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**Mainstay Life Services Names Jennifer Dayton
Associate Director of Prader-Willi Services**

August 1, 2019 (PITTSBURGH, PA) – Mainstay Life Services, a nonprofit organization that provides life-long, high-quality support services to people with developmental disabilities, is pleased to announce the promotion of long-time employee, Jennifer Dayton, to Associate Director of Prader-Willi Services.

Dayton joined the Mainstay team as a Program Supervisor in 2004 – a position that she held for ten years, and she has been instrumental as Program Coordinator since 2014. Throughout her time at Mainstay, Dayton has been involved in hiring, scheduling and training new employees, implementing new technology and training programs, instructing and tracking Medication Administration classes as well as coordinating ten residential homes. More recently, Dayton has moved to a focus on Mainstay's Prader-Willi Syndrome supports, where she ensures consistency among all programs and works to maintain growth of these unique services.



“We’re always so pleased to see employees grow within Mainstay,” said Mainstay Life Services Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kim Sonafelt. “Jen has been with us for a

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long time and her work is very deserving of this new opportunity. She is a great fit for the position, and we're excited to watch our Mainstay employees and organization grow as a whole."

In her new position as Associate Director of Prader-Willi Services, Dayton will continue to work with Mainstay's Prader-Willi staff and management to ensure that all care is of the highest standard, as well as work to continue to develop and grow the Prader-Willi program. Dayton will also participate in hiring and development of Prader-Willi staff members and will be responsible for compliance with all agency policies, procedures and regulations put in place by the Human Rights Committee, Department of Public Welfare and Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

"I am so excited to start this new chapter of my career at Mainstay Life Services," Dayton said. "Over the last 15 years I have seen such growth in these programs. The staff are knowledgeable and well trained, and the individuals supported are happy and healthy."

Dayton received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Carlow University where she studied Elementary and Special Education. She then went on to earn her Master of Arts in Teaching from Chatham University. Prior to Mainstay, Dayton worked as a Special Education Teacher/Counselor and as a Supervisor at Achieva. She also has a certification in Staff Effectiveness Training through Devereaux and is a Certified Investigator and First Aid Trainer.

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About Mainstay Life Services

Mainstay Life Services is a nonprofit organization providing residential services, community services, and other supports to people with developmental disabilities and their families. We are committed to assisting the people in our care to reach their fullest potentials within their communities.