



Domestic Abuse Women's Network

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DAWN Regroups to Meet More Demand for Domestic Violence Services, Names Business Strategist Cheryl Kilodavis as Interim Executive Director

Kent, WA. January 18, 2018 – Cheryl Kilodavis, business strategist and company transformations executive, has been appointed as Interim Executive Director of the Kent-based nonprofit by its board and leadership. Peg Coleman, previous Executive Director for almost four years, will transition to Strategic Advisor, allowing DAWN to continue the momentum and competitive edge already set in motion. Kilodavis began serving in the Interim Executive Director role Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

"Our organization is very fortunate to have Cheryl step in at this exciting and critical time," Board President, Nancy Phipps shared in announcing this appointment. "The Board started this process by identifying the immediate priority of how we grow the organization to meet the rising demand for more of our services." Phipps continued, "Cheryl is known as a results oriented people- and organizational-builder. Her experience, leadership style and business background will bring new energy and help us translate industry growth challenges in to great partnerships and opportunities."

After nearly 4 decades of domestic violence services in south King County, this was the opportune time for DAWN to build upon the foundation for a strong, growth trajectory.

In accepting the appointment, Kilodavis wrote: "I am grateful to continue with strategic planning for more growth at DAWN. I am here to focus on making sure DAWN is prepared to do more and expand our reach to continue the life-saving support that the community relies on."

The appointment of Kilodavis allows DAWN to reconnect every moving part of the organization to support the vision, mission, and core values of the agency, setting the foundation for the permanent Executive Director to develop and build the next generation of DAWN.

About DAWN

Located in south King County, DAWN focuses its resources and expertise on empowering families and communities to be free from violence. We help about 5,000 survivors of domestic violence each year in our programs. Our new Center for Peaceful Communities offers an environment for clients to feel safe as they seek our services. In addition, our training facility provides education, ongoing support and opportunities for those interested in more peaceful communities.

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