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CHILDNET HIRES NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Plantation, FL – Donald Purce’s first involvement with social services was more than 25 years ago when he was a childcare worker for a residential program serving children from 5 to 18 years of age in Rochester, New York. Since then he has worked in several leadership capacities in social services in both the non-profit and for-profit sector. Most recently, the Coral Springs resident was the Chief Operating Officer for Providence Community Corrections, where he directed their \$11 million probation supervision operations in 40 locations throughout five states. Under his leadership, Providence administered and ensured compliance of over 100 contracts in multiple counties and cities in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington. .

“I am eager to utilize my skills and experiences to further ChildNet’s noble mission of protecting Broward’s abused, abandoned and neglected children, ensuring their safety and promptly providing them with a loving, permanent home” adds Don. Emilio Benitez, Chief Executive Officer, is pleased about the recent addition to his senior management team. “These are exciting times at ChildNet and Don’s experience in operations management will further enhance the dynamic of our leadership team,” said Emilio.

A Barry University alumnus, Don earned his Masters degree in Social Work from the local University. He earned his Bachelors degree from the State University of New York at Oswego. As Chief Operating Officer, Don Purce will oversee ChildNet operations and the Professional Development and Continuous Quality Improvement departments.

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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