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CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER ANNOUNCES HEAD OF INTAKE UNIT

STAMFORD, CT/November 2, 2009 – The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC) has announced the appointment of Dr. Salam Soliman as Head of the Intake Unit. With more than 1,100 new referrals received by the agency per year, Dr. Soliman will fill a key role for CGC by supervising initial phone requests for service and assignment of cases to clinicians and programs.

Under the new centralized intake process overseen by Dr. Soliman, initial assessments will be made through the Request for Service phone triage according to degree of urgency. Access to services are based on specific timeframes which include under 45 minutes for emergency mobile cases, 2 days for urgent cases, and 14 days for all other cases. After the initial assessment, children and families are matched with the most appropriate programs, services, and clinicians best qualified to meet the children and families' needs.

A resident of New Canaan, Dr. Soliman returns to CGC after serving two years as a high school psychologist at the New Canaan Public Schools, from September 2006 – June 2008. Prior to her time in the New Canaan public school system, Dr. Soliman trained at CGC first as a Psychology Extern from September 2004 – July 2005 and subsequently as a Psychology Intern from September 2005 – August 2006. Dr. Soliman holds a Doctorate in Psychology and a Masters in Science in Education from Pace University, a Masters in Arts in Experimental Psychology and a Masters in Education from Carleton University, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from McGill University.

“As always, it is a special delight to have someone who has graduated from our training programs return and take on a high level of responsibility,” said CGC Executive Director Sherry Perlstein.

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. 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. Preventative 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, United Ways of Greenwich and Western Connecticut, The Community Fund of Darien, and the New Canaan Community Foundation. CGC is a beneficiary of generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions. www.childguidancect.org

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Pictured: Dr. Salam Soliman