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CHILDNET ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Plantation, FL – ChildNet, Broward County’s Community Based Care lead agency, recently hired Dipak Parekh as Chief Financial Officer. The Kenya native brings over twenty years’ experience in finance, information technology and public administration.

During Dipak’s 17-year career with the City of Miami, he held various management positions in the Finance and Budget departments including Budget Director. Most recently, Dipak served as an Accounting and Financial Systems Consultant for Siena Corporation, where he recommended improvements of large-scale projects and designed innovative change management programs that generated millions of dollars in cost savings.

“We are thrilled to have Dipak join our team,” notes Emilio Benitez, Chief Executive Officer. “He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in finance, budgeting and management information systems.” As Chief Financial Officer, Dipak will oversee Finance, Information Technology, Purchasing, Revenue Maximization and Facilities Management.

A Florida International University alumnus, Dipak, earned his second Masters degree in Management Information Systems from the local university. His first Masters degree is in Public Policy & Public Administration from the University of London. Dipak also earned Bachelors degrees in both Humanities and Social Science. He is a member of the Association of Governmental Accountants.

ChildNet is the private, not for profit organization selected by the state through a competitive process to serve as the local Community Based Care lead agency. As the lead agency, ChildNet manages the local system of services and supports for Broward’s abused, abandoned and neglected children and their caregivers. This system of care was developed with extensive input from local stakeholders and its effective implementation depends upon their continued support. For more information on ChildNet, visit the Web site at www.ChildNet.us or call (954) 414-6000.

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