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Taking charge

Pesavento joins the Children's Connection

Last month, the Children's Connection, a program of the Human Services Council of Mid-Fairfield, hired its new director Kari Pesavento. She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where she received a B.S. in psychology. Her work experience began with both direct service and management positions at SLS Health, an in-patient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment facility in Brewster, N.Y. where she specialized her efforts and training working with clients diagnosed with Schizophrenia and other thought disorders. For the past 10 years, Pesavento worked at the Sexual Assault Crisis and Education Center (The Center) as their director of operations where she was responsible for volunteer recruitment, program management, community education and outreach as well as grant writing and fundraising for the agency.

"I am so excited to join this amazing organization. While at The Center, I served on the Children's Connection's Multidisciplinary Investigative Team so

I was very familiar with the program. I am really looking forward to enhancing the current program with a focus on prevention programs and education. The statistics are startling with one in three girls and one in five boys being sexually assaulted before turning 16. The Children's Connection is a vital asset to the greater Norwalk area and we are really looking forward to expanding our visibility and presence in the community," said Pesavento.

The Children's Connection, a program of the Human Services Council, has been responding to the needs of physically and sexually abused children and their families for 35 years. Its mission remains unchanged: to create a world where no child is harmed and no family is left without guidance. In addition to Norwalk, Children's Connection services the communities of New Canaan, Westport, Weston and Wilton.

For information regarding the Children's Connection contact the Human Services Council at 849-1111.

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