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NEW DIRECTOR FOR JCYS NORTHWEST FAMILY CENTER

The Buffalo Grove Early Childhood Education Center Welcomes Naomi Samuels

Jewish Council for Youth Services welcomes new Center Director, Naomi Samuels, as she takes over the leadership of Northwest Family Center in Buffalo Grove. Samuels brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience to the continuously growing early childhood education center.

Previously the Vice President of Child Development Services at Jane Addams Hull House in Chicago for 15 years, Samuels oversaw and led her division to be accredited by the Council of Accreditation (COA) and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). She received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Special Education at Northeastern Illinois University, and her Master's in Education in Early Childhood and Special Education from Loyola College of Maryland. With over 30 years in early childhood and education, Samuels has held positions as an administrator, teacher and staff trainer.

The JCYS Northwest Family Center opened in 2000 as the agency's third early childhood center, creating "a home away from home" for children six weeks old through 5th Grade. In a fun and stimulating environment, Northwest Family Center provides infant and toddler care, full and half-day preschool, Kindergarten enrichment, before- and after-school care, summer day camp, and family events to over 500 children.

Samuels has come into her new role with a strong vision and strategic goals for the center. Early on, Samuels said that she "looks forward to ensuring quality programs and services that address the needs of our current children and families at Northwest Family Center, and developing strong systems and a work environment of collaboration for our center's staff. While our center in Buffalo Grove has a strong foundation, I hope to continue to build upon our reputation for excellent early childhood education and close-knit community."

For more information about JCYS' Northwest Family Center or Director Naomi Samuels, visit www.jcys.org/BuffaloGrove or call (847) 279-0900.

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