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Changes in DDD Leadership

Yesterday afternoon, Dr. Larry Latham tendered his resignation from the Department. Effective immediately, Dr. Laura Love will take over as the Assistant Director for the Division and Lisa Cavazos-Barrett will take over as the Deputy Assistant Director. We appreciate your support for Dr. Love and Lisa as they take on their new roles.

Dr. Laura Love will be the Assistant Director for Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Love has been with DDD since July 2006 and has served in a variety of roles, including the Business Operations Administrator and most recently as the Deputy Assistant Director for the Division. Dr. Love began her career in Arizona as a psychology intern at Good Samaritan Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute in Phoenix in 1983 and has worked in the field of Developmental Disabilities since that time. Dr. Love holds a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from Arizona State University, a Master of Education degree in Counseling and Personal Services with an emphasis on Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology from the University of Missouri and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Missouri. We appreciate Dr. Love's willingness to accept this challenging assignment and look forward to her work in her new role.

In conjunction with Dr. Love taking over as the Assistant Director, Lisa Cavazos-Barrett will be taking over Dr. Love's role as the Deputy Assistant Director for the division. Lisa has been with DDD for eight years and has served as a District Program Administrator in District 1, District West Program Manager and most recently has been serving as the Lieutenant Program Manager since July 2014. Lisa previously worked for what is now the Department of Children Services in a variety of roles serving CPS families. She left DCYF as a Deputy Program Manager for District 1 to join DDD. Lisa holds a Master's in Social Work from Arizona State University and is a Certified Public Manager. We appreciate Lisa agreeing to step into the role as the Deputy Assistant Director for DDD and know that she and Dr. Love will continue the great work that DDD does on a daily basis.