Joan Danziger Ingersoll Joins JF&CS as the Vice President of Disability Services

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JF&CS is pleased to announce that Joan Danziger Ingersoll has joined the agency as the Vice President of Disability Services. Joan comes to JF&CS with more than 20 years of experience in human services, including 15 years leading and managing organizations serving people with disabilities.

Originally from Newton, Massachusetts, Joan joins JF&CS after five years as the President and CEO of the Mental Health Association (MHA) in Springfield, Massachusetts. MHA provides residential and support services to people with developmental disabilities, brain injuries, mental illness, addiction, and homelessness. During her time there, Joan helped MHA increase their revenue by 50% through the expansion of state-funded programs.

Early in her career, Joan worked at the US Department of Health and Human Services as Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. She has also held leadership positions in several provider agencies serving people with disabilities in Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

At JF&CS, Joan leads Services for People with Disabilities, currently the largest JF&CS division. She will provide supervision and consultation for Services for People with Disabilities staff and clients and collaborate with the Department of Developmental Services, Department of Mental Health, and MassHealth.

Susan Tresch Fienberg, JF&CS Senior VP of Programs, shared, “JF&CS is so fortunate that the timing of our search for a new leader of our Services for People with Disabilities division coincided with Joan’s search for a leadership position in Greater Boston. We couldn’t be more pleased that she has decided to join us.”

Joan has a master’s degree in management of human services from the Heller School at Brandeis University and a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Dartmouth College.

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About Jewish Family & Children’s Service

JF&CS Services for People with Disabilities supports people with special needs and their families, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, autism, and other disabilities. Services include information and referral, case coordination and coaching, mental health counseling, day and employment services, supported housing, social and recreational groups, and Jewish programming.

For 150 years, Jewish Family & Children’s Service has provided exceptional human service and health care programs, guided by Jewish traditions of social responsibility, compassion, and respect for all members of the community. With an integrated network of more than 40 programs
serving communities throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts, JF&CS helps people of all
faiths and backgrounds meet life’s challenges. JF&CS programs focus on serving particularly
vulnerable populations including children and adults with disabilities or mental illness, new
mothers and their infants, seniors living with chronic conditions, and people experiencing

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