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## Our New CEO, Yvette Bairan, Has Been Tapped for Leadership Roles

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We're pleased to announce, our new CEO, Yvette Bairan, was appointed Board member of [COFCCA](#) (Council of Families and Child Caring Agencies), a New York City-based nonprofit that offers leadership, voice and vision to the private nonprofit agencies that provide the vast majority of child welfare and juvenile justice services in New York. She also was appointed co-chair of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee for [New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health](#), an organization that provides policy, advocacy and services to its members.



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“Astor Services for Children and Families was already an early adopter of tele-mental health,” said President and CEO of COFCCA, Jim Purcell, in response to Bairan’s Board appointment. “As the pandemic affected NY, under Bairan’s leadership, Astor was able to expand these services to support and strengthen families. This sort of forward-thinking is invaluable for the important work that COFCCA and its member agencies do every year on behalf of children and families in New York.”

In addition to her new roles at COFCCA, she will be a panelist on an [OPEN MINDS](#) roundtable on Thursday, August 6, 2020 (from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST) to provide her perspective on strategy for 2020 and 2021, working remotely and telehealth during the pandemic.

Other panelists include: Gregory Wellems, executive director of Intellectual Disabilities, Keystone; Monica E. Oss, executive director, OPEN MINDS; Paul Curtis, executive director, CBHA (California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies); and Jeff Silverman, chief sales and marketing officer from Qualifacts, who will facilitate the discussion.

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