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**Alliance for Children and Families Receives  
\$225,000 Grant from MetLife Foundation  
Three-Year Grant Promotes Intergenerational Partnerships**

MILWAUKEE — April 26, 2011 — The Alliance for Children and Families has been awarded a \$225,000 grant from MetLife Foundation to launch a three-year intergenerational mentoring program designed to connect older adults and youth as partners in civic engagement. The Alliance, headquartered in Milwaukee, is one of the nation's largest membership associations of private, nonprofit human service organizations.

To accomplish this goal, Alliance member agencies will be encouraged to strengthen and/or build efforts that foster relationships between intergenerational groups and encourage mutual respect and awareness of each other as important resources for healthy communities. The program will make a special effort to engage youth transitioning out of foster care.

As part of the program, The Alliance will develop and provide training institutes on intergenerational civic engagement for its members. Alliance members also will have an opportunity to compete for mini-grants designed to strengthen civic engagement activities of intergenerational mentoring teams in local communities. Over the three-year period, an anticipated 120 intergenerational mentoring pairs will participate.

“Young people and older adults have much to learn from one another and to share with their communities,” said Dennis White, president and CEO of MetLife Foundation. “We are pleased to partner with the Alliance in bringing these two groups together to build respect, understanding and healthy communities.”

The intergenerational mentoring program will be part of the Alliance’s New Age of Aging initiative and Civic Engagement Program. Now in its fourth year of operation, the New Age of Aging initiative helps Alliance members improve their capacity to serve America’s rapidly-expanding older adult demographic. The initiative works to gain organizational and cultural change among social service organizations in order to influence the perception of, and response to, aging issues.

The Alliance's Civic Engagement Program was launched in 2005. Aimed to support staff and board members of Alliance member organizations, the program is now a multi-faceted approach for building the capacity of member agencies to engage their constituents in community-centered civic engagement.

The Alliance for Children and Families, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2011, is a nonprofit national membership association of private, nonprofit human service providers in the United States and Canada. Motivated by a vision of a healthy society and strong communities, the Alliance strengthens the capacities of North America's nonprofit child- and family-serving organizations to serve and advocate for children, families, and communities. The more than 350 members of the Alliance provide an array of community-based programs and services to all generations, serving close to 3.4 million people each year. More information about the Alliance is available at [alliance1.org](http://alliance1.org).

MetLife Foundation was established in 1976 by MetLife to carry on its longstanding tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement. Grants are made to support health, educational, civic and cultural organizations and initiatives. For more information about MetLife Foundation, visit [www.metlife.org](http://www.metlife.org).

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