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## **Kids Hope United names new assistant director for child development center**

**WAUKEGAN, Ill. (Feb. 14, 2008)**—Pickus Infant and Toddler Center, a program of Kids Hope United, has named Pamela Hoover as its new assistant director. Hoover brings more than 15 years of experience in the child development field as well as her passion for working with children.

Her previous professional experience includes serving as the director of the Bright Horizons Center at Motorola Day Care Center. She also has experience working in several programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

She has embraced the Respectful Infant Educators (RIE) model and, as a result, can create respectful infant and toddler environments and interactions in the programs in which she is involved.

“Pamela brings a wealth of great experience to our child development center,” said Beth Lakier, Kids Hope United senior vice president. “We are very fortunate to have someone like Pamela join our team and we welcome her to the Kids Hope United family.”

Hoover has a Bachelor of Science in child development from Northern Illinois University and is currently in the Early Childhood Master’s Certification Program at Roosevelt University.

The Pickus Infant and Toddler Center, located at 1020 Glen Rock Ave. in Waukegan, provides child care for up to 24 infants of parenting teens while they attend high school. The center works in partnership with Waukegan High School. It is one of six child development centers operated by Kids Hope United. For more information, call 847.625.7915.

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### **About Kids Hope United**

Kids Hope United is a private human service organization dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families. Kids Hope United offers a diverse array of prevention, intervention and community-based programs. Kids Hope United also specializes in child welfare system management, reform, consultation and training. With principal offices in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Florida, Kids Hope United serves more than 15,000 children and their families across the country each year. For more information, visit [www.kidshopeunited.org](http://www.kidshopeunited.org).

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