



National Deaf Academy Announces New CEO

The National Deaf Academy announced a new CEO to continue to grow the vision of its original founder. NDA is a residential psychiatric facility providing services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, adolescents and adults and autistic individuals that have a communication disorder.

Mt Dora, FL, November 21, 2007 --(PR.com)-- The National Deaf Academy has announced a new CEO to continue to grow the vision of its founder, Alan Cohen, MD. Dr. Cohen founded NDA in 2000 and it continues to be the nation's only mental health facility to exclusively serve the needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients as well as autistic individuals with communication disorders.

Steven Fahey was chosen to lead NDA as CEO under new owners, Psychiatric Solutions Inc. Steve has been with NDA since July of 2007, and fully transitioned into the position of CEO, replacing Dr. Cohen, in October. Fahey said he is thrilled to be part of this special organization that offers a unique level of care to the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and autistic community. "What I saw was tremendous compassion among staff and successful recovery among residents during my visit here," he said. "It had a tremendous impact on me, witnessing this kind, caring staff providing such empathetic care to a unique population that is often overlooked in our society."

Steve Fahey has nearly two decades of experience in healthcare administration, serving as a regional director for a large behavioral health company and in executive level business operations for a wide range of healthcare organizations. He also has a background as a social worker, giving him an "inside" understanding of the clinical side of mental health care. Steve has a strong interest in maintaining National Deaf Academy's relationship with the deaf community and is dedicated to learning American Sign Language and Deaf culture.

Fahey's goals for the Academy are to continue to build on Dr. Cohen's foundation of this unique facility. Steve also hopes to find ways to expand offerings to meet additional needs, such as providing group homes and community integration programs.

National Deaf Academy, located in Mount Dora, Florida, is a residential treatment center serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, adolescents and adults with a wide range of psychiatric and behavioral issues. NDA also has a specialized program dedicated to autistic individuals with communication disorders. For more information, visit National Deaf Academy online at www.nda.com.

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