

PRESS RELEASE

EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services Announces New Organization Chart

Innovative services have created opportunities to better serve our community.

Twin Cities, MN, May 4, 2017: EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services today announced that innovative services have allowed the agency to increase child-focused adoption, foster care, pregnancy, family and youth services throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Even though fiscal years 2015 and 2016 ended with gaps of around \$200,000, EVOLVE is on schedule to end fiscal year 2017 over \$30,000 in the positive.

After the merger of two long-time community service agencies and the decline of international adoption, EVOLVE decided to invest in the family services side of the agency. Envisioning the future through a child-focused lens led the EVOLVE Board of Directors and then Executive Director, Nicole Deters, to develop partnerships with counties to support our community through foster care and family preservation services. These partnerships are examples of community service providers joining together in the best interests of children and families.

In the 2016 Annual Report, Ms. Deters shared, "We celebrate four decades of building, serving and strengthening families." She went on to state, "EVOLVE is on a path leading us to achievable and impactful positive outcomes for our agency and the community we serve. Connect with us during this exciting time for EVOLVE because we are dedicated to making the next 40 years of community service the best ever."

EVOLVE's new organization chart includes promoting Nicole Deters from Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer and Jackie Craig, previously Communications Director, to Chief Operating Officer. In addition, two leaders from our St. Paul office have been added to our management team. The organization will be hiring a Program Director and several staff members to fulfill contract obligations and continue to provide pioneering and collaborative child-focused services, including an emphasis on non-judgmental pregnancy and birth parent services.

Headquartered in Stillwater, MN, EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services envisions a world where everyone has nurturing, permanent and supportive family relationships. We accomplish this by providing ethical, high quality adoption and foster care programs, pregnancy services, child-focused recruitment, family support and therapeutic services.