



## NEWS RELEASE

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### For Immediate Release

**NEW WINDSOR, NY**---The Board of Directors of McQuade Children's Services has appointed Annamarie Appel as the Interim Chief Executive Officer and has retained Occupations, Inc., headquartered in Middletown, NY, to provide management consultation services, effective immediately.

Today, McQuade's Board of Directors Chair Ms. Pamela Kelly-Day congratulated Annamarie Appel and stated "Annamarie has been with us for more than seven years, serving in various management capacities which provide her with knowledge and skills to help lead McQuade." Ms. Kelly-Day also welcomed the Occupations, Inc., leadership to their campus and thanked everyone for their willingness to provide leadership at this time of transition. "We are very pleased that Occupations, Inc., leadership has agreed to assist us," stated Ms. Kelly-Day.

James B. DeStefano, President & Chief Executive Officer of Occupations, Inc., Ms. Amy Anderson-Winchell, L.C.S.W., Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Occupations, Inc., and Executive Director of Family Empowerment Council, Inc., will lead the team providing these management consultation services. Mr. Jake McHale, former Principal at Orange Ulster B.O.C.E.S., has been appointed to the position of Director of Education at the Kaplan School for Special Education.

"We are pleased to be able to provide support to this valuable community resource that has served our children and youths for more than a hundred years in this community," stated James DeStefano.

McQuade is a private, not-for-profit, with nearly 150 years of history providing therapeutic residential care, special education, diagnostic shelter services, and community-based prevention programs to more than 3,000 children with special needs each year. Services are

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McQuade Children's Services/Occupations, Inc.

provided through the Kaplan School for Special Education, an emergency diagnostic assessment center, and through community-based therapeutic group homes and preventive programs. McQuade's President & Chief Executive Officer, David Jacobsen, Psy.D., recently resigned his position.

For more than 45 years, the Occupations, Inc., System of Services, a not-for-profit agency, has provided outpatient mental health services, case management, child welfare, emergency services, residential services, and employment opportunities to people with developmental disabilities and individuals recovering from mental illness. Its affiliate, Family Empowerment Council, Inc, provides services to people with disabilities, including service coordination and case management, mental health family support, early intervention, educational advocacy, consumer-directed personal care, residential habilitation and respite services. New Dynamics Corporation, a not-for-profit sister corporation of Occupations, Inc., is a leader in providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. All of Occupations, Inc.'s, services can be accessed 24-hours a day, seven-days-a-week, through one toll-free call to the Service Access Center at 1-888-750-2266.

The McQuade Children's Services Board welcomes the Occupations team and looks forward to a seamless transition as McQuade continues to provide services to children and families in need from school districts and county social service departments throughout the region. Please direct all inquiries to James DeStefano at (845) 692-4454 ext.105 or Annamarie Appel at (845) 561-0436, ext. 147.

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