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COMMUNITY OPTIONS APPOINTS COLLEEN HOFFMAN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

PRINCETON, NJ – (**July 25, 2014**) Earlier this week, Community Options, Inc. named Colleen Hoffman the new Executive Director in Southern New Jersey.

Hoffman will provide oversight to Community Options' operations in Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland and Gloucester County. She will oversee six of the 102 group homes Community Options operates in the state of New Jersey.

Hoffman earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Bradley University. The Vineland, NJ native possesses over 12 years experience working in the field of human services including program development for people with disabilities moving from institutions.

"I'm excited to have Colleen join the Community Options' team," said Community Options Regional VP of New Jersey, Svetlana Repic-Qira. "She has a great deal of experience transitioning people out of state institutions into their own homes in the community. I'm confident her knowledge and advocacy will assist us to continue our mission to provide housing and employment to people with disabilities."

Hoffman will play an integral part in Community Options' participation in Return Home New Jersey and Olmstead initiatives. Return Home New Jersey (RHNJ) brings adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities back to New Jersey from out-of-state centers. Many of these people were placed out of state as students with special needs and who transitioned into costly, congregate residential facilities upon graduation. The Olmstead Initiative is the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities' plan for moving 1,850 residents from its seven developmental centers into the community over eight years, which began in May of 2007.

Community Options, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization that provides housing and employment supports to thousands of people with disabilities and are proud to be a part of New Jersey's initiatives to better serve the needs of those with disabilities.

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For over 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities. Currently the 5th largest non-profit in New Jersey, Community Options operates with a budget over \$96 million and serves thousands of people with disabilities through 38 offices across 8 states. Providing advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities, Community Options believes that all people –regardless of disability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice, and self-determination. A registered PVO with USAID, Community Options is also the pioneer of innovative programs for people with disabilities in the Middle East, Russia, and South America. Please visit our website at www.comop.org.

Robert Stack, Founder, President and CEO, available for comment. If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview, please call (609) 352-5280 or e-mail Kathryn at Kathryn.Sampson@comop.org.