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**PITTSBURGH MERCY**  
**WELCOMES NEW CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRIST**  
***Now accepting referrals for child & adolescent mental health services***

**PITTSBURGH (September 10, 2019)** – To meet increased community need for child and adolescent mental health services, [Pittsburgh Mercy](http://PittsburghMercy.org), a community health and wellness provider, is pleased to welcome **Michael S. Blastos, MD**, a board-certified psychiatrist who will practice child and adolescent psychiatry. Dr. Blastos will specialize in helping children and adolescents, ages 5 through 18 years lead healthy, successful lives in the community.

Starting in October 2019, Dr. Blastos will be available to see children, adolescents, and young adults, for mental health assessments and medication management appointments at Pittsburgh Mercy, 1200 Reedsdale Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 (North Shore).

Dr. Blastos is certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is board-eligible in child and adolescent psychiatry as of August 2019. He studied at American University of Antigua College of Medicine in Antigua, West Indies, and is a graduate of International American University College of Medicine in St. Lucia, West Indies. He went on to serve as co-chief resident and complete his residency in general psychiatry in June 2017 at Allegheny Health Network's Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Institute in Pittsburgh, where he completed a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry in August 2019.

Dr. Blastos is a member of the Pittsburgh Psychiatric Society and the American Psychiatric Association. He was commissioned into the U.S. Navy Reserve Medical Service Corps as a lieutenant in March of 2016 and currently holds the rank of lieutenant commander.

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He has previously served as a crisis clinician in the mobile division of Resolve Crisis Services and as a nurse aide on the schizophrenia and mood disorders inpatient units at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic. Dr. Blastos also served as a volunteer medical advisor for a weekly walk-in clinic with the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless.

Dr. Blastos grew up in the Point Breeze/Homewood area of Pittsburgh. He resides in Pittsburgh's eastern suburbs with his wife and two children.

"We chose to return to Pittsburgh for residency/fellowship after medical school to be close to our parents and be available for them as they grow older – and also because we love what Pittsburgh has to offer our family," he said.

His interests include being a dad and husband, working on home improvement projects, and cooking. He and his wife are volunteers at an annual fundraiser for The Midwife Center for Birth and Women's Health, located in the Strip District, and they are active members of the Pittsburgh Greek Orthodox community.

To schedule an appointment or make a referral, please call 412-323-8026.

For more information about child and adolescent services at Pittsburgh Mercy, please visit [www.pittsburghmercy.org](http://www.pittsburghmercy.org).

### ***About Pittsburgh Mercy***

[Pittsburgh Mercy](http://www.pittsburghmercy.org), a member of [Trinity Health](http://www.trinityhealth.org), serving in the tradition of the [Sisters of Mercy](http://www.sistersofmercy.org), is a person-centered, population-based, trauma-informed community health and wellness provider. Pittsburgh Mercy is one of the largest employers and the only Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Mercy includes Bethlehem Haven, McAuley Ministries, Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Community Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program, Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net<sup>®</sup>, and Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center. Together, these Pittsburgh Mercy programs and their 1,700 employees serve more than 33,000 individuals annually at more than 60 locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To learn more about Pittsburgh Mercy or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit [www.pittsburghmercy.org](http://www.pittsburghmercy.org).

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***Editor's note:*** Dr. Blastos' photo is available upon request.