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CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW FELLOWS AND INTERNS

STAMFORD, CT/November 16, 2009 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), a non-profit mental health resource serving children, teenagers and their families, has announced its incoming class of Psychology Postdoctoral Fellows, Psychology Interns and Externs, and Social Work Interns.

CGC welcomes Megan Eliot, Ph.D. and Erika Groban, Ph.D., both of New York City, to its Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow Program in Child and Adolescent Psychology. The fellowship provides a varied, high quality training experience that will support post-doctoral students in further development of their clinical skills in working with children, adolescents, and their families.

Five Psychology Interns and one Psychology Extern join CGC for the 2009-2010 year. The psychology training program, approved by the American Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Center, attracted 183 applicants from across the country this year. The program enables interns to function as independent professionals by the end of their experience through training that will develop their knowledge base, clinical skills, and professional identity as clinical psychologists. Psychology Interns include Rebecca Crook, M.A. of Flushing, New York; Julie Polinger, B.A. of Stamford; Anna Rosch, M.S. and Dana Septimus, M.A. of New York City; and Jeanette Sawyer Cohen, M.S. of Brooklyn, New York. Heather Olson, M.A. of Ridgefield joins CGC as a Psychology Extern.

CGC also welcomes four Social Work Interns this year. In this program, interns gain valuable experience in the field of social work while providing mental health diagnostic and treatment services to children and their families. Social Work Interns include Ashley Andersen, B.A. and Wendy Mora, B.A. of Norwalk; Erin Lane, B.A. of Stamford; and Gabrielle Winkler, B.A. of Brooklyn.

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is a non-profit mental health resource, serving children and teenagers in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien and New Canaan, both self referred and

through referrals from schools, physicians, courts, and public and private human service agencies, and physicians. The CGC's clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists work with more than 2,300 children annually, providing culturally competent and sensitive care to families representative of the rich ethnic mix of communities CGC serves. Preventive services are provided to youngsters, parents, and professionals through community education and consultation programs. Incorporated in 1954, CGC is supported by the Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Crime Services and United Ways of Western Connecticut and Greenwich, The Community Fund of Darien, and New Canaan Community Foundation, as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions. www.childguidancect.org

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