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***California Parenting Institute Receives  
Prestigious 2011 County of Sonoma Jefferson Award***

**Non-Profit Awarded For Commitment to Exemplary Community Service**

**Santa Rosa, CA (March 31, 2011)** – The California Parenting Institute (CPI) announces receiving the prominent 2011 County of Sonoma Jefferson Award for Excellence in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement within Sonoma County.

The Jefferson Award Program is a nationally recognized system designed to highlight public service in America. Locally, the program was adopted by the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors. After an analysis of other local recognition programs, the County's program was designed to highlight the value of non-profit organizations, boards, commissions and advisory bodies, as well as individual efforts for Excellence in Community Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Robin Bowen, Executive Director of California Parenting Institute says, "We are very pleased to be the only non-profit, along with four individuals, that was recognized for this wonderful award. We are looking forward to our continual support of Sonoma County community and the individuals that are in need of our services."

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The award was presented on Tuesday, March 15, at the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Shirley Zane presented the award and Robin Bowen accepted on behalf of CPI. CPI was the only non profit to receive this 2011 County of Sonoma Jefferson Award.

**About California Parenting Institute:**

CPI has been providing support to Sonoma County families for more than 30 years. Our mission is to work to treat and prevent child abuse by nurturing and advocating for the health of all children, parents and families. CPI offers classes to parents of children 0-18 months old. Classes include dad's programs, support for teen parents, classes for parents who are divorced, single and in blended families. We also provide comprehensive mental health counseling to children ages 3 to 18. Our counseling program addresses a wide range of childhood challenges and traumas.

For more information on the California Parenting Institute visit the Web site at:

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