

## **THE ARTZ CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH & AUDIOLOGY ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

***Allyson Goodwyn-Craine to assume executive leadership***

**-- For Immediate Release --**

**PORTLAND, Oregon – June 16, 2010** – The Artz Center for Developmental Health and Audiology, a Portland-based nonprofit organization that has served the community for over 80 years, today announced that it has selected Allyson Goodwyn-Craine to lead the organization as Executive Director. Ms. Goodwyn-Craine held the role of Interim Executive Director for the Artz Center since May 2009 and effectively led the organization through an integral transition period; restructuring and ensuring financial viability of the organization through the recession.

“Allyson has demonstrated that she has the skills and vision to lead the Artz Center as we map the future,” stated Diane Girard, chair of the Artz Center board of directors. “Her extensive experience as a clinical director, instructor and speech-language pathologist, coupled with her management expertise, makes her the ideal choice. With her leadership I am confident that the Artz Center will continue to enhance the initiatives at are at the core of our mission.”

The Artz Center for Developmental Health and Audiology plays an important role in our community by focusing on treatment of children with a variety of developmental and behavioral challenges as well as adults and children with hearing loss. Two non-profit organizations, Hearing and Speech Institute and the Northwest Early Childhood Institute, merged to become the Artz Center in 2009. Today the organization offers a comprehensive, coordinated, family-centered approach to multidisciplinary treatment of children utilizing an innovative “developmental home” model.

“I am deeply honored to serve as the Executive Director,” stated Goodwyn-Craine. “Having worked as a clinician for over twenty two years I bring a unique perspective and deeply rooted passion to this role. The Artz Center will continue to serve as a catalyst in developing innovative practices and partnerships that reach out to children and adults with limited access to much needed clinical services. We’ll provide leadership and education to clients, parents, clinicians, advocates, funders and policy makers in this region, and advocate for the best of service and support to our community.”

### **About Goodwyn-Craine**



Prior to being appointed Interim Executive Director, Goodwyn-Craine served as the Director of Children’s Clinical Services and worked expansively to develop our speech-language pathology and occupational therapy programs. She was the founder and CEO of Speech Paths, Inc., a home-based clinical practice that served families in the greater Portland metro area which merged with the Artz Center when she joined the executive team. During her term as Interim Executive Director, Goodwyn-Craine’s administrative responsibilities expanded to include behavioral/developmental pediatrics, psychology and audiology.

Goodwyn-Craine holds a Master of Science degree in Education and Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. In 2003, she served as the President of the Oregon Speech-Language Hearing Association and she was honored with the OSHA Presidential Award for her contributions to the state association.

### **About the Artz Center**

The Artz Center for Developmental Health & Audiology is a nonprofit organization located in Portland, Oregon which provides comprehensive developmental health services for children, lifelong audiology services and acts as a catalyst in the community to raise the standard of care for children and adults throughout Oregon. In 2003, the Artz Center was formed through the merging of the Hearing and Speech Institute, which served the community for over 80 years, and Northwest Early Childhood Institute, which created the multi-disciplinary organization it is today. For more information visit [www.artzcenter.org](http://www.artzcenter.org)

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