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**Phoenix Children's adds three new specialists to its behavioral medicine team**

*Responds to demand for psychiatry, psychology services in Arizona*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (August 30, 2007) – Phoenix Children's Center for Neuroscience and Behavioral Medicine has added three more specialists to its team of pediatric psychiatrists and psychologists. The additions come as the Hospital responds to the rising demand for pediatric behavioral medicine in Arizona, and as the Hospital prepares to staff its network of ambulatory and urgent care centers throughout the Valley.

"The demand for behavioral services, both on our main campus and throughout the Valley, has gone through the roof in recent years," said Bob Meyer, President and CEO of Phoenix Children's. "We're growing so we can keep providing the same high level of service to even more families."

The new specialists include:



**Urszula Kotlow, MD, Pediatric Psychiatrist.** Most recently with The University Physicians, Inc. and the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Kotlow will see patients in the outpatient setting. She earned her medical degree at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine in Worcester, MA. She then went on to complete her pediatric internship at Brown University in Providence, RI, and residency in psychiatry at Yale University in New Haven, CT. She completed her training with a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at New York Presbyterian Hospital - Westchester Division in

White Plains, NY. Prior to her tenure with the University of Arizona, she served the Phoenix Indian Medical Center and Whiteriver Service Unit with the Indian Health Services. She is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and subcertified in child and adolescent psychiatry.



**Karen Peterson, PhD, Pediatric Psychologist.** Following her 20-year tenure as a private practice psychologist, Peterson will work primarily in the Hospital inpatient setting. She completed her psychology education at Ohio State University in Columbus with an APA Fellowship and APA-approved psychology internship. Peterson first worked at the Hallowell Center for the Treatment of AD/HD and Anxiety-Related Disorders in Concord, Mass. In Miami, Fla., she served as a stress management consultant for Miami Women's Health Center at North Shore Hospital, for the Children's Rehab Network, for the United Cerebral Palsy Baby House, and for the Garcia & Fojo Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Infertility Clinic. Peterson has been trained in the practice of hypnosis and is certified as a Level II EMDR clinician. She also has extensive teaching experience in the academic setting and recently worked at Arizona State University's Counseling and Consultation service as well as the Campus Health Service. Peterson is a member of the American Psychological Association.



**Tara Welker, PhD, Pediatric Psychologist.** Welker comes to Phoenix Children's from her private practice in Phoenix, where she treated children, teens, adults, and couples and also performed developmental assessments. She earned her clinical psychology degree at New York University in New York, NY, before completing a clinical psychology internship at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, NY. Welker also trained at the Harris Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Training Institute. Concurrent with that training, she worked at Southwest Human Development in Phoenix, Ariz., for two years providing therapy for children under five and their families. Welker has served as an adjunct faculty member at Argosy University and coordinated studies at Cornell Medical Center and New York State Psychiatric Institute. She now works both in the inpatient and outpatient setting at Phoenix Children's.

Phoenix Children's Hospital's Center for Neuroscience and Behavioral Medicine enjoys the dominant case volume in pediatric neurosciences of any hospital in the Valley. Specialized medical equipment, pediatric patient rooms, and pediatric specialists – in addition to the hospital's family-centered focus – make the Center uniquely qualified to treat pediatric patients. The program is looking toward the future by placing a large emphasis on teaching and research activities, rounding out what has become a comprehensive, integrated, and groundbreaking neuroscience program at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is Arizona's leader in pediatric care and is one of the 10 largest children's hospitals in the nation. The most comprehensive array of pediatric specialists in the state practice at this one organization. The outstanding clinical expertise, as well as high patient volume, and an unwavering commitment to caring only for children, all contribute to Phoenix Children's leadership position. For information, visit the Hospital's Web site at [www.phoenixchildrens.com](http://www.phoenixchildrens.com).