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“Examining Ways the SSA Can Improve the Disability Review Process”

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As State Director for Sooner SUCCESS and Co-principle Investigator with Dr. Mark Wolraich, Jennifer continues towards advancing an INCLUSIVE comprehensive, unified system of health, social, and educational services for Oklahoma children on both the local and state level. To assure seamless navigation, partnerships and networking on multiple cross agency projects, committees and taskforces are needed. As the Director, Jennifer has participated in several committees including, but not limited to, ABCD3 State Team, RESPECT (Rethinking Special Education) taskforce committees, Understanding the Structure committee, High School Transition committee, Compliance and Legal Issues committee at the request of Rep. Jason Nelson; Department of Humans Services Inclusive Childcare Taskforce, SMART START Special Populations Task force, The Oklahoma Children’s Hospital Patient’s Experience Strategic Team, Home Visitation Workgroup at the request of Rep. Mike McCullough, The Sickle Cell Anemia work group at the request of Rep. Anastasia Pittman, Parent Pro Home Visitation Sustainability Committee at the request of Jane Solvisky Ph.D. and IMPaCT Quality Improvement committee at the request of Dr. James Mold. The director co-chairs the Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury (PABI) state integration team, the Oklahoma Antbullying Collaborative and is also a member of the OKPRS Data workgroup. She served as a panel member for the Brain+Child conference hosted by Integris Medical Center. Meetings are monthly or bi-monthly, unless specified. She also works with family advocates within special populations seeking legislative system solutions and is currently working with Oklahoman Julie Lackey in an effort to bring higher education options for individuals with disabilities to the state. On an individual case, the director continues to handle more high intensity care coordination cases that potentially may lead to due process and has also been brought in as a consult for community integration for children in care with profound behavioral or developmental challenges requiring high confidentiality.

The director provides oversight and direction to day-to-day operations including administration, personnel issues, contract monitoring, program and project fidelity, website and IT infrastructure, marketing-branding, bi-monthly staffing, IRB approval, HIPAA FERPA compliance, and budgets. Further she has continued in facilitation with partner collaborations for the Family Resource Center in the Children’s Hospital.

Jennifer studied early childhood development and behavioral studies at Oklahoma City University and Family Studies at Southern Nazarene University and would like to pursue her Ph.D. in public Health when her youngest son graduates from High School in a few years. The beginning of her career began at Dale Rogers Training Center over 20 years ago, an employment and work solution center for individuals with disabilities. Later Jennifer was a teacher in Oklahoma City, and worked at other human service organizations like Easter Seals Oklahoma and Oklahoma County Court Appointed Special Advocates. She is a former CASA and is also in the process of volunteer guardianship of an individual transition into the community from an Oklahoma State Institution currently closing.