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National Council For Adoption to Attend Government Action Plan on Children in Adversity Briefing to Highlight Evidence, Development, and Diplomatic Efforts

December 17, 2012 – Alexandria, VA – On Wednesday, December 19, 2012 the U.S. Government will release its first-ever Action Plan on Children in Adversity. Preceding the White House launch, a briefing will take place at the National Press Club’s First Amendment Lounge, which will be hosted by the Children in Adversity Policy Partnership (CAPP), a coalition of U.S.-based implementing and advocacy organizations, and the PL109-95 Secretariat for Children in Adversity. NCFA president, Chuck Johnson, and other NCFA policy staff will attend.

This historic Action Plan has been designed with input from scientific, faith-based and civil society communities. Briefing panelists will highlight the evidence behind the plan, review how the plan will guide the U.S. Government’s development and diplomatic efforts for vulnerable children, and provide concrete examples of programs that exemplify the Action Plan’s three core objectives:

- **Build Strong Beginnings**: increase percentage of children reaching full developmental potential
- **Put Family Care First**: reduce percentage of children living outside of family care
- **Protect Children**: reduce percentage of girls and boys exposed to violence and exploitation

The program is interactive and will demonstrate how new science is driving changes in international assistance for children.

**WHEN:**
Wednesday, December 19, 2012
9:30am – 12:00pm (noon)
Event: 9:30 – 10:15
Q & A: 10:15 – 11:00.
In depth interviews available: 11:00 – 12:00

**WHERE:**
National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington DC
First Amendment Lounge

Event will be live streamed by the Huffington Post and is also available through the Press Club: [http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=91229](http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=91229)
Founded in 1980, the National Council For Adoption (NCFA) is an adoption advocacy nonprofit that promotes a positive culture of adoption through education, research, and legislative action. Through its core areas of focus—infant adoption, adoption out of foster care, and intercountry adoption—NCFA serves children, birthparents, adoptive families, adoption agencies, U.S. and foreign governments, policymakers, media, and the general public as the authoritative voice for adoption. More information is available at [www.adoptioncouncil.org](http://www.adoptioncouncil.org).

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