

PRESS RELEASE

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BARC Enters a New Era Along With the New Decade



NEW Executive Director to ensure the mission, to serve and advocate for persons with intellectual disabilities and autism, stays true for BARC's future.

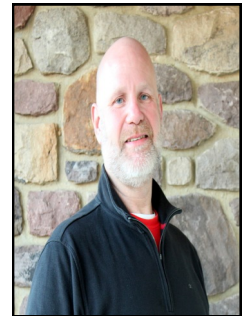


Mary Sautter, a 24 year veteran of BARC Developmental Services, has taken over as Executive Director, after Dr. Robert H. Schram retired at the end of 2019. In almost 70 years, Mary is only the 3rd Executive Director.

Prior to joining BARC, Mary worked for four years with ICF/MR programs as both a Resident Supervisor and Staff Trainer, and also worked more than two years as a Supported Living Caseworker. Mary first joined BARC in 1994 as a Program Coordinator in the Residential Department. After six years, she transferred to the Quality Resources Department for two years.

After working for another agency as the Residential Services Director for two years, Mary returned to BARC in March 2005 as the Regional Residential Director for the Upper Bucks area. In 2009, the department was re-structured and Mary was promoted to Residential Director. In January of 2020, Mary was again promoted to Executive Director. Mary holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Gettysburg College, as well as, a Master's of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Quinnipiac University.

Since Mary has taken over the Executive Director position, her successor, Eric Macklin, steps into the role of Residential Director. Eric graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Kutztown University. He has worked at BARC Developmental Services for over 25 years, starting as a Direct Support Professional in 1993. He was then promoted to Assistant Home Manager, Home Manager, Program Manager, ICF Quality Assurance Manager, Regional Residential Director and Program Director. Eric held the position of Program Director for ten years prior to being promoted. He is currently a trainer for Medication Administration, Heartsaver CPR, Heartsaver First Aid, Is This Abuse? & Wheelchair Van Safety. Eric has been a Putting People First trainer in the past. Additionally, Eric is a member of Peer Review and also the Social / Recreational committee that plans events for the individuals to attend and enjoy. Eric is also the Bingo caller at the twice annual Handbag Bingo Fund Raiser. With Eric's promotion to Residential Director, BARC welcomes their new ICF Program Director, Nealanni Townsend.



Nealanni Townsend comes to BARC from KenCrest Services and Progressions Companies Inc. She completed her undergraduate degree in 2011 from Chestnut Hill College with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Psychology, as well as, a Master's of Science degree in Clinical and Counseling Psychology with a Concentration in Child and Adolescent Therapy from Chestnut Hill College in 2013. Nealanni has years of extensive experience in clinical and counseling psychology, crisis intervention, outreach, and behavioral analysis; working with adults, children, adolescents and families. She has a diverse background in the mental health, behavioral, and intellectual disabilities fields. Nealanni is looking forward to joining the BARC family!

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