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CALM Receives \$20K Grant from Verizon

Child Abuse Listening & Mediation (CALM) has received a \$20,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation to assist in funding their Domestic Violence Group Therapy program, which provides support for mothers and children who have experienced domestic violence. The Verizon funds will provide staff resources and supplies to enable children to meet in peer groups, while mothers meet in parallel groups.

In these groups, CALM therapists help families develop safety plans in cases of ongoing or potential abuse, and recognize the warning signs of potential violence in a relationship. Group work provides a safe place for children to share their feelings, learn they are not alone, and understand that what happened was not their fault.

“The Domestic Violence Group Therapy program makes a profound difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence,” said Holly Cole, Verizon Director of government and external affairs. “Verizon is proud to support organizations such as CALM,° working to break the cycle of violence and support those in need.”

“CALM’s work with victims of domestic violence is strength-based, and trains and empowers women to trust themselves and stand on their own,” said Cecilia Rodriguez, Executive Director of CALM. “CALM’s partnership with Verizon will help support the delivery of treatment services to make it possible for CALM to better serve children and families suffering from domestic violence.” Contact CALM at www.Calm4Kids.org.