

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Summit County Children Services ■ 264 South Arlington Street ■ Akron, Ohio 44306

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Ann Ream
Department Director, Community Relations
(330) 379-2070
Ann.Ream@summitkids.org

## **Summit County Children Services Announces New Deputy Director**

**AKRON, OH – December 2022** – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) has named Ms. Sushila Tripathy-Moore, MSSW, LISW-S as Deputy Director, Social Services - Resources. Since 2009, Ms. Tripathy-Moore has served as Department Director, Intake Services. This new position is an organizational endeavor designed to concentrate on the development of focused expertise and continual improvement. Mr. Tim Longworth, supervisor, Social Services, will succeed Ms. Tripathy-Moore in her previous role effective January 3, 2023.

Ms. Tripathy-Moore began her professional career in the social services field in Jacksonville, Florida by serving as a residential social worker at Bannum Youth of Duval, Inc. and then provided child welfare services at a supervisory level at the Children's Home Society of Florida—Duval Division.

In 1990, Ms. Tripathy-Moore returned to Ohio and began her career with SCCS as a social worker in what was then residential units. She was promoted in 1992 to supervise a team of caseworkers who provided ongoing protective services to children and families. In 1994, she became the manager of what was known as the Foster Care Support Unit working with agency foster families. Four years later, Ms. Tripathy-Moore was promoted to Department Director responsible for the oversight of foster care, paid placements, and adoption services.

During her tenure at SCCS, Ms. Tripathy-Moore has served on numerous internal, community and state committees and currently serves as the chair of the Summit County Child Fatality Review Board Sub-Committee and the Summit County Multidisciplinary Team's Protocol Committee. She is a graduate of the Child and Family Leadership Exchange and has served as a session co-chair for the past 13 years. She serves as an officer for the Firestone VFW Post Auxiliary and is a member of the Odisha Society of the Americas and Eastern Star.

Ms. Sushila Tripathy-Moore received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Sociology from Ohio University and a Master of Science degree in Social Work from the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1993, Ms. Tripathy-Moore obtained her license as an Independent Social Worker from the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board and added the supervision designation to her license in 2009.

"I am honored to be a member of the agency's Executive Team and am committed to the safety, permanency, and well-being of all children served, in partnership with families and the community," said Ms. Tripathy-Moore.

Mr. Timothy Longworth, MSW, LISW-S has been promoted to Department Director, Intake Services, replacing Ms. Tripathy-Moore.

Mr. Longworth began his career in social services as a case manager at Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health in Canton. He worked in Stark County as an Intake caseworker and was promoted in 2000 as a supervisor in their Intake Department.

In 2011, Mr. Longworth was hired by SCCS as an Intake supervisor and in 2018, he became a supervisor in the Protective Specialized Services Department.

Mr. Longworth earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Social Work from The University of Akron. He is a graduate of the SCCS Leadership Academy and recently served as a 'Champion' for the Coach Ohio project. He also serves as a member on the SCCS health and safety committee. Mr. Longworth will begin his new role on January 3, 2023.

"I look forward to continuing my advocacy for the abused and neglected children in Summit County," said Mr. Longworth.

For more information about Summit County Children Services, please visit summitkids.org.

####