



Building Brighter Tomorrows for Families and Children

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**SOLOMON ANNOUNCED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF KANSAS**

**Statewide, KS November 7, 2008** - Steven J. Solomon, PhD., Director of Public Policy for TFI Family Services was elected as the new President of the Children's Alliance of Kansas. Bruce Linhos, Executive Director of the Children's Alliance made the announcement on November 6, 2008.

Since 1954, the Children's Alliance of Kansas has been representing private, non-profit child welfare agencies in Kansas. The Alliance's mission is protect and strengthen the welfare of children and families in Kansas by providing effective advocacy, conducting comprehensive training, delivering operational support, producing relevant research and providing consultation services to its members.

The Children's Alliance has more than 20 member agencies that represent child welfare agencies across the state. Historically, TFI Family Services has demonstrated its involvement and commitment to the Children's Alliance by having a member on the Board since 1979. TFI has also held numerous Executive Board offices, including President by TFI's CEO, Peggy S. Martin for a two year term in previous years. Solomon has been the Vice President of the Children's Alliance for the last two years. He will now turn his attention to the responsibilities of being the association's President.

As President, Solomon will help implement the Alliance's current strategic plan. Plans include looking at membership expansion, increasing the Children's Alliance's role as a critical resource in professional training of child welfare service providers and foster families, and building on success as an advocate for children and families in the Kansas Child Welfare System. Solomon will also represent the members of the Children's Alliance and help to establish public policies beneficial to those served by child welfare agencies. The Children's Alliance also partners with the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in overseeing case management services to divert children from being placed in out of home care.

When asked about this honor and his new role, Solomon replied that, "The honor is in representing the agencies and the commitment they have to Kansas children and families. Their strength in meeting

needs and accomplishing so much often without the sufficient resources is commendable and deserves greater public recognition”.

Solomon added, “I am looking forward to working with the members of the Children’s Alliance to continue meeting the needs of the children and families of Kansas. I am sure all Board members would like to join with me in thanking the Children Alliance’s staff for all they do. I am looking forward to working directly with them on the many issues that lay before us.”

To learn more about the Children Alliance of Kansas, go to their website at [www.childdaily.org](http://www.childdaily.org).

**ABOUT TFI Family Services** – TFI Family Services is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for youth and families through Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services. Their goal is always to build brighter tomorrows for families and children together. Learn more by going to [www.the-farm.org](http://www.the-farm.org).

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