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**ASTOR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES APPOINTS TODD KARLIN CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER**

**HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK, AUGUST 11, 2020** – Astor Services for Children & Families has appointed Todd Karlin, PsyD, MSEd, chief program officer. Dr. Karlin will have oversight of all agency programs.

A dedicated employee of Astor since September 2002, Dr. Karlin previously served as assistant executive director of clinical services, where he oversaw the agencies’ clinical programming in the Bronx and the Hudson Valley.

“I am delighted to have Todd transition to this leadership position. He brings a wealth of clinical and programmatic knowledge, specific to Astor’s programs, to this role,” said Astor’s CEO, Yvette Bairan. “I value his leadership skills, collaborative management and clinical background.”

During his time at Astor, Dr. Karlin collaborated on the development of an array of school-based mental health services. He was also in charge of overseeing an agency expansion, now touching more than 50 school locations.

Dr. Karlin co-chairs the New York City School-Based Mental Health Committee, which seeks to overcome systemic hurdles to providing integrated mental health services in New York City school settings. He has clinical and administrative experience in day treatment programs, community schools, outpatient clinics, foster care, residential and hospital settings.

Dr. Karlin received his master’s degree and doctorate from Pace University in school-clinical child psychology.

“After almost 18 years working at Astor in various capacities, it is an honor to have been offered the position of chief program officer,” said Dr. Karlin. “Astor’s work is more critical now than ever, and I am dedicated to continuing to provide the top-level care and support that children and families expect and deserve.”

To learn more about Astor’s programs and services, visit, [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org)

**About Astor**

Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families has been providing behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. The organization, which has been accredited with The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval, now serves more than 10,000 children and families annually in more than 70 locations. Astor’s range of services in the Hudson Valley (Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties) and the Bronx include: Residential Programs; Early Childhood Programs; and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. Visit the organization online at [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org).

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Editor’s Note: A courtesy photo of Todd Karlin is attached.