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Felton Institute Presents at the International Early Psychosis Association (IEPA) in Milan, Italy

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (October 23, 2016) — Felton President and CEO Al Gilbert and Research and [CCOR™](#) (Client-Centered Outcomes Research in Public Mental Health) Director Dr. Nev Jones have returned from “Looking Back, Moving Forward”, the 10th International [Conference of the International Early Psychosis Association](#) (IEPA), held in Milan, Italy, October 19-22, 2016.

Dr. Jones gave two presentations: one on Felton Institute's newly developed toolkits to support students with early psychosis in higher education and a second presentation on vocational outcomes within Felton's [PREP](#) early psychosis programs. Al Gilbert and Dr. Jones also presented a poster on young adults' experiences of sex/sexuality and romantic relationships in the context of early psychosis. The conference provided great opportunities to meet with leading international figures in early psychosis research and policy and to discuss the importance of greater peer involvement and racial/ethnic diversity at the international conferences with IEPA leadership.

"Being engaged with the IEPA community confirms how important our Felton work is contributing to advancing the field in client centered outcomes and evaluation," noted Al Gilbert.

IEPA is an international network for those involved in the study and treatment of the early phases of mental health disorders encompassing a trans-diagnostic approach. With its origins in early intervention in psychosis, IEPA aims to enhance awareness of the early phases of mental health disorders more generally, their causes, prevention and the process of recovery. It aims to provide a network for international communication and collaboration between stakeholders.

Felton Institute was founded in 1889 with the mandate that children and families in crisis must have access to social services and resources in order to help them build upon their inherent strengths and develop self-sufficiency. Its name honors executive director Dr. Katharine “Kitty” Felton whose innovation at the turn of the

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20th century greatly expanded social services throughout San Francisco and garnered national acclaim. For more than 127 years, Felton Institute has been a leader in innovative mental health and social service programs for all.

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