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Mainstay Life Services Hires Lisa Svidron as Associate Director of Employment Services

August 6, 2019 (PITTSBURGH, PA) – Mainstay Life Services, a nonprofit organization that provides life-long, high-quality support services to people with developmental disabilities, continues to grow with the new hire of Lisa Svidron as Associate Director of Employment Services.

Svidron brings years of rich experience to the Mainstay team. Prior to her newest role at Mainstay, Svidron worked as a Caseworker and Recreation Instructor/Goal Plan Specialist for the Allegheny Valley School where she worked specifically with those with developmental disabilities. She also worked for Achieva and most recently, InVision Human Services. At both, Svidron worked to provide employment services to those with disabilities through resume and interview preparation, on-the-job supports, communication with employers and managing all necessary paperwork. She also has extensive experience in team management and budgeting.



“As Mainstay grows, it’s really important that we hire experienced and passionate employees,” said Mainstay Life Services Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kim Sonafelt. “Lisa really fits that mold and we’re excited to see what she will accomplish in her new role. She will help us continue to move in a positive direction.”

As Associate Director of Employment Services, Svidron will have a large part in implementing and developing Mainstay’s Employment Services Program that facilitates

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jobs in the community for those served by Mainstay and overseeing the rest of the employment supervisors and direct support staff. Svidron will be responsible for developing relationships with business owners to develop employment opportunities, as well as participating in the hiring of staff and coordination of services while maintaining Agency standards.

“It is so important to place a focus on creating entrepreneurship opportunities for students post-graduation,” Svidron said. “I am so grateful for my new role at Mainstay and to be an advocate in the employment industry.”

Svidron received her Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Sport from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She went on to receive her Master of Arts in Human Services Counseling from Liberty University, and is currently working toward a Doctor of Education, which she is expected to complete in the fall of 2019.

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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.