

JANELLE CHRISTENSEN NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT & TREATMENT CENTER

OREM -- The Family Support & Treatment Center (FSTC), a nonprofit organization based in Orem, with a primary purpose of preventing and treating child abuse, has named Janelle Christensen as its new Executive Director. Christensen succeeds Scott Snow who served in the role for three years.

“The Family Support & Treatment Center is dear to my heart. Much of who I am as a professional is a direct result of my experiences and associations during my previous time there,” said Christensen. “It is an honor to work with the fantastic staff and board, and a privilege to be entrusted with responsibility for the agency's continued progress.”

Christensen was involved at the agency in many capacities previously, including as its Education Specialist and Parent Advocate. She took leave from FSTC for the last two years as she obtained her Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University.

“She has been involved with the agency on and off since 2010, has occupied multiple positions, and is an all-around great person,” said Joy O’Banion, FSTC Director of Strategy and previous Executive Director of the agency from 1989-2014, as well as the past six months through the transition period. “We are excited to have Janelle back with us and look forward to her leadership.”

“We are excited and impressed with Janelle’s experience and enthusiasm, and she will be a great asset to the organization,” said Karen McCandless, FSTC Board President and Executive Director of Community Action in Provo. “I am excited to have Janelle on board!”

Christensen and her husband have two children and live in Provo.

“I’ve seen the powerful influence Family Support & Treatment Center has had on thousands in our communities, yet still see its potential to do more. It is exciting to be a part of that growth, and I invite the community to get involved with us, by taking advantage of our services and by sponsoring others currently in our programs!” Christensen said.

About Family Support & Treatment Center

[The Family Support & Treatment Center](http://www.utahvalleyfamilysupport.org) is a private, nonprofit agency, established in 1984, with the primary purpose of preventing and treating child abuse. Its mission is to build a community of healthy, happy individuals and families through education and the prevention and treatment of child abuse, trauma, and other personal and family concerns. It supports individuals and families in Utah, Wasatch, Summit, Millard & Juab counties. www.utahvalleyfamilysupport.org