



## News Release

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### ***Karen Buckner Promoted to Clinical Director of Children's Community Services***

Naples, FL – The David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce the promotion of Karen Buckner to Clinical Director of Children's Community Services. In this position, she will oversee children's case management, prevention and education, therapeutic behavioral onsite services, the Behavioral Health Network, Wrap Around Collier, and the new Community Action Team programs.

In addition to community based-prevention education and outreach, Children's Community Services treatment services are dedicated to providing community-based support for children with mental health disorders with the overall goal that they may achieve a maximum level of independence in the least restrictive setting per their ability and need. Children in these programs generally have a history with the mental health system and are offered an array of treatment services to assist with mental health disorders and co-existing deficits in one or more areas of functioning. They often have multiple losses in their immediate support system and numerous needs that require a variety of services and/or resources to meet those needs.

Buckner joined the David Lawrence Center in 1997 as a Children's Case Manager for a Children's Community Services school-based treatment and education program which was a joint effort between Collier County Public Schools, the Juvenile Justice System, and David Lawrence Center. She was then promoted to Clinical Supervisor of the children's inpatient psychiatric program, and most recently to Children's Outpatient Services Clinical Supervisor where she worked with children, adolescents, and families, supervised therapist, mentored student interns and contributed to ongoing program development by creating innovative services and programs.

In 2002 and 2009 Buckner was honored with the Leadership Award, and in 2006 she was named Employee of the Year and earned a Program Service Excellence Award. She believes

whole-heartedly in DLC's mission to achieve wellness through balance, and makes the conscious effort to live the organizations beliefs, mission and vision and serve as a role model.

Buckner earned her bachelor of science degree in psychology and social work from Illinois State University. She completed her Masters in Social Work at Florida Gulf Coast University while working full time with David Lawrence Center and praises her education for providing her with the practical experience that she uses on a daily basis. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker

David Lawrence Center is the Southwest Florida-based, not-for-profit leading provider of behavioral health solutions dedicated to inspiring and creating life-changing wellness for every individual. The Center provides innovative, comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, residential and community based prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 30,000 people each year. For more information about David Lawrence Center call 239-455-8500 or visit [www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org).

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