



Serving children and adults with Down syndrome,
autism and other developmental disabilities

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ACDS Executive Director Michael Smith

Joins IAC Board of Directors

Elected to fill Nassau County board vacancy seat through 2015

Plainview, NY, April 28, 2014 – ACDS, a Long Island-based non-profit agency that serves children and adults with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities, has announced that Executive Director Michael Smith has been named to the board of IAC – the Interagency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc.

Mr. Smith was asked to fill a vacant seat representing Nassau County that had recently become available. As a board member, Mr. Smith will take on a governance role, helping IAC formulate public policy decisions and providing direction on key issues that will affect children and adults with developmental disabilities.

ACDS first joined IAC in 2011. Since then, Mr. Smith has been actively involved in several IAC activities, including the agency's recent three-day lobbying event held in Albany in March. Mr. Smith's term will run through 2015.

"IAC is one of the pre-eminent industry associations in our field," says Smith. "It is an honor to both myself and ACDS to become a member of their board and to serve this prestigious agency that I so admire."

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About ACDS

ACDS, located in Plainview, NY is dedicated to providing lifetime resources of exceptional quality, innovation and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities and their families. ACDS has been providing programs and services in and around Long Island since 1966. ACDS currently serves over 1000 children and adults, providing services that include Early Intervention and preschool special education programs, respite and recreation programs for children, teens and adults, adult Medicaid service coordination and eight supervised group homes in Nassau County. For more information, please visit acds.org or call 516-933-4700.

About IAC

Formed in 1977 as a not-for-profit membership organization, IAC is comprised of voluntary service providers that support individuals with developmental disabilities in the greater metro-New York area. IAC currently represents over 150 member agencies and organizations, helping 90,000 individuals and their families in New York City and in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Rockland counties. IAC

promotes the development of services that will further enhance the life quality of the individuals served by member agencies, promotes public and private policies that will lead to greater opportunities for those with development disabilities, and provides professional training to employees of member agencies to further enhance their skills. For more information, visit www.iacny.org.

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