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CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

Lauri Brugger has been promoted to Director of Community Partnerships and will oversee collaborative management of efforts that strengthen children's social and emotional health, implementation of quality improvement in pre-k**,** child care and after-school programs, and other efforts that support agencies' common goal of improving the lives of children. She has been serving Children's Institute since 1999 in several capacities including coordinating RECAP, the continuous quality improvement system for early childhood in Monroe and Chemung Counties, and serving as Deputy Director of Community Partnerships. Lauri was recognized in the rising star category of the Non-Profit Awards given by the United Way and Rochester Business Journal. She holds an MS in Elementary Education and BA degrees in Political Science and Psychology.

Lori VanAuken has been promoted to Deputy Executive Director and will work closely with the Executive Director, senior leadership team and Board of Directors in developing and executing advancement efforts of the organization including development, communications, and strategic planning. She joined Children's Institute in 2005 as the Director of Community Partnerships, where she provided oversight and led the collaborative work of the agency in improving after-school and early education quality, birth outcomes for young children, improving early literacy, and helping families to access child care subsidies. She also continues to work with donors who support the work of Children's Institute. Lori holds a masters degree in public administration and shares 20 years experience in the not-for-profit sector. She serves on the Rochester Education and Literacy policy committee and is the co-chair of the Early Childhood Development Initiative. Lori continues to shape early childhood policy on the local and state level.

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