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George Kovarie Retirement

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Following thirty-one years of dedicated service to Berks County, George Kovarie has announced his retirement as Executive Director of Children and Youth Services, a position he has held since 1990. Throughout his distinguished career, George maintained a keen focus upon the welfare of endangered children as measured by successful outcomes involving cost-effective services to remediate and reunify troubled families, emphasis of kinship over institutional care, and where necessary, termination of parental rights followed by adoption. In fact, during his tenure, Children and Youth happily completed 1,175 adoptions.

Spurning excessive bureaucracy and paperwork, George ran a lean organization, establishing a statewide reputation for efficiency using innovative time studies to challenge wasteful regulation, and by optimizing limited resources through flexible allocation of State funding streams. In addition, George improved the depth and proficiency of his loyal staff through incentives for post-graduate education, resulting in 78 master's degrees.

In recognition of the foregoing and other career accomplishments, the Berks County Commissioners commend and congratulate George Kovarie, and wish him well in all his future endeavors.