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The Board of Directors of African American Family Services and 180 Degrees, Inc. announced last week that discussions are taking place to facilitate a strategic alliance between the two agencies.

African American Family Services Chair, Kim Collins, said “our role as board members of this legacy organization is to ensure that we strengthen AAFS’s ability to have a greater impact in the lives of the individuals, families and the greater community it serves. As we look at options for further expanding the impact of AAFS, the solution must allow us to maintain our core values, which are grounded in cultural specificity; enhance and strengthen our connection to the African American community; and build upon the recent vision and focus of our current executive director.”

Richard Gardell, 180 Degrees, Inc., President/CEO said “as an organization we have served multi ethnic and culturally specific communities for the past 40 years. We recognize that both organizations are engaged in strategic initiatives that could be better executed by collaboration and partnering.”

“Our combined experiences demonstrate that we can improve client services by partnering in our delivery systems and streamlining administrative functions,” he said.

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