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### **Mainstay Life Services Appoints Christina Graves as Chief Program Officer**

**December 18, 2023 (PITTSBURGH, PA)** – Mainstay Life Services, a nonprofit organization that provides life-long, high-quality support services for people with intellectual disabilities and autism (ID/A), welcomes new Chief Program Officer (CPO) Christina Graves.

“Christina’s data-driven planning and implementation expertise, along with her proven organizational leadership skills, make her a great addition to the Mainstay team,” said Kim Sonafelt, Mainstay Life Services Chief Executive Officer. “Her ability to bring a vision to life will play a key role in Mainstay’s growth as we continue to develop expanded programming in 2024, and beyond.”

As CPO, Graves serves as a critical member of the Executive Leadership Team, cultivating a future of innovation in programs and services offered by Mainstay. Graves is responsible for the continuous development and management of Mainstay’s program efficiency, top-tier quality service delivery, and fiscal accountability, including establishing and enhancing systems and processes for data management, reporting, program outcomes, utilization, and case management. In this role, Graves will oversee the evaluation plan for all programs and services, ensuring Mainstay anticipates and effectively responds to changing needs of persons served, families, payors, and other stakeholders. Graves will also provide executive leadership for legal, compliance and regulatory matters.



“I’m thrilled to join an organization that places such value on inclusion and empowerment,” said Graves. “I’m eager to bring my skill set to ensure that each day at Mainstay we contribute meaningfully to our community. Together, we will help people build their best lives.”

Graves comes to Mainstay with an extensive career in public sector and non-profit program improvement and policy management. Most recently, she served at Allegheny County Department of Human Services’ Office of Analytics, Technology and Planning as the Senior Manager of Behavioral Health Planning. Utilizing leadership skills with strong grounding in evidence-based decision making, her efforts helped to enact a large-scale change initiative, restructuring Allegheny County’s operating model and allocating millions of dollars to Medicaid-funded behavioral health programs.

When living in New York, Christina worked for the NYC Department of Education in a number of roles including Supervising Attorney, Senior Advisor, Strategy & Policy, and Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Transition Management. As Executive Director, she managed a change initiative that merged the overlapping functions of two city agencies into a single unified organization providing program and social services for families with children up to age five, including Head Start, federal childcare, and state-funded pre-kindergarten.

Graves earned her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University. Additionally, she has a Bachelor of Arts from Oberlin College.

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### **About Mainstay Life Services**

Mainstay Life Services is a nonprofit organization providing residential services, community services, clinical and behavioral supports, and employment services for people with intellectual disabilities and autism (ID/A) and their families. We are committed to assisting the people we support to reach their fullest potential within their community.