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Executive Director Appointed at Connecticut Council for Education Reform

BOSTON January 23, 2012 – Nonprofit Professionals Advisory Group is pleased to announce that Rae Ann Knopf has been named Executive Director for the Connecticut Council for Education Reform. The search was completed by Alison Falk, Vice President and Allison Kupfer Poteet, Associate Vice President.

Most recently, Ms. Knopf served as the Deputy Commissioner of Education Transformation and Innovation for the Vermont Department of Education. She has a broad range of experience in the field of education and has a proven track record of initiating successful education reform efforts throughout her career. As Deputy Commissioner, Ms. Knopf led a restructuring of the Vermont Department of Education and a redesign of the state's outdated system of standards and accountability with an eye toward closing achievement gaps and providing high-quality educational opportunities to all of the state's students. She also fostered strong collaboration among Vermont's education stakeholders, which allowed the Green Mountain State to have a say in some of President Barack Obama's recent national education reforms.

Prior to this, Ms. Knopf held Executive Director and senior Marketing and Program roles at Aspen Education Group, The Brown Schools, and VisionQuest National. She holds a Master of Social Work from the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Science, Mathematics and Computer Science, from Western Michigan University.

"Rae Ann Knopf is the perfect leader at the perfect time," said Peyton R. Patterson, Chair of the CT Council for Education Reform. "Her experience guiding teams in results-oriented education reform efforts will serve us extremely well. Rae Ann understands the reform issues we are focused on here in Connecticut and she is the right person to establish CCER as a leading voice in the education reform movement." [Continue to read the full press release issued by CCER.](#)

About Connecticut Council for Education Reform

Launched in July of 2011 to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the Connecticut Commission on Educational Achievement, the Connecticut Council for Education Reform (CCER) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for comprehensive education reform. Established and championed by business and civic leaders, CCER's mission is to close Connecticut's achievement gap while raising academic outcomes for all students. For more information about CCER, please visit www.ctedreform.org.

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