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Facilitator Training Offered

The *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent* Facilitator's Guide begins, "Great facilitators teach what they wish to become; not what they are." Executive Director at CFF, Dr. Matt Crain agrees. "It's a good thing you don't have to be a perfect parent to lead parents toward better parenting habits," he says. "Otherwise, I'd be out of luck."

CFF believes that every child deserves access to active, involved, loving parents. Two and a half years ago, Dr. Crain traveled to Denver, CO to be personally trained by the Love and Logic creators, Dr. Jim and Dr. Charles Fay. Since that day, he has led over 100 Love and Logic sessions for parents, teachers, school administrators, and church groups. "We are constantly receiving calls asking for parenting classes," he says. However, there aren't enough facilitators to meet the demand.

Dr. Crain spoke at Paragould's First Church of God in February. He was asked to consider offering Love and Logic classes at Agape House, a request that really excited him. "Sonny and her team are doing some amazing things at Agape House; it's an honor to provide such an important part of their menu." CFF awards about two certificates every week, just completing 15 straight weeks of instruction. Even more rewarding to Dr. Crain are the stories the women

tell about reuniting and having much better experiences with the children they have on weekend visits. Most say things improve the first time they are with their children again.

The Center for Fathers and Families will offer six hours of training over two Tuesday mornings to anyone interested in becoming a facilitator for Love and Logic – or any other small group curriculum. Organizations may send representatives who will be trained to offer their own courses or to apply to offer Love and Logic through CFF. Continuing Education certificates will be issued to those needing education hours as teachers or counselors.

The training will be conducted on Tuesday, July 22 at 8:30 am at the Paragould Community Center. It will conclude by 11:30. To pre-register for one or both sessions, call 236-1323. After hours, you can leave a message to reserve your materials. The cost for materials is only \$50.