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**Astor and DCRCOG to Host Annual Breakfast on
Community Partnerships for Effective Interventions**

Rhinebeck, N.Y. – Anderson J. Franklin, PhD, will speak on “The Importance of Community Partnerships for Effective Interventions,” on March 11, 2010 at 7:30 AM at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Dr. Franklin will address an audience of business and community leaders during the 7th Annual Public Policy Breakfast, hosted by Astor Services for Children & Families and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Franklin is the Honorable David S. Nelson Professor of Psychology and Education in the Department of Counseling, Developmental and Educational Psychology at Boston College Lynch School of Education; and Professor Emeritus of Psychology from The Graduate School of the City University of New York.

Dr. Franklin’s presentation will focus on the importance of partnerships when communities are faced with an array of challenges in education, youth violence, mental health and employment. He will emphasize the necessity of coalitions between leaders and organizations to determine policy and effective interventions. In addition, he will share his experiences from the *Boston College Nelson Chair Roundtable Networking Community-Based Programs*. Now a related Boston College Collaborative Fellows project, it is strengthening ties between schools, families and community partners engaged in out-of-school activities as a means to address the student achievement gap.

McCabe & Mack and Rose & Kiernan are sponsors for this year’s Public Policy Breakfast.

Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families (formerly The Astor Home for Children) has been providing behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. Now serving over 6,000 children and families annually, Astor’s current range of services to families in the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. For additional information about Astor Services for Children & Families, please visit their website at www.astorservices.org or call Astor Services for Children & Families: Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.

