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Advocate Safehouse Project's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Betty Lucas as its new Executive Director, effective August 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$.

With a strong track record of helping local families through hardships, Betty Lucas brings a wealth of compassion and energy to Advocate Safehouse Project (ASP). As the new ED, Betty Lucas will lead the agency's intimate partner/sexual violence initiatives and services, further solidifying ASP's position as a leader in the field.

Betty Lucas joins ASP with a bachelor's degree in health \& human services, a minor in psychology and certifications in Family Development, Nurturing Parent Facilitating, Mandated Reporting and Collaborative Proactive Solutions. Her collaborative nature, knowledge, and proven ability to help families in need will be instrumental in steering ASP towards continued success.

In accepting the role, Betty Lucas expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to lead ASP into its next phase of growth. She stated, "Because my professional goals align with ASP's mission and values, this opportunity is especially exciting due to my deep roots established being a Glenwood native, having our community's best interest at heart with an equitable approach, open and growth mindset to the County's needs."

Julie Olson, who held the ED position for the last 28 years, will transition to a Grants Manager and continue to contribute to ASP's success. ASP Board of Directors express its deep gratitude to Julie Olson for her significant contributions and leadership during her tenure.

In 2022, ASP served 661 survivors, provided 2,092 nights of shelter, received 686 Help Line calls, and contributed 117 months of rental assistance for survivors as they regain a new beginning. As ASP enters this new chapter under the leadership of Betty Lucas, ASP remains committed to our values of Compassion, Empowerment, Integrity, Resiliency \& Well-being and to deliver exceptional support to all survivors in our Garfield County.

