

CSHCS INFO #36-2023 - Announcement - New CSHCS Family Center Manager

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Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Jane Pilditch has accepted the Manager position for the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Jane is an experienced leader with proven history of managing projects and teams. She is the parent of a son with special healthcare needs with over 25 years of experience elevating the family voice in programs serving children and families and working to create stronger systems of care for vulnerable children and populations.

For the past 9 years, Jane has been employed at the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). She started as a Parent Mentor working on the Parent Leadership in State Government Initiative and the Michigan Family to Family Health Information Center. She was promoted to Project Coordinator, then Senior Project Manager, and then to the Associate Director for the Center for Strategic Health Partnerships. Her projects and affiliations have included Newborn Screening Initiatives, Midwest Genetics Network, The Parent Network, Metabolic Foods Family Workgroup, CSHCS Advisory Committee, Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council, Okemos Special Education Parent Group, Ingham Intermediate School District Parent Advisory Council, and the National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks. Jane also has experience as an Education Advocate and Project Coordinator with an ARC in Pennsylvania, as well as experience as a state employee working for the Michigan Senate.

Jane's experiences as a parent and advocate for her son with special needs and medical fragility, along with her professional experiences, provide her with a unique blend of skills and experiences that have prepared her to be the next leader for the Family Center. Jane's first day with the CSHCS Family Center will be June 26th. Please join me in welcoming Jane to the CSHCS Team.

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