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**CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT APPOINTS
TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

STAMFORD, CT/October 1, 2008 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC) announces the appointment of two new staff members: Jacqueline Szoychen as Social Worker and Estela López as Case Manager for the Center’s Emergency Mobile Crisis Services Program (EMCS).

Prior to joining the CGC, Szoychen spent two years as a program therapist for children, families and couples in San Diego, Calif. and a year as a child therapist with the Crisis Team at Paradise Valley Hospital in Chula Vista, Calif.

Szoychen holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from New York University and a master’s degree in social work with clinical focus from San Diego State University. She is an Associate Clinical Social Worker, registered with the California Board of Behavior, and also chairs the Educational Committee for the California Society of Clinical Social Work.

López joins the CGC as a case manager for the Centers’ EMCS Program, which provides immediate mental health assessment and crisis stabilization services, 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, for children experiencing severe reactions to a recent traumatic event. Prior to joining CGC, she worked as an administrative assistant for Waveny Care Center in New Canaan and was a volunteer SAT tutor for disadvantaged high schoolers through the Let's Get Ready! program in Stamford.

López received a bachelor of arts degree in women’s studies with a minor in sociology from the University of Connecticut, Storrs. She is an active member of the Antiporn Activist Network, an organization that challenges the pornography industry and an increasingly pornographic pop culture.

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, courts, human service agencies, and physicians. The CGC's clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists work with more than 2,100 children annually, providing culturally competent and sensitive care to families representative of the rich ethnic mix of communities CGC serves. Preventative services are provided to youngsters, parents, and professionals through public education and consultation programs. Incorporated in 1954, the CGC is supported by the Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Crime Service and United Ways of Western Connecticut, Greenwich, and New Canaan, The Community Fund of Darien as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions.

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