



December 2018

This year has brought many changes to our agency. We welcome Ashley Bale and Lydia Keplinger to our DD program, Tabitha (Millsaps) Curtis and Sierra Loski to our Foster Care Program, and Melvena Knight to our Family Based Mental Health Program. With all of these great additions to our staff, we also said goodbye to Marsha Knoll, Sherri Holmes, and Johnnie Kayhoe. With all of these staff changes, we had to do some moving around of staff to different buildings. All of our DD staff are now located in the Visiting House, while our Foster Care, FBMHS, and Adoption staff are in the clinical building. We also welcomed many new families to our agency as well. Two of our families were recognized for their recruiting efforts and received the \$100 bonus. Congratulations to Tammy Wood and Jen Zeek! It was great to see so many families at the annual Christmas Party. We had about 115 people there! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, and I look forward to seeing you at the summer picnic in June. I really appreciate each one of you. You all do a great job at caring for and supporting the individuals we serve. Thank you for everything! Have a wonderful holiday season. Each program director wrote a little something to all of you below:



~Kristen Fisher, Clinical Director

The Family Based program would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I would like to take the time to introduce our new Family Based Worker, Melvena Knight. We are pleased and excited to have her as part of our team! It has been such a blessing to be part of Family Care Services. Thank you to all the staff and caregivers for everything you do. It's truly appreciated! May your holiday and New Year be filled with joy, love, and blessings!



~Angela M. Ciccarelli, BA, CMHW (Family Based Director & MH Professional)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the foster care and adoption and permanency programs! It's been a busy year with a lot of changes. Thanks for bearing with us! While I already knew you through adoption and permanency and working as a client supervisor, I'm now your contact as the Foster Care Program Director. We welcomed Tabitha and Sierra onto our foster care staff, and both have been a great addition to the team. They bring experience from behavioral health services, Head Start, and childcare. All of our staff works hard as they care for our clients and care about our resource families. Congratulations to our 2018 adoptive families! You adopted five children this year! That means five more children now have forever families! Many thanks to all of you who provide permanency to children and to all of you who provide love and care on a temporary basis, and to those of you who don't know yet whether your placements will be temporary or forever. Loving children who are hurting, and working with broken families, is a hard job, and we are so grateful for your willingness to invest in their lives, even when it may add stress to your own. We know that there can be lots of appointments, lots of visits, lots of loss, and sometimes lots of confusion. There are also lots of memories, lots of steps in the right direction, lots of learning and growing, and lots of love flowing into kids. It all makes a difference. You make a difference. We value you and hope that you remember that throughout the year. Best wishes for a blessed holiday season!



~Andrea Adams, Foster Care and Permanency Programs Director

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our business in a most significant way. Our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible and we sincerely appreciate your friendship and goodwill. We value our relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year to come. It is in this spirit that we say...Thank you and we wish you a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity!

~Tony Fisher, DD Program Director



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