

After almost 10 years of service, JCCA CEO and Executive Director Ron Richter announces that he will be leaving the agency in December 2025

“JCCA is an extraordinary and storied child and family serving organization,” said Ron Richter. “I am proud of what we, our board, donors, government partners, elected officials, volunteers, friends, and advisors have been able to accomplish in support of young people and families. Over the next 11 months, I will be here—alongside the talented JCCA team, our committed trustees, our remarkable volunteers, our funders and donors and friends and advisors, elected and government officials—to continue our work to support children and families, and to foster environments that ensure all children have what they need to succeed in life.”

“On behalf of JCCA’s Board of Trustees, I want to express our heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude to Ron for a decade of compassionate service to the families and children JCCA’s serve,” said Stephanie Spiegel, President, JCCA Board of Trustees. “Under Ron’s leadership, the 200-year-old agency has evolved and strengthened to prepare us to support children and families for the next 100 years.”

Ron joined JCCA in May of 2015, after serving as a New York City Family Court Judge and Commissioner of New York City’s Administration for Children’s Services (ACS). His tenure is a continuation of his career-long dedication to providing compassionate and respectful support services to at-risk children and families.

As JCCA’s CEO and Executive Director, Ron:

- 1. Ensured a brighter future for youth:** JCCA developed a new division to help ensure children’s successful, stable futures. Leadership, Education & Achievement Pathways (LEAP) works with children and adolescents from across the agency to provide academic, vocational, and life-skills support to foster long-term educational and professional success. JCCA has grown this division from just a few staff to about 80.
- 2. Increased Behavioral Health Services:** To address the mental health crisis among children, JCCA added a mental health clinic in the Bronx, a satellite clinic at Liberation Diploma Plus, a transfer school in Coney Island, and increased services provided at JCCA’s Brooklyn clinic.
- 3. Modernized the agency:** JCCA moved to new, welcoming, and bright offices in Brooklyn and the Bronx, where the agency serves over 15,000 clients and families each year. Now clients receive mental health and casework services, have supervised visits, get medical care, hang out in a teen lounge, all in an environment that communicates that they matter. It also sends a signal to staff that JCCA knows they deserve a professional, secure environment when they come to the office. JCCA is also onboarding a new electronic client record system that interfaces with a new finance system. These improvements ensure that JCCA is positioned to serve clients for decades to come. On JCCA’s residential campus, where each year the organization serves about 400 children with the most significant challenges, fundraising for phase I of a capital campaign nearing completion and a groundbreaking on a state-of-the-art Health & Wellness Center, replacing two outdated medical offices, will soon follow.

JCCA has engaged Sandler Search to lead the recruitment of our next CEO. The search is officially underway, and we invite you to explore the CEO Position Specification [here](#).