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Community Renewal Team Appoints New ECE Director: Emilie Montgomery

Seasoned professional brings more than 20 years' experience in Early Childhood Programs

HARTFORD—Community Renewal Team (CRT) has appointed Emilie Montgomery to be the new Early Care and Education (ECE) Director, and she began her post on Jan. 28. She succeeds Dr. Paul Copes, who retired in 2011. CRT provides infant/toddler care and preschool programs, including Head Start, to more than 1,600 children in the Hartford, Windsor, Bloomfield, Portland, Clinton, Middletown as well as delegate programs in East Hartford and Bristol.

Montgomery most recently served as the Director of Quality Assurance for the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project since 2001. Her passion for working with underserved migrant and low-income children led to more than 20 years working in early childhood programs across the country. She has held top positions at some of the largest Head Start programs in the U.S., including programs in Texas and Washington, as well as United Migrant Opportunity Services.

CRT's award-winning ECE programs help lay the foundation for children to lead healthy and productive lives. Eligible centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). CRT education programs go beyond traditional curricula to encompass parent outreach, nutrition programming, family case management and health screenings.

"CRT is proud of the acclaimed programs we've built that support young children and their families, and we feel that Emilie's experience in ensuring access to quality educational opportunities to all children without regard to income or background brings ECE to the next level," said CRT President and CEO Lena Rodriguez.

A welcoming event for Montgomery is scheduled for March 6 from 3-5 p.m. at CRT's main office at 555 Windsor St. in Hartford in the Lumsden Center. The event is open to the public and all interested parties may RSVP Mary O'Connell at 860-560-5456 or by email at connellm@crtct.org.

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