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### **National Council on Crime and Delinquency announces new President**

The Board of Directors of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) is pleased to announce that Executive Vice President Christopher Baird has accepted the position of President of the organization, effective December 1, 2009. Mr. Baird becomes the sixth president of NCCD.

Mr. Baird has served as vice president at NCCD since 1988. He has directed the Midwest office since 1985, working in juvenile justice, adult corrections, and child welfare. From 1993 to 1997 he served as the director of NCCD's Children's Research Center, which has had a profound influence on child welfare operations in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Mr. Baird has designed risk assessment, classification, and case management systems for child welfare, adult probation and parole, and juvenile justice systems. He developed and managed the National Institute of Corrections Model Probation and Parole program, which was implemented in 31 state agencies and hundreds of county probation departments throughout the United States. Mr. Baird has authored numerous journal articles and other publications on research, program development, and management issues in child welfare, juvenile justice, and corrections. In 1992 he received the University of Cincinnati Award from the American Probation and Parole Association for outstanding research contributions to the field. In 2001 he and colleague Dennis Wagner received the Pro Humanitate Literary Award for "The Relative Validity of Actuarial and Consensus-based Risk Assessment Systems" from the North American Resource Center for Child Welfare. In 2004 he received the Grace B. Flandreau Award for his contributions to child welfare. His educational background includes a master's degree in economics.

Hubert Locke, chair of NCCD's Board of Directors, stated, "We are immensely pleased that Chris Baird has accepted the Board's invitation to become president of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Chris brings an exceptional record of research and advocacy in the criminal justice field. We look forward, under Chris's guidance, to an exciting new era for one of the nation's most esteemed criminal justice organizations."

Mr. Baird succeeds Dr. Barry Krisberg, who has served as president since 1983. Under Dr. Krisberg's leadership, NCCD grew significantly, expanding its role to include the fields of child welfare, education, and adult protective services. During his tenure as president, Dr. Krisberg created the NCCD Center for Girls and Young Women and the Center on Culture, Immigration, and Youth Violence Prevention. Dr. Krisberg will continue his work with NCCD as a Distinguished Senior Fellow.

NCCD, founded in 1907, is a nonprofit organization that promotes effective, humane, fair, and economically sound solutions to family, community, and justice problems. NCCD conducts research; promotes reform initiatives; and seeks to work with individuals, public and private organizations, and the media to prevent and reduce crime and delinquency.