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ASTOR SERVICES ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES

*Sarai Manuel Elevated to Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Development;
Expanded Team to Aid in Astor's Growth*

Hudson Valley and Bronx, NY, September 3, 2024 – [Astor Services](http://www.astorservices.org), a leading provider of quality mental and behavioral health and education services for children, young adults and their families, has announced promotions and new hires, as part of its ongoing commitment to expand its reach and services throughout New York's Hudson Valley and the Bronx. Sarai Manuel, who previously served as Astor's Bronx administrator and prevention program director since 2018, has been promoted to chief of strategic initiatives & development while remaining the Bronx administrator.

"Sarai is dedicated and results-driven and has been integral in Astor's effort to move its mission forward," said Yvette Bairan, Astor's CEO. "This increased responsibility reflects her drive and commitment to excellence. We look forward to all she'll accomplish in this new role."

In addition, Jeannine Mendez has been promoted to senior director of strategic initiatives & government relations, and Amy Scheinert to senior manager of marketing & graphic design. New hire Jack Shepard is Astor's new senior manager of development & fundraising. Other promotions and hires include Mia DeYoung, manager of proposals and grants, Carley Andrews Otero, manager of project/program implementation & support and Tara Thorne, manager of fundraising events & special projects.



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“This is an incredibly strong team,” said Bairan. “These new hires and newly promoted professionals will enable us to continue supporting children and families and help give them the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.”

About Astor Services

For over 70 years, since 1953, Astor Services has provided essential supports, tools and high quality, comprehensive behavioral health and educational services to engage, empower and strengthen children, adults and families in all communities. Astor serves more than 9,000 children and families annually in more than 70 locations in Hudson Valley and the Bronx. Astor’s range of services includes early childhood programs, community-based behavioral health and prevention services. Astor has also recently opened a new Trauma Recovery Center in its Bronx location. To learn more about Astor’s programs and services, visit, www.astorservices.org.

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Editor’s Note: A courtesy photo of Astor’s Rhinebeck campus is attached.