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### **Astor's New CEO Tapped for Leadership Roles**

**HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK, JULY 30, 2020** – Astor Services for Children & Families' 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.

"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, Bairan 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.

#### **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 Yvette Bairan is attached.