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### **Mark Jones selected as CEO for Community Partnership for Children**

**Daytona Beach, FL (August 13, 2010)** - The Board of Directors of Community Partnership for Children is pleased to announce that Mark Jones will be the organization's new chief executive officer. His anticipated start date is September 1. Following a nationwide search, the board determined that Mark possesses the unique combination of leadership in the child welfare field, strong community connections, executive experience and management qualifications that are needed to lead Community Partnership for Children into the future.

"The board looked closely at many highly qualified candidates in the search process, and determined that Mark is the perfect blend of experiences and qualities. Mark understands the issues relating to child welfare. He is a calming influence and understands the importance of partnership. He will be able to hit the ground running and I believe the children, our agency and the board will be well served," said Bill Griffin, Community Partnership for Children board chair. "We are delighted to have him lead this agency."

Griffin said Jones was selected after a one-month search that attracted more than 30 candidates. Jones is returning to the team at Community Partnership for Children having served as the director of case management during 2004-2005. Known as a collaborator and partner, Jones began his career in Florida child welfare services twenty years ago with the Act Corporation. He has since served in leadership roles with Children's Home Society, Our Children First, and Neighbor to Family. Jones has a track record of organizational growth through leadership, strategy and program development.

"I am a very driven and task oriented person who cares deeply for the welfare of children and families in our community," said Jones. "I am very aware of the challenges faced by Community Partnership for Children at the present time and am confident I can move the agency in positive directions in the future."

As the new CEO, Jones will lead a staff of approximately 165 providing lead agency services in child welfare for children and families in Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties.

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Information:

Community Partnership for Children cares for over 1,300 children each year who have been victims of abandonment, abuse or neglect. The organization contracts with the Department of Children and Families and partners with local service providers to implement a quality system of care for the citizens of Volusia, Flagler and Putnam Counties.

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