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JUNE 30, 2009 – New officers have been elected to lead the New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth & Families, an organization representing human service agencies from around the state who work to give youth in difficult family situations the stability and comfort every child deserves.

Roy Leitstein, a resident of **Manalapan, N.J.**, was elected president. Leitstein is executive director of The Children’s Home in Mt. Holly, N.J. He began his work in social services as a volunteer while on active duty with the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division. He has also helped develop residential services for Carrier Clinic’s East Mountain Lodge in Belle Mead and managed operations, residential and employment programs for more than 100 youth through Community Access Unlimited in Union County.

“As the country and the state face serious economic pressures, I plan to work with our member organizations to ensure services are available to New Jersey’s most deserving resource, our youth,” Leitstein said.

Mr. Leitstein and his wife Aimee have a son, Noah, 7, and daughter, Molly, 2.

David Bailey, Jr., of **Woodstown, N.J.**, was named vice president. Now the chief executive officer of Ranch Hope in Alloway, he was born and raised on its campus. After completing his education, he joined the staff full-time in 1992 and has served in various capacities including maintenance, activities, direct care and development. In addition, Mr. Bailey coaches youth sports teams and volunteers with the Health & Wellness Foundation, Rotary Club

of Woodstown and the newly formed Salem County Children's Health and Welfare Council.

David and his wife Julie have three active children Gillian, 11, Colin, 9, and Katie, 5.

Susan Buchwald, of Philadelphia, Pa., was elected Alliance secretary. She is president and chief executive officer of Community Treatment Solutions in Moorestown, N.J., providing a full continuum of care for the most complex children and youth in New Jersey. Ms. Buchwald serves on the public policy committee of the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies and is on the board of directors of the Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Family Partnership. She is also on the advisory committee of the New Jersey Department of Behavioral Health Services. She brings more than 20 years of experience in nonprofit administration to her volunteer post.

Anthony Cartusciello, of Falls Township, Pa., was elected treasurer of the Alliance. He has worked at Carrier Clinic in Belle Mead for 15 years and currently serves as director of adolescent services for the East Mountain Youth Lodge, where he has been instrumental in bringing unique treatment approaches such as equine-assisted psychotherapy to its residents. He is passionate about advocating for and meeting the needs of New Jersey's youth and looks forward to contributing his time and energy to the Alliance's network of providers, who embrace the same mission. Anthony's passion for his work is matched only by being the father of two sons AJ, 2 and Jake, 6 months.

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NJACYF, known as the Alliance, represents 39 private organizations that serve at-risk children and adolescents throughout New Jersey, providing advocacy, education, and a common voice on behalf of families and individuals. Its administrative office is at 2125 Route 33, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690.

Photo Caption:

New officers prepare to lead NJACYF, from left: Roy Leitstein, president; David Bailey, Jr., vice president; Susan Buchwald, secretary, and Anthony Cartusciello, treasurer.