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Dear Prospective Leadership Academy Participant,

I am extremely pleased and excited to announce that the Georgetown University National Technical Assistance Center will be offering the “Georgetown Leadership Academy” to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico August 24-27, 2015. This is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) approved training event that is partially supported by SAMHSA*. The goal of the Leadership Academy is to prepare leaders to address the challenges in the mental health field, and this training is a great opportunity to learn skills and to create a vision and commitment to help you advance in your own personal leadership journey.

This Leadership Academy is designed to meet the individual needs of each participant. Whether you are a family member, a provider or an administrator you will benefit from the experience. I can personally attest to this because I participated in a Leadership Academy when I was the Children’s Mental Health Director in Connecticut. To this day I carry with me the learning, the relationships and the enthusiasm that was part of this training. I encourage you to come as a community team, including a family partner because together, families, providers and administrators can make a huge difference in both services and systems. In order to assist in creating these partnerships, we are offering a number of family scholarships to cover the cost of the registration.

If you decide to join us in Santa Fe August 24-27, 2015, you will learn the "ten characteristics” of becoming a transformational leader. You will learn about different leadership styles and how each of us, no matter where we are in the organizational chart or what our role is, has the ability to demonstrate leadership. Leadership is truly everyone's business, and this intensive training will provide benefits that will last a lifetime.

I look forward to seeing you in Santa Fe.

Sincerely,

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*Please note SAMHSA grantees are able to use grant funding to attend this training event.