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**BROADLAWNS ADDS EXPERT IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY**

## **Deanna Boesen, MD, Joins Broadlawns**

Des Moines, December 20, 2007 – Broadlawns Medical Center announced today that Deanna Boesen, M.D., has been named Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the Medicine and Addiction Department.

“With an estimated one in five children suffering from a mental health disorder, we are particularly pleased to welcome Dr. Boesen and her expertise to Broadlawns Medical Center,” said Vincent Mandracchia, D.P.M., M.H.A., Chief Medical Officer of Broadlawns. “Her experience in child and adolescent psychiatry is a valuable addition to the mental health services that we provide to our patients and the community.”

Dr. Boesen brings nearly two decades of experience in child and adolescent psychiatry to her position at Broadlawns. She offers particular strength and expertise in the area of attention deficient hyperactivity disorders.

Dr. Boesen said she decided to join Broadlawns because she was impressed by the outpatient clinic. “The quality of their staff and the atmosphere of the clinic really set the clinic apart. The providers and the support staff offer outstanding services while they treat patients with respect and friendliness,” Dr. Boesen said.

A graduate of the University of Colorado with majors in speech pathology and audiology, and psychology, Dr. Boesen also graduated from Northwestern University with a Masters in audiology, and attended Drake University in pre-medicine. She received her medical degree from the University of Iowa, where she completed her child psychiatry fellowship in 1990. She recently completed continuing education at Harvard University to learn the latest research and protocols for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

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Since 1990, Dr. Boesen has worked as a child psychiatrist in Des Moines and will continue to practice part-time in her private clinic.

With a history that reaches back to 1903 as a community health center, Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow's health care professionals. Today, Broadlawns Medical Center is composed of:

- An acute care community hospital serving medical, surgical, mental health and primary care needs
- A 60-member physician practice overseeing numerous specialty clinics and outpatient services
- Broadlawns Family Medicine Residency Program, which graduates physician leaders who today serve in 22 of Iowa's 99 counties

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Between 7 and 12 Million American youth suffer from mental, behavioral, or developmental disorders at any given time. [www.AACAP.org](http://www.AACAP.org) American Academy of Child Adolescent Psychiatry