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Leading Health Services Administrator Joins NYU Child Study Center

Margo Amgott Appointed as Center's First Executive Director

NEW YORK, February 7, 2008 – The NYU Child Study Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Margo Amgott as its first Executive Director. Amgott will serve as chief operating officer of the Center and will oversee the Center's management and strategic growth of NYU Child Study Center, the only New York State Center of Excellence in Mental Health.

"We are delighted to have Margo Amgott come on board at this moment in the center's 10-year history as we are poised to take the organization global," said Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D., founder and director of the Child Study Center. "Margo's extensive knowledge and background in healthcare and academic medicine, combined with her expertise in children's programs, are critical to help further the Center's mission."

Previously, Amgott served as Assistant Commissioner for Early Intervention, New York City's program for children with developmental delays and disabilities as part of the leadership team of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The \$450 million program serves 50,000 families annually.

Amgott also served as Assistant Vice President for Health Services at Columbia University, leading psychological, psychiatric, medical, health promotion, health insurance and related support services to 20,000 students at Columbia University. While at Columbia, Amgott was Executive Director for Administrative Planning and Associate Director for Administration at the National Center for Children in Poverty. She has held positions at NYC Department of Juvenile Justice, SUNY Downstate Medical Center and Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center.

Amgott received her Masters in Health Policy from New York University's Wagner School of Public Administration and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Barnard College, Columbia University.

ABOUT THE NYU CHILD STUDY CENTER:

New York University Child Study Center is the nation's leading organization for research, prevention and treatment of child and adolescent psychiatric and learning disorders. Through science-based clinical care, cutting-edge research, expert professional training, and extensive public education, the Center strives to generate new knowledge about child mental health, improve the practices of healthcare professionals who serve children, and influence child-related public health policy. Most importantly, the Center provides hope, help and care to children and their families who suffer from these disorders.

The NYU Child Study Center is committed to giving children back their childhood. To learn more, visit AboutOurKids.org.

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