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Summit County Children Services Announces 2021-2022 Leadership Academy (Class III)

AKRON, OH – July 2021 – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) has recently announced another Leadership Academy Class (III) for internal employees. The participants chosen for this class represent many levels and departments within the agency. The Leadership Academy, founded by Executive Director Julie Barnes, builds leadership skills with staff in anticipation to prepare for the future leadership needs of the agency and community.

The graduates of the first two classes were instrumental in refining the program based on their experiences and feedback. "This is an exciting opportunity for staff to develop their leadership skills and advance supervision practice," said Julie Barnes, Executive Director. According to Barnes, there was a great response from staff this year and the class size was limited to ensure the program impact for the participants.

The 12-month program, beginning August 17 and concluding in August 2022, was modeled after several programs including the Signature Leadership programs offered by local Chambers of Commerce (e.g., Leadership Akron), Corporate Leadership programs (e.g., Disney) and other county public children services agencies (PCSAs) who offer similar programs. Class III participating members include: Salima Dunn, Client Rights & Quality Improvement, Taranna Francisco, Protective Services, Kim Gear, Protective Services, Lori Groff, Intake Services, Sharon Kuhlke, Protective Services, Katie Masternick, Intake Screening & Supports, Samantha Oliverio, Legal Services, Hannah Pittman, Intake Services, Jillian Powlowski, Protective Services, Angela Sellers, Social Service Programs, Christen Smith-Misja, Intake Screening & Supports and Andrienne Turner, Protective Services.

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