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## Supporting Hands Nurse-Family Partnership

Greetings from Joel Flaten, Executive Director,

In our last newsletter, Katie introduced me as the new Executive Director replacing Mary Jo O'Brien. This is my first experience working in Public Health after spending the majority of career working at a private non-profit that provided services to individuals with disabilities. Although they are different, the same thing still matters such as staff that truly care for the individuals they serve. This is what has impressed me the most in my short time at SHNFP. Our staff truly cares about the success of their clients as expressed in their stories. I have heard their struggles, but they always come back to the feeling that they are making a difference. Many have said that this is the best job they have ever had!

I have also been impressed with the Nurse-Family Partnership Model with its long-term proven results. The research is undeniable that if the fidelity standards are followed there are results and long-term cost savings. One of those fidelity standards is weekly meetings with the supervisor and staff. Katie and Lacey do a great job supporting their staff on a weekly basis. Their experience has been invaluable to me during the learning process of this job.

I have seen the great support that SHNFP gets from Public Health agencies, WIC programs and other referral sources. We continue to need this support to ensure adequate referrals so that we are able to serve more first-time, low income mothers before the 28<sup>th</sup> week of their pregnancy. This is where we need your continued support to get our name out there.

We feel good about how our nurses are now allocated throughout the 20 counties that make up SHNFP, and to meet the needs of all our areas. We added ReNae Gibson, RN in the Pipestone area. She came to us as an experienced NFP nurse from Sioux Falls, SD.

I have met so many wonderful, supportive people in my short time here and look forward to meeting many more.



### Supporting Hands NFP Participating Counties:

**Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Pipestone, Pope, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, and Yellow Medicine.**

*Together we can make a difference, one mother and baby at a time.*



Nurse-Family Partnership is an evidence-based, community health program that uses nurse home visits to help transform the lives of low-income, first-time parents and their children.

Supporting Hands is part of a growing national initiative supported by the Nurse-Family Partnership, National Service Office, located in Denver, Colorado. Nationally, NFP is serving clients in 43 states across the nation.

For more information, please go to [www.nursefamilypartnership.org](http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org)



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## Nurse-Family Partnership Goals

- ▶ Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices, including obtaining thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diet, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal substances.
- ▶ Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care.
- ▶ Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

