

ANDREW MALEKOFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO | NORTH SHORE CHILD AND FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER

to attend Adelphi University School of Social Work where he earned a Masters in Social Work (MSW) with a concentration on working with groups. He is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Credentialed Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC).

In addition to his work at the Guidance Center, Malekoff is a prolific writer and winner of two Folio journalism awards. He has been editor of *Social Work with Groups*, a journal of community & clinical practice, since 1990.

Among his hundreds of professional publications, including 12 books and monographs, is the internationally acclaimed "Group Work with Adolescents: Principles and Practice" (Guilford Press), now in its 3rd Edition. The book was a main selection of the Behavioral Science Book Club and has been a top choice in universities for decades. Malekoff has also written hundreds of newspaper columns and op ed pieces, including for Blank Slate Media in *The Island Now* publications.

Malekoff has taught at Adelphi

and NYU graduate schools of social work, lectured across the U.S. and Canada and conceived and implemented many action-oriented research-advocacy projects since the 1980s; most recently regarding mental health parity, discrimination & universal access to care.

Malekoff is a longtime member of the board of directors of the International Association for Social Work with Groups. He was chairman of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Long Beach in 2004-5. He is married to Dale, a high school art teacher. They live in Long Beach and have two adult sons.

North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center is the pre-eminent not-for-profit children's mental health agency on Long Island, the Guidance Center is dedicated to restoring and strengthening the emotional well-being of children and their families. A highly trained staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, vocational rehabilitation counselors and other mental health professionals lead the way in diagnosis, treatment, prevention,

training, parent education, research and advocacy.

The Guidance Center helps children and families address issues such as depression and anxiety; developmental delays; bullying; teen pregnancy; sexual abuse; teen drug and alcohol use; and family crises stemming from illness, death, trauma and divorce.

The Guidance Center was a FEMA-funded responder to major disasters such as the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on America and Superstorm Sandy in 2012. Since the March 2020 Covid-19 outbreak in America, North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center has made a seamless transition from on-site mental health care to telehealth in order to meet the needs of thousands of children and families who have been experiencing increased anxiety and depression during this perilous time.

For 68 years, the Guidance Center has been a place of hope and healing, providing innovative and compassionate treatment to all who enter its doors, regardless of their ability to pay. ■



Andrew Malekoff is chief executive officer for North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center, the leading nonprofit children's mental health agency on Long Island, where he has worked for 45 years.

He is a 1973 graduate of Rutgers University where he earned a BA, majoring in economics. At Rutgers he was a linebacker and captain of the 1972 football team. He also competed in wrestling, lacrosse and rugby; and, volunteered as a big brother for Rutgers Community Action, a community service program.

Malekoff has worked in human services since 1974 when he joined Volunteers in Service to America. In VISTA, he worked in a Mexican-American community in Grand Island, Nebraska. His work involved youth development and drug and alcohol prevention.

He was next employed by the Mid-Nebraska Community Mental Health Center as a drug-counselor coordinator and also served as a youth educator for the Nebraska School for Alcohol Studies.

In August 1976, he left Nebraska



The Board of Directors and staff at North Shore Child & Family Guidance Center congratulate our Executive Director/CEO **Andrew Malekoff** as a **Top Business Leader of Nassau County!**



His 45 years of dedication to our organization and to children's mental health has been instrumental in bringing hope and healing to Long Island families.