital, Humana and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services among others. Over 100 health care providers and policy professionals attended the event.

Nurse-Family Partnership is a nurse-led, [evidence-based community health](#) program that pairs registered nurses with first-time, low-income mothers for home visits from pregnancy until the child turns two. The NFP program relies on locally-employed registered nurses (RNs), and participation is voluntary for the mother. Randomized, controlled trials of the program have shown a 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect; a 56% reduction in emergency room visits for accidents and poisonings; 59% reduction in arrests at child age 15; and a 67% reduction in behavioral and intellectual problems at child age six.

NFP is currently in 34 states, and will expand to 38 states in FY2012 as a result of a new federal program, the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, created in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

About Nurse-Family Partnership

The Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office is committed to producing enduring improvements in the health and well-being of low-income, first-time parents and their children by helping communities implement and sustain an evidence-based program of home visiting by registered nurses. Nurse-Family Partnership is the most rigorously tested program of its kind. Randomized, controlled trials conducted over 30 years demonstrate multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditures. Nurse-Family Partnership is headquartered in Denver, Colorado. For more information, visit www.nursefamilypartnership.org and www.twitter.com/NFP_nursefamily.