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Child Care Resource Network Restructures to Better Serve the Community

Buffalo, NY (January 5, 2015)— Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) recently restructured its internal systems and personnel to create greater capacity to serve child care providers, families, and employers in Erie County. The agency's restructuring has resulted in the following staff appointments:

Jill Boeck has been named Director of Education and Training, with the agency's expanded focus on enhanced training, credentialing, and professional development for child care professionals. Boeck, of Hamburg, has been with the organization as Director of Education for seven years and holds a master's degree in elementary education from SUNY College at Buffalo.

Susan DiNatale has been named Director of Community Initiatives and Development. DiNatale was previously Director of Legally Exempt Services at the agency. In her new role, DiNatale will be responsible for grant writing, major gifts, events, and special programs. DiNatale, a Kenmore resident, has a master's degree in Exceptional Education from the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Buffalo.

Renee Gietz is Director of Quality Assurance and Support Services, responsible for human resources, grant compliance, and operations. Prior to that, she held the position of Director of Operations with the organization. Gietz, a resident of Grand Island, holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo.

Amanda Kelkenberg has taken the position of Director of Community Outreach & Assessment and will manage parent and employer services, community research, data management, and communications and outreach. Kelkenberg, of Akron, was formerly Director of Child Care Registration with the organization and holds an MBA from Medaille College and a bachelor degree in early childhood studies from Empire State College.

Charles Orlando of Hamburg has been named Director of the Regulatory Services Department, which enrolls and monitors child care providers. Holding a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from SUNY College at Buffalo, Orlando was previously Child Care Registration Supervisor with the agency.

When speaking about the restructuring, CCRN CEO Lynn Pullano said, "Working families have a growing need for quality child care and education. Child Care Resource Network plays a critical role in ensuring the safety, well-being, and development of young and school-age children in Erie County. Restructuring our agency allows us to better identify and meet the community's child care and education needs while improving efficiency and effectiveness."

Since 1987, Child Care Resource Network has advocated for quality child care and education for all children. CCRN is a nonprofit organization providing child care referral services and resources for families and employers, child care provider registration and licensure, continuing education for child care providers, and nutrition resources for child care providers. Its mission is to support families, child care providers, employers, and the community by developing and advocating for high quality, accessible and affordable child care and education for all children.

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