

Seedling Foundation has had the fortune of exceptional mentor leadership from the beginning of the program in 2005. For the past 8.5 years, Falba Turner has served Seedling Mentor Program ensuring exceptional mentoring quality while also becoming an expert on children of incarcerated parents and a Texas leader in the field of mentoring. As we begin 2018, we must announce to our mentors that Falba will be leaving the agency at the end of January, a move planned with her family since last spring. We will miss Falba tremendously, but we also plan to keep her close as she is a dear friend and contributor to Seedling's mission.

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Ms. Connie Howe as Director of Mentor Programs effective February 1, 2018. Connie has served at Seedling as Program Coordinator for 2.5 years. She has over 25 years of experience working with children and families in the non-profit sector, 15 of which have been spent working in youth mentoring. Connie is an outstanding leader for our Mentor Directors, and she is an excellent trainer and strategist. We are blessed to have someone with Connie's experience and dedication to carry the torch for Seedling.