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The Center for Youth and Family Solutions Announces the Appointment of New Board Members

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Peoria, Ill. June 26th, 2020 – **The Center for Youth and Family Solutions**, is pleased to announce the appointment of three new Board members:

Mary Byram

Mary Byram is from the Quad Cities area and brings her experience in sales, human resources, and public relations to our board. Mary is an Executive Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist with AstraZeneca, winning various awards - most recently the first recipient of the Chicago Peer Recognition Program. She has provided training programs on sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, team building and time management. An active community volunteer, Mary has worked with Junior Achievement, Handicapped Development Center, American Heart Association, United Way and Catholic Charities.

Darlene Prince

Darlene Prince brings extensive social work and human service administration experience to the board. Darlene has a bachelor's degree in Sociology, a Master's in Human Services, and is currently pursuing her PhD. Darlene has over 30 years of experience in Illinois and Georgia in the areas of HIV/AIDS, Mass Incarceration, Foster Care, and serving the Developmentally Disabled population. Currently, Darlene is a Clinical Medical Case manager with AID Atlanta, Inc. In addition, she serves as board co-chair of a 501 c3 non-profit entitled THE RE-ENTRY CONNECTION INC, where for the past 10 years she has assisted in the mentoring of formerly and currently incarcerated women. With each person she meets, Darlene attempts to instill hope and a greater sense of pride as they attempt to survive life's challenging journey.

T.J. Williams

As a central Illinois local coach, trainer, and mentor, T.J. Williams brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our board. He is the owner of TJ Trained Wrestling Facility in Morton, IL. T.J. trains youth and high school age athletes year round in the sport of wrestling. He is a mentor and role model to youth, high school and college wrestlers. In addition, T.J. is the head wrestling coach at Tremont high school in Tremont, IL. One of his top goals and expectations for student-athletes is to graduate high school and apply their wrestling knowledge & training in their everyday lives. TJ's personal accolades include being a two-time NCAA champion and a three-time Big 10 champion at the University of Iowa.

Executive Director Trish Fox stated, “All three of our new Board members are strongly aligned with our agency values and our board’s guiding belief in the capacity of people to work together to successfully address challenges and achieve solutions. We are very grateful to be adding their unique experience and expertise to our CYFS team.”

For a full listing of The Center for Youth and Family Solutions board and finance committee, click [here](#).

CYFS is a not-for-profit social services agency that works with families who have been impacted by trauma, grief and loss, abuse and neglect, and other significant family life challenges. The organization provides foster care and adoption services; behavioral health counseling; crisis pregnancy counseling; intact family intervention; residential services for youth; senior services; and youth, family, and community outreach services. Its mission is to engage and serve children and families in need with dignity, compassion, and respect by building upon individual and community strengths to resolve life challenges. **CYFS has 11 offices across Illinois, and annually serves nearly 4,300 individuals in the Rock Island area, 8,000 families in 37 counties, and over 20,000 individuals statewide.**

For more information on The Center for Youth and Family Solutions, please visit www.cyfsolutions.org or contact Celeste Matheson at 309-323-6619.

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