



WELCOME TO OUR TEAM



Samatha Ellwood

"I am thrilled to have been chosen as the next leader of MHY Family Services! I value the opportunity to carry on Lisa Schiller's work as we continue to develop the support and space for families and children to grow, learn, and thrive. I can't wait to contribute to the team, the families, and the community."

An Important Announcement from MHY Family Services

MHY Family Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Samantha Ellwood as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 6th. With a background in nonprofit leadership and a dedication to youth development, Samantha brings a valuable mix of experience and fresh perspectives to her new role.

As CEO, Samantha will lead the organization's strategic initiatives, programs, and community partnerships, including the operations of Longmore Academy, to ensure the continued delivery of vital services to at-risk youth and families. She will also oversee MHY's expanding community programs in Western and Eastern Pennsylvania. Samantha succeeds Lisa Schiller, who served as Executive Director for nearly 12 years, leaving a legacy of impactful leadership.

"Sam's leadership style is a perfect complement to MHY's mission and future plans," said Jim Rankin, President of MHY's Board of Directors. *"We have incredibly exciting times ahead, and I, along with the rest of the board of directors, look forward to supporting Sam as she leads us forward."*

Samantha has held several leadership roles, most recently serving as Executive Director at The Woodlands Foundation and previously at Providence Connections. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a profound commitment to improving the lives of children, families, and communities in need. She earned an MS in Instruction, Curriculum, and Assessment in Elementary Education from Drexel University, as well as a BA in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and Marketing from the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown.