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## President's Message

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After several years of administrative services being offered by a management firm in Washington, it became apparent that such services were not meeting the needs of AAPSC.

As of June, 1988 our administrative services have been moved to Rochester, New York. Dr. Sydney Koret has been employed as our Executive Director. Through the years he has served on most of the committees of AAPSC. He has been President, Treasurer, and Chair of the Division of Accreditation. He certainly has the administrative leadership that our organization needs.

Many challenges are facing us — challenges represented by serious deficits in mental health services.

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## Annual Meeting Announced

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Dr. Peter Toscano, Chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee has confirmed that the Fortieth Annual Meeting of A.A.P.S.C. will take place on March 12-14, 1989. It will be at the Washington Duke Inn-Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. The theme is Prevention and Intervention in Child and Adolescent Mental Health - A Forty Year Perspective. A call for papers has been issued. Announcements of Keynote Speakers will follow. For additional information, write A.A.P.S.C., 1200-C Scottsville Road, Suite 225, Rochester, NY 14624 or call (716) 235-6910 or (800) 777-6910.

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## Dr. Koret Leaves Convalescent Hospital For Children Assumes Directorship of A.A.P.S.C.

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Sydney Koret, Ph.D. resigned his position as President of Convalescent Hospital for Children effective May 31, 1988, and has assumed the position of Executive Director of the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children. A former president of AAPSC, and responsible for establishing Convalescent Hospital as a nationally recognized children's mental health program, Dr. Koret assumes the position of Executive Director of AAPSC concurrent with the movement of its offices to Rochester, New York. In addition to this new position, Dr. Koret will continue his role in advocating for a unified, consolidated coalition of children's mental health agencies, in AAPSC's Division of Accreditation, and he will also be a consultant to agencies involved in the treatment of mentally ill children and their families.

In 1958 Dr. Koret was brought to the Convalescent Hospital for Children to construct and direct a new residential program for emotionally disturbed children, which he later was instrumental in converting into the first comprehensive community mental health center for children in the United States. This facility has been described as providing the most comprehensive programs for children in the country with residential treatment, day treatment, pre-school, summer camps, consultation, outpatient services, research and training, foster and group homes. He has served on numerous boards of national organiza-

tions and is past president of AAPSC, as well as the American Association of Children's Residential centers.

At the farewell dinner held by Convalescent Hospital for Children, written acknowledgments of Dr. Koret's national stature and role in the field of children's mental health were offered by President Reagan, as well as other government officials. Jerome Goldsmith, Ed.D., a long time friend and colleague of Dr. Koret, and President-Elect of AAPSC, offered eloquent reflections upon Dr. Koret's past endeavors and future undertakings.

Dr. Koret is a New Englander from Providence, Rhode Island. He received his B.S. Degree from the University of Rhode Island; M.S. in Social Services from Boston University, School of Social Work; M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees in Clinical Psychology also from Boston University.

After leaving the Boston University, School of Social Work, Dr. Koret served for two years as a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Rhode Island State Hospital for Mental Diseases. From there he moved to the Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital in Riverside, Rhode Island where he served as Chief Psychiatric Social Worker. While in Rhode Island he also served on the Governor's Committee for Research on Social Issues.

In 1958, Dr. Koret came to the Convalescent Hospital for Children in Rochester, New York to con-

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## **New York City PACE Honors Jerome Goldsmith, Ed.D.**

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Jerome Goldsmith, Ed.D., Executive Vice President of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, and President-Elect of A.A.P.S.C., was honored by the N.Y.C. Political Action for Candidates Election, a political action committee established by the National Association of Social Workers. He was honored for his leadership role in advancing social policy that enhances the social work profession, as well as for his outstanding work with city and state commissions on mental health.

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struct and direct a new Residential Treatment Center.

He has been a pioneer in developing children's mental health services and child care facilities running parallel to the comprehensive community mental health cen-

ter concept.

Dr. Koret serves on the Faculty of the University of Rochester, in both Graduate School in Psychology and the School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is Past President of the Genesee Psychological Association and the American Association of Children's Residential Centers. He is a past Board Member of the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children, assuming the Presidency of AAPSC in 1982. He is Past President of the National Consortium on Child Mental Health Services; served as Consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health; to HEW's Department of Defense and OCHAMPUS Programs; also was an Executive Committee Member on the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital for Psychiatric Facilities. Currently, he is Chairman of the Division of Accreditation for the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children; and is Chairman of the Council of Children's Mental Health Organizations. In 1983 he received the President's award from the National Associa-

tion of Private Psychiatric Hospitals.

He was on Governor Rockefeller's Committee on Children in the State of New York, and as member of a number of Boards on Child Care and Day Care Agencies has exerted a great deal of influence flowing from his interest in early child care and treatment.

He was appointed by Governor Carey in 1979 to Chair the Advisory Committee on Children and Youth to the New York State Office of Mental Health; reappointed by Governor Cuomo.

He has published numerous writings including being co-author of *"Mental Health Programs for Preschool Children."* Other writings spread from the emergence of the community mental health center for children to pseudoschizophrenia, sociotherapy, family therapy and evaluative research, residential treatment and day treatment.

Dr. Koret has submitted a two year agenda to be acted upon by the Board establishing future directions. After review it will be issued to the total membership.

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