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Evans, CO 5/22/17 – On May 11, 2017, Envision’s Board of Directors announced their selection of Celeste Ewert as the organization's new Executive Director. Envision is the Weld County Community Centered Board, based in Evans, Colorado, that serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities or delays. Ewert will take charge on June 1, 2017.

Board President, Erica Herman, stated, "As a long-term member of the Envision team, Celeste comes to this position with more than 25 years of experience in various roles at Envision, most recently serving as Program Services Director. She has worked as a community support specialist, a coordinator, and director of residential services. We are thrilled that Celeste, with her many years of dedicated service to Envision, will be transitioning into this important role. With her knowledge of Envision’s history and understanding of the most important issues facing the community of people whom we serve, we are proud to have her take over the reins of leadership."



A graduate of Aims Community College and the University of Northern Colorado, Ewert has also served in volunteer roles at Union Colony Children's Music Academy, Birchwood Manor, Micah Respite House, University Schools and the City of Greeley. In 2013, she was selected to participate in the Leadership Weld County Program.

In accepting her new role, Ewert shared her thoughts. "I am humbled to be offered the opportunity to lead and work with the amazing group of employees within our organization. I am looking forward to collaborating with Management Team and all staff members to overcome challenges and make changes we will be facing in the next few years. We have creative, competent and capable employees who demonstrate every day their commitment to uphold the mission of Envision. Together, I know we can continue to provide the best support possible to people, and empower them to live, love, work and play their way."

Ewert replaces Mary Lu Walton, who led the organization, for over 20 years and who retires on May 31, 2017.

ABOUT ENVISION:

Envision is the Community Centered Board (CCB) serving Weld County, one of 20 such entities in the State of Colorado. Every year, Envision provides case management and a diverse set of person-centered services that support more than 1,800 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) or delays and their families in Weld County. Envision is dedicated to providing programs and services promote inclusion based on person centered practices focused on full participation in home and community life.

Through in-house programs and contracts with a network of more than 69 provider agencies, professionals, community businesses and other services, Envision facilitates a comprehensive support program in a broad spectrum of settings, including the person or family home, 24-hour on-site staff, scheduled support staff, host homes and group homes. Services may include the provision of living environments, therapies, transportation related to services, medication administration and monitoring, ancillary medical care, meal preparation, daily living skills, personal care, access to community services, interpersonal relationships, recreation and leisure activities, group and individual supported employment, adaptive equipment, home modification, and more.

Below are a few more ways that Envision’s services help Colorado:

- Helps infants and toddlers with developmental delays catch up with their peers
- Keeps children at home with their families instead of being placed in out-of-home locations
- Assists adults to live a life of their own design, supports adults so they can work and volunteer in their community
- Provides cost-effective care for people whose families can no longer care for them
- Saves taxpayer dollars by arranging for targeted assistance to prevent a negative chain of events
- Allows parents and families to remain stable, employed and on private health insurance

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