



Performance and Quality Improvement Coordinators Start at West Michigan Partnership for Children

In preparation for its October 1 launch, WMPC broadens team with skilled Performance and Quality Improvement Coordinators

The team at West Michigan Partnership for Children (WMPC) has expanded to welcome a team of highly qualified Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI) Coordinators: Kate Behrens, Jennifer Headrick, and Alanna Hyatt. The PQI Coordinators will work collaboratively to measure the performance and impact of its partners with the goal of improving outcomes for children and families.

Behrens most recently worked as a Research Coordinator at the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy's Community Research Institute (CRI) at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) where she assisted with applied research and evaluation projects that supported program planning and decision making for a wide variety of nonprofit organizations. She has also done extensive work in the Social Work Department and Inclusion and Equity Department at GVSU. Behrens earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and her Master of Social Work from GVSU.

Headrick's strong background in data and program management and experience in higher education have helped her hone her skills in data tracking, analysis, and reporting. As a Program Coordinator and a Project Manager at University of Alaska-Anchorage, Headrick worked collaboratively across departments to implement retention strategies based on data analysis and coordinate data tracking and institutional reporting. As a Scholarship Manager for the Koniag Education Foundation, she conducted extensive data analysis for program and service improvement. Headrick has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Education from Ohio University.

Hyatt joins the team with a background in education and public health, and her experience with data management, monitoring performance-based outcomes, and engaging children and families will be a great asset in this role. She has worked at Ottawa County Department of Public Health to facilitate health awareness. Hyatt has also worked within the secondary school system as an Academic Interventionist where she collaborated with parents, students, and staff. As a Program Coordinator for University of Michigan, Hyatt worked with students to ensure college and career readiness for underserved populations. Hyatt holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Dillard University.

WMPC's October 1 launch is two weeks away. In partnership with Bethany Christian Services, Catholic Charities West Michigan, D.A. Blodgett—St. Johns, Samaritas, and Wellspring Lutheran Services, WMPC will facilitate a performance-based foster care funding model for children and families in Kent County through a contract with Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services.