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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY AND PROTECTION CENTER ANNOUNCES HIRING OF NEW DIRECTOR

CONOVER -- The Board of the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center of Catawba County has announced the hiring of Nancy Hughes as the agency's new executive director.

The public is invited to meet the new director at a reception to be held at 3-5 p.m. Feb. 12 at the CAPC, located at 1007 First Ave. South, Conover.

Hughes has extensive experience in non-profit management and children's issues. Most recently, she served as a consultant to the Foundation For The Carolinas, researching and writing a comprehensive community needs assessment on childhood hunger in Mecklenburg County.

From 2006 to 2013, she served as senior vice president of Child Care Resources Inc., a child care resource and referral agency in Charlotte. In this job, she served as liaison to the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services for the administration of its child care subsidy program as well as several other grant-funded early care and education initiatives. She also guided the creation and implementation of a three-year, state-wide project designed to deliver professional development and coaching to child care center directors on leadership and management best practices.

From 1998 to 2006, she served as the founding executive director of Partnership for Children of Johnston County. In this position, she directed implementation of the state-funded Smart Start and More at Four programs.

Hughes has a master of public administration degree from N.C. State University and a bachelor of science degree in home economics/foods and nutrition from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. In addition, she holds a certificate in nonprofit management from Duke University.



She has held many volunteer leadership positions related to business and child care in the communities where she has lived. Hughes grew up in Catawba County and is happy to continue her child advocacy career in the county she considers home.

Vickie Martin, chair of the CAPC Board said: "On behalf of the CAPC Board of Directors, we are excited to begin a new journey with Nancy. She is joining the CAPC at a time when leadership is vital to the ongoing operations of the organization. Nancy brings a wealth of knowledge in providing for the care of children. We are confident that she will integrate her previous involvement in the care of children and the management of nonprofit organizations into serving our organization's needs. We look forward to a long and rewarding relationship."

The CAPC works with law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and Catawba County Social Services to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse. The non-profit agency also provides several types of training related to child safety. For more information about the CAPC, go to catawbacountycac.org or call 828-465-9296.

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