



...Because every child deserves a childhood

December 5, 2014

**Central Administration**  
6339 Mill Street  
P.O. Box 5005  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572-5005  
Tel: (845) 871-1000  
Fax: (845) 876-2020  
Email: [astor@astorservices.org](mailto:astor@astorservices.org)  
Website: [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org)

# Astor Appoints New COO

## For more information contact:

Sonia Barnes-Moorhead; (845) 871-1117; [smoorhead@astorservices.org](mailto:smoorhead@astorservices.org)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Rhinebeck, NY.** Astor Services for Children & Families appointed Renee Fillette, Ph.D., to the new position of Chief Operating Officer (COO).



Astor provides behavioral and educational services to more than 6,000 children and families annually in over 33 locations in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx.

Fillette was the Executive Director of St. John Bosco Child & Family Services, a child welfare agency that she founded. More recently, she was the Executive Director at Grace Smith House, a domestic violence agency in Dutchess County. Fillette recently completed her Ph.D. in Public Service: Leadership and Management of Non-Profit Organizations.

As the COO, Fillette will focus on the issues related to operating Astor's programs and services, with the goal of providing more support to the program areas.

"I am delighted that Renee is on board! She brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills in organizational structure and development, which is key to helping Astor thrive as we navigate the ever-changing environment in which we work. Equally important is her alignment with our core values," says Jim McGuirk, Astor's Executive Director and CEO.

Upon her appointment, Fillette said she is "looking forward to having the opportunity to apply and build on lessons learned from my previous appointments, and bringing that experience to Astor, an organization that for over 60 years has been dedicated to the well-being of children and families in our community."

Fillette begins on December 8.

Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families (formerly The Astor Home for Children) has been providing behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. Now serving more than 6,000 children and families annually in over 33 locations, Astor's current range of services in the Hudson Valley (Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties) and the Bronx include: Day Treatment Programs (for children ages 2.9 – 14); Residential Programs (for children ages 5 - 14 who have severe behavioral and mental health challenges); Early Childhood Programs (in Dutchess County, Astor operates The Early Head Start and Head Start programs, which are federal early childhood programs for low-income families); and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services (outpatient mental health services).



###

