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### **THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE CENTER FOR FAMILY REPRESENTATION WITH A \$7,000 GRANT**

The New York Bar Foundation recently presented a grant of \$7,000 to the Center for Family Representation. The grant will be used to support their Interdisciplinary Family Defense Teams.

“Funding from the New York Bar Foundation enables CFR to provide free legal and social work services to vulnerable families whose children are at risk of foster care” said CFR Executive Director, Michele Cortese. “In addition to directly serving families, we continue to engage in training and policy work to help bring CFR’s innovative model to practitioners and organizations throughout the city, state and country. I am grateful to the New York Bar Foundation for recognizing CFR’s work with this generous grant.”

Foundation grants assist non-profit organizations with essentials-of-life issues such as child support, consumer debt, housing, access to health care and education, and family matters such as domestic violence and family stability.

“The New York Bar Foundation has allocated nearly \$650,000 in grants to 110 programs across New York significantly increasing the total number of grants over the past several years,” said Lucia Whisenand, chair of the Grant Review Committee. “The issues we touch on are extensive and impact people in life changing ways.”

By raising awareness of the need for access to civil legal services and allocating resources to help meet these needs, the Foundation will help make access to justice a reality for New Yorkers and, thereby, enhance the understanding of and respect for the rule of law.

“Through our grant-making program we help improve access to justice by providing seed grants to innovative legal projects piloting new ways to help those in need,” adds June Castellano, Vice-chair of the Grant Review Committee. “When you give to the Foundation you help make a difference across New York State.”

The New York Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the charitable arm of the New York State Bar Association. Established in 1950, the Foundation is dedicated to aiding charitable and educational projects to meet the law-related needs of the public and the legal profession. At a

time when the help of legal services organization are in great demand, the Foundation has established a COVID-19 Emergency Legal Relief Fund. Donations to the fund will assist New Yorkers across New York State in need of legal services due to the impacts of COVID-19 through their grant program. Donations can be made at <https://givetnybf.swell.gives/>

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