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Rainbow Child Development Center Appoints Paula Perrier Executive Director to Succeed Joyce Rowell

Worcester, MA August 10, 2020 -- Rainbow Child Development Center, a provider of early education and care for at-risk children for forty-eight years, has hired Paula Perrier as Rainbow's new Executive Director. Perrier will succeed Joyce Rowell who retired in June after her nine year tenure as the Center's Executive Director. Rowell dedicated her career to ensure that low income children received high quality early education and care. Prior to Rainbow, Rowell was an area Director for a Head Start program for many years. Rainbow's Board and staff are very grateful to Rowell for her years of commitment and leadership.

Perrier will begin her time as the center's new Executive Director on August 28, 2020. Perrier brings over thirty years of administrative and supervisory experience in Massachusetts licensed child care as well as experience working with children and families from diverse populations and income levels. Perrier is currently the Director of Child Development Services at the YMCA of Central Massachusetts-Tri Community Family Branch located in Southbridge, MA. Her responsibilities at the YMCA include supervising Early Care and Education staff and Family Child Care Providers. She supervises operations and child care supervisors, manages state contracts, and provides leadership and curriculum design training. Perrier holds a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development /Administration from the University of Massachusetts.

"It has been my pleasure to work with Joyce during the six years I have been on the Rainbow Board of Directors. She has been an advocate for early education and care for at-risk children during her entire career. We wish her well in her retirement and whatever new adventures await her.

The board is looking forward to working with Paula as she assumes the directorship at the end of August. She has demonstrated her personal and professional commitment to early education and care all through the interview process with our search committee and the entire board. She brings a wealth of experience to Rainbow including managing one of the emergency child care programs earlier this year."

Linda Hyde

Board Chair

About Rainbow Child Development Center - a licensed early education and care center. Its mission is to transform the lives of at-risk children and their families by providing quality education and therapeutic programs and services. Rainbow services close to 200 highly at-risk children daily from 6 weeks up to 13 years old. The Center's three programs Family Child Care, Preschool and Extended Learning School Age

Program are supported by our community partners that provide innovative programs that assist to transform the lives of low income children and their families.