



The Nord Center

Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare

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The Nord Center Announces Three New Appointments to the Board of Directors

Lorain, OH (November 8, 2016) - The Nord Center is pleased to announce the appointment of three new officers to its Board of Directors. Joining the Board are Latoya Caver-Jackson, Natalie Trachsel, and Amie Espinoza-Gonzalez.

Prior to her role as Director of Vocational Services at New Avenues to Independence, Inc., Amie Espinoza-Gonzalez spent over 10 years at The Nord Center as CSP Employment Specialist - Bilingual and Director of Vocational and Residential Services. She is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Lorain County and in 2011 was elected to Kaleidoscope Magazine's 40/40 Club. Espinoza-Gonzalez holds a BA in Psychology from Baldwin-Wallace University and a Masters of Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

Latoya Caver-Jackson brings over 15 years of experience in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Criminal Justice to the Board, most recently as Program Administrator, Youth Prevention Services for Catholic Charities. Caver-Jackson has substantial experience in the area of clinical mental health counseling and criminal justice, including time at Lorain County Department of Job and Family Services and Lorain County Children and Family Council. She is also Co-Founder of Positive People of the Western Reserve, which aims to unite people from all backgrounds to create and support positive change within our community. Caver-Jackson holds a BA in Interpersonal Communication from Ohio State University, an MS in Criminal Justice from Tiffin University, and MA in Counseling from Heidelberg University.

Natalie Trachsel, MSW, LISW-S, has extensive past ties to Lorain including eight years as Chair of the Lorain County Board of Mental Health, the major funder of The Nord Center. Currently Social Work Supervisor at the State of Ohio Department of Youth Services-Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility, Trachsel is passionate about advocating for those experiencing mental health issues and holds a deep conviction for giving back to her community. She received her MSW from the University of Akron, and is a member of NASW.

The Nord Center welcomes these new board members who bring a breadth of expertise and varying backgrounds. Their insights and energy will add significant value to the agency as we continue pursue new, innovative ideas and partnerships to position us to best help, serve, and strengthen our community.

The Nord Center is a private, non-profit agency providing comprehensive behavioral and mental health services to children, adolescents and adults in the greater Lorain County area. Our services include outpatient counseling; sexual assault / rape crisis services; drug and alcohol addiction; dual diagnosis (substance abuse and mental illness); psychiatry and medication management; employment and vocational services; supportive housing as well as homelessness prevention. We also offer culturally-specific services to bilingual and African-American consumers. More information on The Nord Center can be found at www.nordcenter.org.

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Pictured above from left to right: Amie Espinoza-Gonzalez; Latoya Caver-Jackson; and Natalie Trachsel