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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the appointment of Holly Child to the position of Restorative Rehabilitation Director.

Dr. Child completed her PhD in evaluation and research methods at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI and earned a B.S. and M.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL with honors. She has worked with a variety of law enforcement agencies in developing and implementing programs and policies. Dr. Child has a solid background in correctional rehabilitation, a proven track record of successful leadership skill, and a passion for enhancing correctional services.

In this role, Dr. Child brings more than 30 years of experience supporting government and non-profit agencies on how to use data to drive positive outcomes for clients, staff, and community. She has expertise working in and evaluating organizations that serve clients in justice, behavioral health, and child welfare systems at the local, state, and national levels where she has published and presented research findings, provided technical assistance, conducted trainings, and undertaken or directed a wide range of program implementation- and evaluation-related efforts. With her experience as a professor, a practitioner, a researcher, and a community volunteer, she offers a diverse approach to problem solving using practical and innovative solutions working alongside system and community partners while ensuring the inclusion of client voice.

Most recently, Dr. Child was appointed by the governor to serve as the first Chief Data Research Officer at the Office of Youth and Community Restoration in the California Health and Human Services Agency where she supported statewide data and evidence-based program efforts related to youth and young adults who were court involved. She served as the Director of the Research and Development Unit in the Santa Clara County Probation Department where she provided leadership on many initiatives, often involving partners in other local county agencies and community groups, which led to improved processes, policies, programs and outcomes for youth and adult probation clients both in the community and in secure facilities. She also worked at Children and Family Futures in the National Center for Substance Abuse and Child Welfare using data to action to improve outcomes of families affected by substance use and/or mental health. In past roles, Dr. Child also served as Department Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan, Director of the Crime & Justice and Community Development Units for the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University in

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Detroit, a Research Associate at the Corrections Institute at the University of Cincinnati, and a Research Associate at Talbert House in Ohio.

Dr. Child has a thorough understanding of the complex needs of clients and the needs of staff who work with clients, the need for a health-based approach to serving people in need, the need to acknowledge and address inequities, and the need to ensure a safe and thriving community for all.