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NEWS RELEASE

Lisa Peterson-Lizun is New Executive Director of Allegheny Children's Initiative

PITTSBURGH, PA, January 15, 2021 – Partners For Quality is happy to announce that Lisa Peterson-Lizun has been named the Executive Director of Allegheny Children's Initiative, a member of the Partners For Quality family of agencies. A familiar face to the agency, Peterson-Lizun brings a track record of effective leadership to the nonprofit organization that supports young people (and their families) throughout Allegheny County with behavioral health challenges. Her appointment is effective January 25.

Peterson-Lizun has spent her entire career supporting young people and their families in the mental health field. Most recently, she served as Child & Adolescent Services Program Director for Mon Yough/UPMC Western Behavioral Health. Prior to that, Peterson-Lizun was the Director of Service Coordination and the Student Assistance Program at Allegheny Children's Initiative. She also has experience at South Hills Interfaith Ministries and Lehigh Valley Wraparound Initiative.

"We feel very fortunate to welcome Lisa back to Allegheny Children's Initiative," said Tony Drane, Chief Program Officer at Partners For Quality. "Lisa already has an excellent rapport with our staff and the families we support. She's a true advocate for young people experiencing mental health challenges."

"I'm thrilled to return to Allegheny Children's Initiative in this leadership role," Peterson-Lizun said. "I know first-hand how dedicated the staff is to the mission of the agency."

Known for her innovative approach, Peterson-Lizun's expertise has been recognized through her research experience, along with numerous published articles and conference presentations.

About Partners For Quality Inc.

Headquartered in McKees Rocks, Partners For Quality provides administrative oversight for organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges. Serving Allegheny County since 1975, Partners For Quality, through its subsidiaries, serves about 5,000 people annually and employs more than 1,000 across its organizations. Partners For Quality subsidiaries have earned accreditation from The Council on Quality Leadership, The Council on Accreditation and the Sanctuary Institute (for trauma-informed care).

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The Partners For Quality Family of nonprofit agencies includes: **Allegheny Children's Initiative**, serving children and families with behavioral health challenges; **Citizen Care**, which provides residential and community-based supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; **Exceptional Adventures**, an agency that provides travel opportunities to individuals with disabilities; **Milestone Centers**, serving individuals with developmental and behavioral health challenges, including two Health Care Quality Units in Butler and Warren which train professionals in 18 counties; and **Partners For Quality Foundation**, which raises funds for all services throughout the family of agencies. For more information, visit PFQ.org and Facebook.com/PartnersForQuality.

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