

Diane Young Named Vice President of Clinical Services at Children's Friend and Family Services

Diane Young has been named Vice President of Clinical Services at Children's Friend and Family Services. A Licensed Mental Health Counselor with Master's Degrees in Counseling Psychology and Early Childhood Education, Young has been on staff at Children's Friend for over seven years.

During the past three years, she had been Site Director of the Salem Site where she managed the largest site and had a clinical staff of 15 Master's level clinicians. In her new role she will oversee four Site Directors, a staff of 70 clinicians and the agency's Youth Mentoring, Teen Parent and Juvenile Court Clinic Programs. Young has a strong background in emergency psychiatric work and was trained in an inpatient psychiatric unit. In addition, Young is the Program Manager for the organization's Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT) program, which is based on a family systems approach in treating families with acting out children and adolescents. She went through a rigorous training program and is now a Certified BSFT therapist. Finally, Diane specializes in treating youth who have both learning disabilities and mental health issues.

"As Children's Friend continues to grow in size and variety of services, we need to grow our management capacity accordingly. Diane was formerly the Clinical Director. Under her leadership, the Children's Friend clinic grew substantially and emerged as a leadership agency in implementing the most current research in children's mental health," says Stephen Schaffer, Executive Director.

"It is an honor to sit with clients who let us into their lives," said Young. She and her husband Robert reside in Marblehead and have two grown sons, Adam and Jeremy.