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ORANGE COUNTY TO HOST ADDITIONAL STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM WITH GRANT FUNDING

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Office on Youth is pleased to announce that it will host the Strengthening Families Program for families with children ages 10-14 beginning in March. The seven-week program will be held on Tuesday evenings at Orange Baptist Church (123 W. Main Street, Orange, Virginia).

The Strengthening Families Program helps family members learn to manage emotions, set goals, avoid peer pressure, make better decisions, and create better relationships. This program takes a whole family approach and involves both parents and youth for its seven-week duration.

This grant-funded program is not only free to all participants, but provides childcare for younger family members, in addition to a meal each Tuesday. Gas station gift cards are given to each family in attendance weekly to help cover transportation costs, and door prizes make for a fun ending to our evenings.

Weekly sessions begin with dinner for the entire family, followed by separate parent and youth group sessions, and ending with a family session. Many families find the program is a great way to spend time with their child and improve family value.

Registration is now open and free to those interested in the program. For additional information or to register, please contact Ashley Jacobs, Strengthening Families Program Coordinator at (540) 672-5484 or ajacobs@orangecountyva.gov. Information can also be obtained at www.orangecountyva.gov/strengtheningfamiliesprogram.

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