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**Holy Childhood Appoints David Halpern as School Program Director**

Rochester, New York – January 10, 2014 – Holy Childhood President and CEO Donna Dedee has announced the appointment of David Halpern as Holy Childhood School Program Director.

David comes to Holy Childhood from his most recent position as Project Director for the Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Center Professional Learning Center, Measurement Inc. He has been responsible for the preparation of professional development opportunities for the specialists within the Regional Special Education-Technical Assistance and Support Center Network of the New York State Education Department. David also has recent experience as the Principal of the Early Childhood Center at Crestwood Children’s Center of Hillside, where he was responsible for the supervision of the school program for students with severe emotional, behavioral and psychiatric problems.

"We are so pleased that an educator of David's caliber has joined the Holy Childhood team," said Donna Dedee. "The breadth and depth of his professional experience, coupled with his passion for the children we serve here will propel our school program forward in very positive ways."

David Halpern’s first day at Holy Childhood will be Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**About Holy Childhood**

Holy Childhood is a non-denominational, non-profit agency, which serves more than 200 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, in its school program (ages 5-21) and in its adult workshops, which serve people from age 21 through retirement. Services include individualized education, sheltered employment, vocational training and diagnostic and treatment services.

For more information about the agency visit [www.holychildhood.org](http://www.holychildhood.org) or call (585)359-3710.

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