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**Katrina Peoples joins Epworth Children & Family Services as Chief Program Officer**

ST. LOUIS, MO, August 2017 – Epworth Children & Family Services is pleased to name Katrina Peoples, MA, LPC, as Chief Program Officer. She is responsible for programs providing comprehensive solutions to safety, security, and stability challenges for youth and families in crisis, particularly from at-risk and underserved populations. More than 13,000 children and families turn to Epworth each year where a continuum of care is offered ranging from family support services to emergency or transitional shelter and psychological or residential treatment for youth.

Peoples joined Epworth from Wyman Center where she recently served as their Senior Director of Programs overseeing staff, mission work, and daily operations of Wyman’s Teen Leadership, InspireSTL and Teen Outreach Program. Katrina holds an M.A. in Professional Counseling and a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies. She is a 17-year experienced leader in the nonprofit industry with a proven accomplishment record in residential care as well as supportive services. Katrina is a licensed professional counselor and certified in Leadership Development. She is a credentialed trainer in Trauma, Residential Culture of Care, and Faculty Certification and is an Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) Administrator. Additional professional memberships/associations include YWCA Ambassadors and Association for Talent Development. She is a board member at Common Circles, a Peer Reviewer for Council on Accreditation, and an Adjunct Instructor at Washington University, Brown School of Social Work facilitating courses focused on managing staff.

**About Epworth Children & Family Services**

Headquartered in St. Louis, MO, Epworth Children & Family Services is a multi-service nonprofit agency that helps children, youth and families move toward self-sufficiency. Epworth offers foster care services, emergency youth shelter, residential treatment, in-home family therapy, transitional housing, psychological evaluation, prevention services and a 24-hour help line. For more information about Epworth Children & Family Services, call 314-961-5718 or visit [www.epworth.org](http://www.epworth.org).

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