

Clackamas County Children's Commission

proudly introduces our new Executive Director:

Darcee Kilsdonk



Greetings Clackamas County!

I am thrilled to join Clackamas County Children's Commission as the new Executive Director! I come to this role with a passion for serving vulnerable populations through strong and effective systems and a desire to continue to foster CCCC's valuable partnerships throughout the county.

For the past four years I've worked as a grantee specialist for Region 10's training and technical assistance where I traveled throughout Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska to assist Head Start programs who were struggling with management systems. I thoroughly enjoyed the work and learned so much from each and every program I visited. However, although I worked with incredibly talented individuals across the region, I missed being connected to a team on a daily basis and seeing a project through to fruition.

Prior to my work with T/TA, I spent 11 years with Umatilla Morrow Head Start where I was the Head Start/Early Head Start Director and Healthy Families Program Manager, serving children and families across seven counties in rural eastern Oregon. Before that, I worked in the field of special education in the Hermiston School District where I developed K-12 programs for children with challenging behaviors, as well as children with multiple disabling conditions.

I believe each of these experiences has prepared me to fulfill my duties as Clackamas County Children's Commission's Executive Director. **I will always hold children and families as central to the work we do.** I believe children and families from vulnerable situations ought to have access to the best care and facilities possible, as well as the most talented and engaging staff to work alongside them in preparing them for school and future success.

I look forward to partnering with you to make this great agency even greater! Cheers to a fantastic year!

~ Darcee

