



## n e w s   r e l e a s e

**For immediate release – May 12, 2021**

**Media Contact:**

Angela McGettigan, Director of Community Relations & Development

Angela [@NOVABucks.org](mailto:Angela@NOVABucks.org)

215.343.6543

### **NETWORK OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WELCOMES NEW CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DIRECTOR**

**(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.)** Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) is pleased to welcome Deidre Arabadjis, as the new Director of the Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center (Bucks CAC). The CAC is a service of NOVA, established in 2008, to manage a coordinated and multidisciplinary response to reports of suspected child sexual and physical abuse in Bucks County.

Arabadjis brings to the CAC many years of experience in the field of victims' advocacy. She established and managed the Monmouth County Family Justice Center in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The center provided multi-disciplinary services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The county's prosecutor's office, law enforcement, mental health providers and civil legal service all collaborated in this center to assist victims as their case went through the criminal justice system.

Arabadjis also worked for 180 Turning Lives Around, a program of the Monmouth County Family Justice Center, where she managed client services for its residential facility and developed the volunteer/intern program. Prior to her work in victim advocacy, she worked in sales and marketing at Fortune 50 technology companies. For over a decade, Arabadjis was responsible for overseeing global accounts and negotiating enterprise-wide contracts.

-more-



## n e w s      r e l e a s e

-continued-

“Deidre demonstrates the foundational characteristics of a leader -- humility, empathy, learning agility and courage,” said Penny Ettinger, Executive Director of NOVA. “Deidre, together with the multidisciplinary team and the CAC staff, will ensure that the most vulnerable, at-risk children and teens receive the services they need to begin their healing from abuse.”

Arabadjis earned her undergraduate degree from Monmouth University in Computer Science and a Masters in Counseling from Kean University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in New Jersey and an Approved Clinical Supervisor. Arabadjis is also trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), a type of psychotherapy that utilizes a person’s eye movements to lessen the power of disturbing memories of traumatic events. This type of therapy is used to treat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

###

### **ABOUT NOVA**

Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasie. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit [www.NOVABucks.org](http://www.NOVABucks.org).

### **Editor’s Note:**

#### **Photo & Caption courtesy of NOVA:**

Deidre Arabadjis has joined Network of Victim Assistance as Director of the Children’s

-more-



## n e w s      r e l e a s e

-continued-

Advocacy Center (Bucks CAC). Arabadjis brings many years of experience in the field of victim advocacy to the NOVA team.

