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KidsPeace Names New Chief Operating Officer, Chief Medical Officer

SCHNECKSVILLE, PA (July 26, 2016) - KidsPeace announced that **Michael W. Slack has been appointed Chief Operating Officer** for the 134-year-old non-profit provider of mental and behavioral health services for children and families. The organization also announced **the appointment of Matthew Koval, M.D. as Executive Vice President, Chief Medical Officer**. The appointments are effective immediately.

"I'm delighted to announce these appointments, because of the high regard I have for both of these individuals. They have contributed in significant ways in their fields of expertise to KidsPeace's efforts, and I look forward to working with them to further the organization's mission to bring hope, help and healing to children, families and communities," said William Isemann, President and CEO of KidsPeace.

Slack, 47, of Kutztown, joined KidsPeace in 2001 as director of business development. He was appointed Executive Vice President of Programs/Development in 2011, overseeing advancement, strategic planning, business development and foster care services. Prior to joining KidsPeace, he served as director of business development for Genesis Health Ventures. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and an MBA from Temple University. As Chief Operating Officer, Slack will oversee client care programs in KidsPeace's service areas, including inpatient hospital, residential treatment, foster care and community/outpatient programs.

Koval, 51, of Bethlehem, joined KidsPeace in 2015 as Vice President of Medical Affairs, from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston (MUSC), where he served as an associate professor, director of youth inpatient services and assistant director of residency training. He completed his psychiatric residency and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship programs at MUSC, after earning his M.D. degree at West Virginia University. As Chief Medical Officer, Koval will continue to oversee medical affairs at KidsPeace, and lead efforts to advance the presence of the organization among leaders in the national medical and psychiatric communities.

For 134 years, KidsPeace has been building on its expertise to give hope, help and healing to children, families and communities throughout the United States. Through its comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; unique psychiatric hospital and foster care and community-based programs, KidsPeace is dedicated to helping people connect, transform and overcome their challenges to ensure a stable future, transition to adulthood and gain independence. Since its doors opened in 1882, more than 200,000 children have participated in one of the multitude of programs KidsPeace offers. For additional resources or more information on how to get involved, become a foster parent or make a donation, please visit www.kidspeace.org. Follow us at www.facebook.com/kidspeace.org or on Twitter @KidsPeace.

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(Note to Editors: Photos of Mr. Slack and Dr. Koval are available by contacting Bob Martin at the information above.)