

2009 Social Worker of the Year
Maureen McLoughlin, LCSW, JD

Maureen McLoughlin, LCSW, JD, is the Director of Child Protective Services for the Nassau County Department of Social Services. She joined Child Protective Services in 1984 as a Caseworker, progressing through her tenure to Night-staff worker, Supervisor and Assistant Director before her appointment as Director in 1991.



Ms. McLoughlin is a graduate of the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Work, where she majored in Children and Family issues.

In addition to her work, Ms. McLoughlin is a frequent lecturer for both the professional and lay community on issues related to Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and family issues. She has been an Adjunct Professor at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, teaching in the School of Education, and is currently an Adjunct Professor at CW Post College in Greenvale, New York teaching Graduate Social Work students.

Ms. McLoughlin received her Law Degree from St. John's University School of Law in June 2002 and is an admitted member to the New York State Bar. Ms. McLoughlin uses her law degree to facilitate her understanding of the complex child welfare laws and to effect change around issues related to child welfare.

She has the unique distinction of being well respected by both the legal and social work professions for her knowledge, compassion and willingness to help.



NASW-NYS 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award

W. Brian Barr, LCSW, CASAC

The NYS chapter of NASW-NYS is pleased to announce William Brian Barr, LCSW, CASAC, as the recipient of our 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award.

W. Brian Barr served as Associate Deputy Commissioner in the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. He had been with OCFS since its formation in January of 1998 where he had then served as Assistant Commissioner in the New York State Department of Social Services for two years.

Barr characterizes his ten year's with the state as an executive as interesting, challenging, and filled with lessons learned and possibilities to be achieved. His prime focus had been building workforce spirit, organizational efficacy, network supports, and being responsive to the needs of the population.

Prior to joining state service ten years ago, Brian was a clinic and community service director for the LaSalle School, a residential child care agency for 28 years. He is a mental health, substance abuse expert with a strong family and children's background. Over the years the Clinic became recognized throughout the nation for attracting and sustaining an excellent team of mental health practitioners and consultants.

The Barr family experienced a deep personal tragedy when they lost their 18 year old son to suicide. Brian has been the "*Johnny Appleseed*" of the prevention movement in the suicide field, being the first to speak of suicide as a disease, the need for special treatment milieu, an empowerment prevention message and renewing dignity to those most affected by the loss of a loved one. Many people have described him as an inspiration. It was out of his desire to enhance the lives of those around him, that he authored a short inspirational book entitled, "**One Bite at a Time: Attitude Control in Daily Living**" which is available at www.authorhouse.com. Brian has also had several published articles including "*Who Cares for the Therapist*," "*Questions Teenagers Frequently Ask About Suicide*," and the "*Impact of Suicide on the Family*". Most notably in October 1998, *Prevention Magazine* featured his hard-hitting piece entitled "*Save a Teenager's Life*".

Since his earliest days in social work he has contributed to the professional field by collaborations, writing and presentations. He has been a part time instructor and supervisor with an international training organization, Dale Carnegie and Associates, for 18 years. He instructed many in house classes as well as public classes throughout the state. Human Relations, Effective Presentations and Leadership were the primary courses he and his team conducted.

Barr is an active community member serving on boards such as the United Way, Junior League Advisory Board, and is a past Rotary president. His list of honors and accolades include being a Paul Harris Fellow, Social Worker of the Year, Sister Serena Branson recipient, SuSu Women's Club honoree for community service, Administration for Children's Services Award for dedicated service to the children and families of New York City, NYS Foster/Adoptive Association award for Humanitarian Service, Partners for Prevention Substance Abuse Award, Lasallian Service award and Families Together Recognition for service to NYS families.

William Brian Barr graduated from Christian Brothers Academy High School in Albany, NY. He received his BA from St. Michaels College in Winooski, VT and earned a Masters in Social Work from Boston College in 1963.

Today, Mr. Barr serves as vice president of Senior Hope, Inc., an outpatient treatment clinic for clients 50 and over who are seeking to recover from substance abuse. Brian is married to Barbara, has two living children and three grandchildren. He is an Affiliated member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

2009 NASW-NYS Agency of the Year
ARISE Child & Family Service, Inc.



Staff of ARISE

Front row, L to R: *Kim Bender, Renee Hunter, Michelle Millman, Kristen Miguel, Carol Kavulic*
Second row, L to R: *Heather Thompson with son Gavin, Linda Louise, Bob Paganelli, Kate Remillard, Ashlee Flood*
Third row, L to R: *Jarlene Cabrera, Karen Cusano, Sandy O'Dwyer, Kristie Clancy, Maggie Olon, Maryann Piazza-Toms, Linda Pierik, Sabrina Blake, Kristy Davoli*
Back row, L to R: *Cynthia Ackles, Jodi Schafran, Margaret Arneson, Karin McCadam, Cherrie Bardot, Donna Marra*
Not pictured: *Eleanor Michaels, Brian Amidon, Cheryl Palmer, Pat Lopes*

Founded in 1979, ARISE Child and Family Service is a consumer-controlled, non-profit Independent Living Center (ILC) that promotes the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the community. As an Independent Living Center, ARISE is run by and for people with disabilities. Their programs and services advocate for and provide support to persons with

disabilities. ARISE operates based on the independent living philosophy, the belief that people with disabilities have a right to self-determination – the freedom to make choices and work toward achieving personal goals and systems change.

ARISE works with people of all ages who have all types of disabilities. Each year, ARISE serves more than 3,000 people from their offices which are located in three Central New York counties: Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego.

ARISE's core services include peer counseling, independent living skills training, information and referral, and individual and systems advocacy. They also offer a broad range of programs beyond these core services, each designed to support independent living and community integration. Their mental health services are delivered with a person-centered approach that builds on inherent strengths to develop maximum independence and improve quality of life for children, adults, and families. All of their programs are consumer directed, maximizing choice and opportunities for the people they serve.

ARISE also works with community organizations, businesses, and government, advocating for increased public accommodation and accessibility.

ARISE's main office is located in Syracuse, New York. We have satellite offices located in Oswego, Pulaski, and Oneida, New York. ARISE at the Farm, which is committed to furthering integrated, accessible recreation, is located in Chittenango, NY.