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**BOARD OF CHILD CARE**  
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**BOARD OF CHILD CARE NAMES**  
**SPAGNOLA PRESIDENT**

**Baltimore, Md. – July 17, 2014** – The board of directors of the Board of Child Care (BCC) has named Laurie Anne Spagnola the nonprofit's new president. Spagnola leads the organization in its efforts to serve children and families who require physical, emotional, behavioral and social support.

Spagnola becomes just the fourth president in the Board of Child Care's 140-year history. She succeeds Thomas L. Curcio, who retired June 30, after serving the organization for 21 years.

Spagnola is a seasoned nonprofit executive who has provided leadership for child welfare and human services organizations for more than 25 years. She has an extensive track record of growing operational budgets and making critical community connections.

Jan Hayden, chair of the Board of Child Care's board of directors, said, "We're delighted to announce Laurie Anne's appointment as president. Her energy, drive and experience make her the ideal person to lead the organization into the future. The board is confident the organization's programs and services for children, youth and their families will grow under Laurie Anne's guidance and vision."

Prior to arriving at the Board of Child Care, Spagnola spent 12 years as President of York Children's Home, in York County, Pa. The nonprofit provides comprehensive, accredited, community-based services to stabilize and strengthen children and families in need. During her time as President she grew the annual budget from \$3 million to over \$10 million and oversaw a

tremendous growth in staff, which now number more than 135 individuals serving over 2,000 children annually.

“The Board of Child Care is a solid, very well-run operation,” Spagnola said. “I look forward to taking this foundation and providing more services for those who need our help. We are well poised to expand our leadership role in the field of child welfare by ensuring that children, families, and their communities facing challenging circumstances have a chance to heal and ultimately lead healthy, productive lives.”

A York, Pa., resident, Spagnola graduated from Millersville University with a bachelor’s degree in social work and a minor in Spanish. She holds both a master’s degree in social work from Fordham University and a certificate in executive leadership from Michigan University. Spagnola is active in the community and has invested her time volunteering for numerous charitable boards. She is currently completing terms on the boards of the Alliance for Children and Families, York Hospital and the regional board of Susquehanna Bank.

The Board of Child Care has a long history of serving children and families in the community as an outreach ministry within the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences of the United Methodist Church (UMC). The agency began as three orphanages that opened in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and then merged in 1960 to become the Board of Child Care.

Today, the Board of Child Care’s \$33 million annual budget provides programs that include residential care, treatment foster care, early childhood education, therapeutic counseling, adoption information and referral, and a special education school. The agency is headquartered in Baltimore but also operates facilities in West Virginia, the Eastern Shore of Maryland and in the District of Columbia. Its community-based group homes are located throughout Maryland and in Martinsburg, W.Va. To learn more, visit [www.boardofchildcare.org](http://www.boardofchildcare.org).

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