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THE JUSTIN FOUNDATION CO-SPONSORS CAADAC 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Justin Foundation of Danville, CA will co-sponsor the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors' (CAADAC) 27th annual convention in Rancho Cordova, California on October 3rd through October 7th, 2007.

The Justin Foundation endorses the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CAADAC) as the only certifying organization in the State of California with standards for substance abuse counselors that are comparable to other states. The Justin Foundation believes the minimum requirements for substance abuse counselors by the State of California, which were adopted by the other eight certifying organizations, are inexcusably inadequate. To demonstrate its support of CAADAC's higher standards, The Justin Foundation recently co-sponsored the CAADAC annual convention. Cathie serves as a public member on the California Certification Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CCBADC), which is CAADAC's certification arm.

The California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC) is the largest AODA counseling certification (CCBADC) organization in California. Since its origination in 1979, it has conferred certification upon thousands of counselors who have successfully treated clients struggling with the disease of addiction. CAADAC counselors are known for their strong adherence to competency based standards that are nationally and internationally recognized as benchmarks for quality. CAADAC meets the highest levels of quality preparation and testing of its counselors and ethical responsibilities to clients.

Cathie Smith is Founder and President of The Justin Foundation. After losing her 22-year old son in a car accident due to supervision by untrained counselors and lax facility regulation enforcement, Cathie formed The Justin Foundation to facilitate consumer education and protection of individuals in substance abuse treatment facilities. The Justin Foundation is a Non-Profit Corporation founded in 2004 and incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

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