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Board of Directors Elects **New Officers 2009 - 2010**

The Family Service Agency of DeKalb County board of directors recently announced the new officers for 2009 -2010. The officers assume their roles with the start of the fiscal year, July 1, 2009.



Pictured are (l to r) Scott Starkweather, Chair of the board; Joe Dant, Past Chair; Keri Nelson, Secretary; Thom Gearhart, Treasurer; and Rose Trembl, Vice-Chair.

These officers make up the Executive committee of the board along with Sue Plote, Executive Director of the agency. Officers serve a one-year term of office. The agency is the oldest social service provider of counseling services in DeKalb county, having originally incorporated in 1956.

Scott Starkweather said, “He is looking forward to the new year with much excitement for the services the agency is able to provide to children and seniors in DeKalb County, protecting and developing them through exceptional service.”

“There is much uncertainty with the state and federal funding at this time; but we will continue operating these critical services, as long as we can provide funds from local alternative sources,” Starkweather added.

Sue Plote described, “The funding from the state of Illinois is not crystal clear at this time; however, until we get specific guidelines from state sources, we are operating with the assumption that the state will make good on their contracts for services and obligations to the vulnerable children and senior citizens.”

“We are hopeful that state payments are timely to maintain continuity in ongoing wages and other costs of services,” Plote added.

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County is a premier social service agency, protecting and developing our children and older adults through exceptional service. Family Service Agency is comprised of five distinct departments – Big Brothers Big Sisters, Center for Counseling, Child Life & Family Education, Children’s Advocacy Center and Senior Services Center. A host of programs are available through these departments, and all services are provided by experienced professionals.

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County accepts insurance, and scholarship and reduced fees are available for those who qualify. In some instances, services can be provided at no cost to the client. Family Service Agency’s main office is located at 14 Health Services Drive, and satellite offices are located in DeKalb and Sandwich. Family Service Agency is a Kishwaukee United Way Agency. For more information about the services at Family Service Agency call 815-758-8616, 815-786-7079 in Sandwich, or visit their website at www.realsolutionstoday.org.

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