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## **KIRK M. LEWIS SELECTED AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT SCHENECTADY ARC**

SCHENECTADY, NY, MAY 23, 2011: The Schenectady ARC Board of Directors recently announced that they have completed their search for the next Executive Director of Schenectady ARC. **Kirk M. Lewis** was unanimously selected as the Executive Director for Schenectady ARC.

Kirk's experience in the field and with Schenectady ARC, along with his professionalism and strong leadership skills, make him an excellent selection for leading Schenectady ARC forward.

Kirk's involvement with the agency began when he was a teen and had volunteered at the ARC. He first worked for Schenectady ARC after graduating from college, as a case worker, recreation aide, house manager at a residence and eventually assistant director. Lewis has also volunteered on numerous committees, and the board of directors. After law school, and a stint in private

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practice in Albany, he re-joined the staff at Schenectady ARC as General Counsel in 1999.

His appointment will be effective on July 1, 2011.

"The board feels strongly that Kirk's appointment is the first step in continuing a strong tradition of stability, and excellent leadership at Schenectady ARC," said Mary Otter, board president. "Our success in achieving our goal of providing the highest quality supports and services for people with developmental disabilities has been achieved through the invaluable efforts of individuals such as Kirk Lewis who dedicate so much time to this field and the individuals we serve," Otter continued.

Lewis resides in Scotia with his wife and two children.

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**About Schenectady ARC -**

Schenectady ARC is dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by providing a wide variety of custom tailored services to meet each individual's needs. We believe partnerships in our community create the power for people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play as fulfilled members of society. Schenectady ARC is a Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., and a member of The Arc of the United States.