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VOICES FOR VIRGINIA'S CHILDREN SELECTS NEW LEADER

-Statewide child advocacy organization selects child psychologist and long-time children's advocate as Executive Director-

The Board of Directors of Voices for Virginia's Children is pleased to announce the appointment of John Morgan as Executive Director. Dr. Morgan, currently Senior Policy Analyst at Voices, is a child psychologist and long-time human services administrator and children's advocate.

"We are very pleased and fortunate to attract someone of Dr. Morgan's caliber to lead our organization", indicated Voices board chairman James V. Duty. "He has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and a genuine dedication to children's issues throughout his stellar career. He is just the kind of trusted leader and persuasive advocate that we need to ensure that Voices will continue to influence public policies on behalf of Virginia's children."

Dr. Morgan joined Voices nearly two years ago after a successful human services management career in local government. He held leadership positions in the mental health/substance abuse department in Chesterfield County, where he pioneered award-winning community-based prevention approaches to reduce risk factors in young children. He has served in a leadership role in various state and national organizations and also published and lectured widely on prevention and children's issues. Since coming to Voices, Dr. Morgan has led the organization's policy work on early childhood issues.

Voices is a statewide, privately funded children's policy research and advocacy organization. Through its research, data collection, policy development and advocacy activities, it champions public policies that enhance the well-being of children.

Dr. Morgan is a Massachusetts native and long-time Chesterfield resident. He has an undergraduate degree from Holy Cross and his doctorate from Penn State. He assumes his new duties immediately.

Voices for Virginia's Children is a statewide, privately funded, non-partisan awareness and advocacy organization that builds support for public policies to improve the lives of children. A recognized leader in child advocacy, Voices mobilizes support for initiatives by conducting research, developing policies, building coalitions, and helping people articulate their support for children. For more information visit www.vakids.org.

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