DCS associate director settles into new role

New leader travels state, meets with stakeholders

INDIANAPOLIS (June 28, 2018) – Todd Meyer, Indiana Department of Child Services associate director, is settling into his new role with the agency aimed at serving Hoosier children and youth.

Meyer’s position was created to implement recommendations made by The Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group to better serve Indiana’s most vulnerable residents. Since he joined the agency June 18, he’s been traveling the state with DCS director Terry Stigdon and CWG leaders to talk with stakeholders and staff about the agency’s future.

He looks forward to jumping in and making the necessary changes to better the department both for DCS employees and partners. Alongside DCS Director Terry Stigdon, Meyer aims to analyze the CWG report and oversee agency changes. Among his first priorities is to help Stigdon determine the best use of $25 million set aside by Gov. Eric Holcomb to bolster DCS salaries, staff training and more.

“I’m looking forward to working closely with director Stigdon to transform our agency from the inside out,” he said. “Our goal is to make Indiana the gold standard for child welfare.”

The former Boone County prosecutor is a champion of child advocacy as the founder and former president of Sylvia’s Child Advocacy Center Inc., which provides services for children in need in Lebanon and surrounding areas. For the past 15 ½ years, Meyer served as the prosecuting attorney for the State of Indiana’s 20th Judicial Circuit, having been appointed and then elected to four consecutive unopposed terms. Prior to being elected prosecutor, Todd served as a private practice attorney with the law firms of Lowe Gray Steele & Darko LLP in Indianapolis. Before taking that position, he worked at Parr Richey Frandsen Patterson Kruse LLP. Meyer also formerly served as an at-large member on the Boone County Council.

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