

**Carla M. Saccone Named President
and Chief Executive Officer
of Children's Friend and Family Services**

Salem, MA - Children's Friend and Family Services is pleased to announce that Carla M. Saccone has been named President and Chief Executive Officer for the agency. Carla brings over three decades of experience including her recent role as Vice President for Programs at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) where she provided leadership and direction for the agency's \$30 million system of programs. Her past experience includes multiple directorships at the Department of Mental Health (DMH), including Area Director for the North East region and Director of the Greater Lynn Office of the North East for seven years.

"We are very pleased to have a new leader who has worked on the North Shore as well as statewide," says David L. Grey, Children's Friend and Family Services Chairman of the Board of Directors.

"Carla possesses the leadership and ability to lead Children's Friend and Family Services in strategic directions that will bring the agency to the next level," says Grey. "We were particularly impressed with her past experience and she will be a tremendous asset for us with our current service expansion through the implementation of our two Community Services Agencies in Lynn and Lawrence."

Saccone is excited to officially take the helm as President and Chief Executive Officer at Children's Friend and Family Services effective August 10.

"I have been impressed by the caliber of the management team and the high quality services offered to children and families. I am confident that I can, in concert with the Board of Directors and the management team, bring this well positioned agency to the next level," says Saccone.

She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. Saccone received her Masters in Social Work from Boston University, School of Social Work and Social Welfare and her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Maine, Social Work and Social Welfare, summa cum laude.

Children's Friend and Family Services, recently featured in an ABC.com Primetime special, is a private, nonprofit organization committed to providing innovative, community-based counseling and related support services for youth in Essex County. Children's Friend and Family Services serves more than 5,000 children and family members each year through a variety of programs and services available at our Salem center and offices in Lynn, Gloucester, Amesbury and Lawrence. The licensed mental health professionals, mentors, volunteers and staff at Children's Friend and Family Services are dedicated to delivering innovative care that meets the evolving needs of the communities it serves. For more information, please visit www.childrensfriend.net.