Ronald Richter, a Queens family court judge who previously led New York City's Administration for Children's Services, will step down from the bench in May to become CEO of Jewish Child Care Association.

In his new role, Richter, 50, will oversee a nonprofit serving about 16,000 children and families annually, with 1,400 staff and an annual budget of $110 million. JCCA's programs for children in the greater New York area include foster care, mental health and preventive services, residential treatment, services to recent immigrants, education and services to children with special needs.

"I am eager to get back to being involved in child welfare and juvenile justice policy and practice, and JCCA is a fantastic agency," said Richter in an interview. "This was a terrific opportunity for me to move back into that world."

Richter was commissioner of New York City's Administration for Children's Services from September 2011 until the end of the Bloomberg administration in 2013 and served as New York City's Family Services Coordinator in 2008.

Richter, who was a longtime attorney at Legal Aid Society, has been appointed twice as a Queens family court judge, most recently in January 2014 and overseeing custody and family offense cases.

On May 18, he will succeed retiring JCCA CEO Richard Altman, who joined the organization in 1980 and became its CEO in 2003. Richter said he will focus the first six months in the position on getting to know JCCA, its staff and the people it serves. He said he also plans to work with the private sector on fundraising for JCCA's programs.