# Mariposa Partners with Baltimore City Public Schools to Roll Out Online Bullying Prevention Resource for Educators and Families

***New online program is free to Baltimore City Public Schools staff members and families***

Baltimore—April 10, 2011—Mariposa Child Success Programs, a provider of training programs that teach children's caretakers how to foster social-emotional skills in children, will make its anti-bullying program, **Promoting Social-Emotional Competence: Protecting Children from Bullying in School**, available online for the first time starting in April 2011.

The online version of the program is the result of a yearlong joint development effort between Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) and Mariposa Child Success Programs, and will be available for free to City Schools' educators and parents beginning in April.

Mariposa is hosting a Preview Event for the program on April 12, 2011, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Living Classrooms. Mariposa is inviting all attendees, including principals and assistant principals—and anyone on their teams who works to prevent bullying—to try out the program for themselves at workstations that will be available at the event.

"Mariposa has been delivering anti-bullying seminars and training programs in schools, including City Schools, for years. We are delighted that we now have an opportunity to provide all families and staff members in City Schools with the training they need to promote social-emotional competence among students, which includes bullying prevention efforts. Now, for the first time ever, all City Schools teachers and families can benefit from the program," said Anne Townsend, Ph.D., President and Chief Academic Officer at Mariposa.

"Mariposa has been a valuable partner in City Schools' efforts to strengthen school culture and ensure safe and supportive learning communities for all of our students," said Michael Sarbanes, Executive Director of City Schools' Office of Partnerships, Communications and Community Engagement. "With an online version of its program to promote student social-emotional well-being, many more of our schools will be able to take advantage of this excellent resource. We look forward to continuing to partner with Mariposa in this important work."

**About Mariposa Child Success Programs**

Mariposa provides the skills and support that communities need to promote children's academic, social, and physical success outcomes. Using a systematic approach, Mariposa jointly trains children's caretakers (parents, teachers, school administrators, child care workers, and more) in the skills that promote consistency and teamwork in the contexts where children grow: at home, in school, at child care settings, and within the community. Mariposa strives for a future with less child and parent distress, fewer school suspensions, less child abuse and neglect, enhanced school readiness, less bullying and delinquency, more cooperative learning, and legions of confident, happy, and healthy children. For more information, please visit www.MariposaEducation.org.

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