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OVP Family Welcomes Kim Hedglin as Independent Living Specialist

HUNTINGTON, WV — OVP Family is proud to announce the addition of Kim Hedglin, MSW, as its new Independent Living Specialist in Kentucky, bringing more than 13 years of experience working with youth who have aged out of the foster system.

Hedglin holds a master's degree in social work and has dedicated her career to serving youth in the foster care system, with a particular focus on helping young adults successfully transition into independent adulthood. Throughout her career, she played a key role in building the largest independent living program in Kentucky where she supported aging-out foster youth by helping them access essential resources, develop life skills, and establish pathways toward long-term success.

In her new role with OVP Family, Hedglin will work directly with youth and young adults, providing intensive case management and individualized support designed to help them achieve attainable goals related to housing, education, employment, health care, financial stability, and independent living.

"Young adults aging out of foster care deserve every opportunity to build a bright future," said Hedglin. "With the right therapeutic supports, resources, and advocacy, they can overcome tremendous challenges and break cycles of abuse, neglect and poverty. Independent living services help create a pathway to successful adulthood, and I am honored to be part of that journey. These young adults are more than a statistic—they are our future."

Hedglin said she was drawn to OVP Family because of its commitment to providing comprehensive, wraparound services for youth and families.

"My role as an Independent Living Specialist at OVP Family opens the door for endless opportunities to work with transitioning youth," she said. "I am excited to be surrounded by people who are just as passionate about this population and who truly understand the need for these services. OVP Family's ability to provide consistency through quality case management, physical healthcare, and mental health support under one organization makes a meaningful difference in the lives of young adults."

Greg Thompson, President of OVP Family, said Hedglin's extensive experience and proven leadership in foster care services make her an invaluable addition to the team.

"Kim brings a tremendous depth of knowledge and expertise in serving youth who are transitioning from foster care into adulthood," Thompson said. "Her work developing and leading one of Kentucky's largest independent living programs demonstrates both her commitment and her ability to create opportunities for young people. Kim understands the unique challenges these youth face, and her passion for advocacy, combined with her experience in building successful support systems, will strengthen our mission of helping vulnerable young adults thrive."

OVP FAMILY, a division of OVP HEALTH, was created in late 2024 to address this need by providing children and families with quality foster care and independent living services, as well as an unprecedented level of "wraparound" care.

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