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## **Brian Ferruggiari Named President of the Board of Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS)**

**ROSLYN, NY:** Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS), a not-for-profit that has led the effort to prevent bullying, child abuse and neglect on Long Island for over 28 years, is pleased to announce the election of its new Board President, Brian Ferruggiari. He will provide direction to the agency and lead efforts to increase its funding, expand into underserved areas of Nassau and Suffolk counties and grow its volunteer corps. Mr. Ferruggiari is the Director of Public Affairs for AVR Realty Co., a Yonkers-based real estate development company.

“CAPS has been fortunate to have a history of outstanding Presidents. Each has worked diligently to bring this fine organization to the next level, allowing it to expand the services and programs it provides to countless communities across Long Island. I hope to continue this great tradition,” said Mr. Ferruggiari.

“My particular focus is on digital technologies and the Internet, and how they impact children. Advances in communications have provided them with high-tech tools that can have both a positive effect on learning, and a potentially negative effect on their sense of well being when used by children to bully. As technology creates new opportunities for those who choose to use these tools as emotional weapons, CAPS will need additional resources to help teach children how to become good digital citizens. With the assistance of my colleagues on the Board, and the dedicated staff and volunteers at CAPS, we will continue to strive to reach our goal of keeping every child safe from harm.”

Mr. Ferruggiari previously served CAPS as Vice President during his four-year Board membership. Professionally, following a 30-year career in public service, including 16 years as an elected official, Mr. Ferruggiari joined AVR Realty Co., a real estate development company based in Yonkers, New York. As Director of Public Affairs, he coordinates the local community outreach and government relations activities for the company. He received his Master’s Degree in Public Affairs and Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is married with two children and resides in West Islip.

Founded in 1982, Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) is Long Island’s leading non-profit resource on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It provides grades 2-12 classroom prevention through education programs at no cost to local Long Island schools. Workshops cover the issues of child abuse and bully prevention, Internet safety, sexual harassment and date/ acquaintance rape prevention. For information on how to make a donation, schedule a class or volunteer, call 516-621-0552 or email [info@capsli.org](mailto:info@capsli.org).

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