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**LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES APPOINTS NEW SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY OPERATIONS**  
*NEW LEADER BRINGS EXTENSIVE SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE*

Monique Busch, Ph.D. will join **Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)** on March 19, 2008 to serve as the Senior Director of Community Operations. Dr. Busch serves as the Outcome Project Coordinator for IARCCA...Indiana Association of Child and Family Services' Institute for Excellence, Outcome Project Expansion, funded by a Lilly Endowment grant. Dr. Busch coordinated all aspects of the project for 64 in state and 5 out-of-state agencies. She is a published author with 20 years of social work experience and speaks at local and national family and child welfare conferences. Dr. Busch holds a Ph.D. from the Indiana University School of Social Work and a Master's degree in Social Work from Portland State University in Portland, OR. She had previously served as an adjunct professor and in various clinical, research and management positions.

In her new position at LCFS, Dr. Busch's will administer all community-based programs including adoption and foster care services, parenting education, youth mentoring and the Sharing Place East and West locations. **Dr. Busch stated, "I am honored to have the opportunity to impact positive change for children and families in our community."**

"Dr. Busch's rich and varied social work experience coupled with her knowledge of community-based services will enhance our ability to serve children and families in a meaningful way. Dr. Busch is a welcomed addition to our senior management team and I look forward to working with her.", said Michael Johnson, Executive Director of Lutheran Child and Family Services.

**About LCFS:**

Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS) is a multi-service, nonprofit 501(c) (3) member agency of United Way of Central Indiana and provides services that strengthen vulnerable youth and families. LCFS's services include: Lutherwood Residential Treatment Facility (providing specialized treatment for youth in crisis); Lutherwood Academy (a satellite partnership with IPS); Trinity Group Home (where young men transition to independent living); Mentoring, Parenting Instruction, Family Preservation Initiatives; Adoption & Foster Care Services; and the Sharing Place Food and Clothing Pantry. LCFS serves approximately 30,000 people annually.

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