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Zebra Child Protection Centre announces new CEO

Community-minded and passion-driven, Cheryl Diebel joins the Zebra Centre with over three decades of experience in the children's services sector.



EDMONTON (January 24, 2019) – The Zebra Child Protection Centre is happy to announce that Cheryl Diebel has assumed the role of chief executive officer (CEO), as of December 2018.

Cheryl joins the Zebra Centre with over three decades in the children's services and government sector, most recently serving as the Government of Alberta's associate director of child intervention services. She has acquired strong leadership experience and comprehensive perspective through her management of the Indigenous Service Delivery Area, Northern Alberta Child Intervention Services office, and the Yellowhead Youth Centre.

"The Zebra Centre Board of Directors is pleased to have found such a strong leader in Cheryl Diebel. Cheryl brings forth a new perspective, diverse experience, and a genuine passion for kids in our community," says board chair, Dawn Newton. "We are excited to work with Cheryl as the Zebra Centre continues expanding its children services programs, and working towards our vision of a community where every child is heard and respected, and where child abuse is not tolerated."

Throughout her career, Cheryl has fostered strong relationships with government and community partners. The community recognizes Cheryl for her inclusiveness and commitment to establishing meaningful partnerships, having received recognition from various community organizations for these efforts.

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“I am truly honored to join the Zebra Centre as the CEO. It is a privilege to be a part of an organization that does such important work for children and youth in our community, says new CEO, Cheryl Diebel. This organization is led by a strong mission – to provide a collaborative response to child abuse through intervention, advocacy, and a continuum of support in a child-friendly environment. I look forward to taking part in this mission alongside the Zebra Centre’s multidisciplinary team, partners, and our community.”

Diebel succeeds Bill Meade, who has returned to front-line policing with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In his position, Bill continues to directly support children and youth in the community and live out the Zebra Centre’s vision.

For more on Cheryl Diebel or the Zebra Child Protection Centre, please visit our website at www.zebracentre.ca.

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Zebra Child Protection Centre

Founded in 2002, The Zebra Child Protection Centre is a non-profit, community-based organization that was established to improve the lives of children who have suffered abuse. As the first Child Advocacy Centre of its kind in Canada, the Zebra Centre’s model was revolutionary - bring together a community of professionals under one roof to support the child throughout the entire disclosure, investigative, judicial and healing process. Today, the Zebra Centre leads the way in continuing to providing a safe and child-friendly space where kids can tell. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

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