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ODVN Staff Updates

Shelley Marsh, MA, is ODVN’s new Deputy Director. She will continue to provide training, program support, and technical assistance to members. In her new role, Shelley will oversee the new AmeriCorps program, the new $2 million housing program and will continue to supervise the Training Team. Shelley was formerly the Director of Training and Program Support.

Emily Kukow, RA, is the new Director of Housing and Meaningful Access. She will be responsible for implementing and supervising ODVN’s new $2 million housing program. Emily was formerly the Assistant Director of Training and Program Support.

Gienn Harris, BS, BA, is the new Assistant Director of Prevention. He will continue to be responsible for our Engaging Men work and will assume additional responsibility for rational and state action planning and collaboration with the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence client as well as formerly the Engaging Men Coordinator.

Cassie Baker, MSW, will be the new AmeriCorps Program Coordinator. She will direct a program that places 20 AmeriCorps members at domestic violence programs across Ohio to provide housing assistance and youth/financial empowerment services to survivors. Cassie is finishing up a year of service as an AmeriCorps VISTA. She helps manage ODVN’s social media accounts and coordinated our Hotel Assistance Program to help shelters de-congregate during the pandemic.

New Staff

Alicia Williamson, MSW, LSW, is the new Training Director. Alicia formerly was Director of Domestic Violence and Violation at Somewhale Safe in Warren (Uniland Co.), a membership organization. She brings over two decades of experience in leadership and community engagement with a background in fundraising, grantwriting, marketing, and communications.

Bernadette Ringer, RA, is the new Legal Intake Coordinator for our Legal Assistance Program. Bernadette serves as the Clinical Director at member program Artemis Center in Dayton and has worked in domestic violence advocacy for about 14 years.

Lisa DeCeter, JD, will be joining ODVN Oct. 13 as the Program Coordinator for the Linking Systems of Care for Ohio’s Youth (LUSC) project. She will work closely with project partners and key stakeholders on implementation of Ohio’s strategic plan to improve responses to child and youth sexual violence. Lisa is the Breda Jade Past President of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Centers and the former Executive Director of Hamuc House, a Child Advocacy Center and Sexual Violence program in Lancaster.

Katherine Brandt, MA, MSW, LSW, coordinates the Ohio Domestic Violence ODVN’s violence prevention efforts to the digital world in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also runs our Hotel Assistance Program to help shelters de-congregate during the pandemic. Previously, she was a Master of Social Work intern with the Prevention Team.

Ryan Harris is our new AmeriCorps VISTA member and will manage ODVN’s media accounts, assist the training team, and assist with programmatic tasks. He’s impacting communications at The Ohio State University and was ODVN’s communications intern last year.

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