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APSAC NAMES DR. MICHAEL HANEY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Elmhurst, Illinois, July 18, 2011—Michael L. Haney, Ph.D., a Forensic and Mental Health Consultant, was named Executive Director of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) when its Board of Directors met July 12 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Haney has extensive background in child abuse and disaster behavioral and mental health response (28 years), including working for the Florida Department of Children and Family Services as Bureau Chief for Family Safety and Preservation and the Florida Department of Health as the Director for Prevention and Intervention. He is a Nationally Certified Counselor, a Certified Critical Incident Stress Manager, and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Dr. Haney graduated from the University of North Florida with a B.A. in Psychology, received an M.Ed and Ed.S in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Florida. He holds a doctorate in Psychology from Lacrosse University.

As Executive Director, Haney will:

- Coordinate with APSAC's President, assist with developing retreat agendas, and when directed, represent APSAC at national meetings, workgroups, or specialty projects.
- Attend all regular and special meetings of APSAC's Board of Directors, including the monthly Executive Committee calls.
- Facilitate the work of all Board of Director Committees (keeping work projects on task and timely).
- In collaboration with the Operations Managers, keep the Board of Directors informed by timely reports deemed necessary by the Executive Director, required by the Board, required by the by-laws, and/or required by law.
- Identify and research issues for the Board of Directors.
- Plan and execute the operations of APSAC in accordance with the by-laws and policies of the Board.
- Serve as primary contact for Information and Communications/Public Relations, including serving as a primary point of contact or spokesperson as appropriate
- In concert with APSAC's legal counsel, maintain a personal understanding of local, state and federal laws and regulations as they apply to the mission and operations of the organization.
- Research grant opportunities; pursue grants as directed by the Board of Directors.
- Work with the Board to develop corporate, governmental, and organizational partners.
- Membership development.

Commenting on his selection, Haney said, "I'm deeply appreciative and excited by the Board's confidence in me and I look forward to working with the APSAC Board and our membership to continue and improve our services to child welfare professionals."

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The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children is the leading national organization supporting professionals who serve children and families affected by child maltreatment and violence. As a multidisciplinary group of professions, APSAC achieves its mission in a number of ways, most notably through expert training and educational activities, policy leadership and collaboration, and consultation that emphasizes theoretically sound, evidence-based principles. APSAC envisions a world where all maltreated or at-risk children and their families have access to the highest level of professional commitment and service.

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