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## **ODMHSAS APPOINTS CHILDREN'S RECOVERY CENTER DIRECTOR**

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has appointed long-time employee Teresa Capps to lead the agency's Children's Recovery Center in Norman.

Capps has been serving as interim director for several months.

Carrie Slatton-Hodges, ODMHSAS Deputy Commissioner for Recovery and Treatment Services, said Capps brings compassion, a wealth of knowledge and years of service to her new position.

"Her dedication to children's behavioral health services, loyalty and demonstrated professionalism are unsurpassed," she said. "These are just a few of the many leadership qualities she exhibits that really stand out. We are confident in her skills and know she will help ODMHSAS move forward with its mission of ensuring that all Oklahomans in need of mental health and substance abuse services have access to services."

CRC is a 55-bed residential inpatient facility for adolescents with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. It is one of only a few "sanctuary certified" children's centers in the nation, which focuses not only on recovery from mental illness and addiction, but also on addressing unresolved trauma that may have impacted a child's life.

Capps, a native of Pauls Valley, was project director for the Cleveland and McClain County Systems of Care, based out of Central Oklahoma Community Health Center in Norman, for more than 10 years before accepting the interim director position at CRC in December of 2012. She also was director of children's mental health services at COCMHC from January 1992 until present. She

has both a bachelor's and a master's degree in education, with a counseling emphasis, from the University of Oklahoma. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor through the Oklahoma Department of Health.

Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the ODMHSAS Outstanding Children's Supervisor award in 1993 and 2001, the C.V. Ramana Award in 2006, and the ODMHSAS Commissioner's Award for Excellence in 2008. In 2012, she received the Wayne Martin Award from the Mary Abbott Children's House. This award recognizes the recipient for his or her advocacy work on behalf of children.

Capps is extremely active in the Norman community. She is a member of the BridgeView United Methodist Church, Staff-Parish Relations Committee; a member of the Cleveland County Juvenile Drug Court Team; Mary Abbott Children's House, Child Abuse, Response and Treatment Team; City of Norman Transportation Committee; City of Norman ECHO 2015 Committee; the Safety Task Force at Norman Public Schools; and commissioner of the City of Norman Social and Voluntary Services Commission;

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