Kids Peace Appoints Four to Leadership Roles in PA Residential Programs

SCHNECKSVILLE, PA (February 2, 2017) - Kids Peace has announced leadership appointments for its Pennsylvania-based residential treatment and educational programs. The treatment programs serve more than 300 children and adolescents suffering from mental and behavioral health disorders and trauma, including sexual abuse and trafficking.

Jill Schaller, M.S., BCBA of North Whitehall Township has been named Executive Director for Pennsylvania Residential Programs and Education, overseeing all aspects of the programs to ensure a safe and high-quality treatment experience for clients. Schaller joined Kids Peace as a summer recreation counselor in 1986. She holds a master’s degree from Kaplan University, and is a board-certified behavior analyst.

Eric Benetz, M.S.W., LSW, has been named Senior Program Director, responsible for day-to-day oversight of the residential treatment programs in Pennsylvania. Benetz, of Catasauqua, joined the organization in 1990 as a childcare worker, and has held a number of positions in the residential and community programs areas of service. Most recently he served as program director for PA Residential's Inventor Center program. Benetz holds a master’s degree in social work from Marywood University.

Dominick DiSalvo, M.A., LPC has been named Senior Director of Clinical Services, overseeing all aspects of clinical treatment in the program to ensure quality, integrity and coordination in the residential program. DiSalvo, of Bedminster Township, Bucks County, holds a master’s degree in clinical counseling from LaSalle University and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. He has worked in a variety of clinical and supervisory roles since joining Kids Peace in 2012.

Paige Keeter, M.A., BCBA has been named Senior Director of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Recreational/Expressive services. Keeter, of Hellertown, joined Kids Peace Community Programs in 2001, creating a number of programs to serve young people on the autism spectrum. A board-certified behavior analyst, Keeter has served since 2010 as director of ABA programs for Pennsylvania residential treatment. She holds a master’s degree in psychology from Kutztown University.

Schaller, Benetz, DiSalvo and Keeter will continue to be based at Kids Peace’s Orchard Hills Campus in Orefield, PA.

For 135 years, Kids Peace 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, Kids Peace 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 Kids Peace 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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