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ACCESS SERVICES ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

Access Services' Regional Director, Sheila Davison, is pleased to announce the appointment of Nathan Gerhard to the MR Director position in the Schuylkill/Carbon county region. After relocating with his family to Mt. Carbon, Nathan comes to Access Services from UCP of Central Maryland where he served as the Director of Residential Services. He has a person/family-centered work ethic that led to a complete restructuring of UCP's residential program to bring focus back to the individuals served. Nathan has a variety of experience ranging from Direct Care and TSS to Finance and Non-profit management, all of which will help him succeed in his new position and expand Access Services programs in the region.

Nathan's primary responsibilities will be the operation of Access Services' Lifesharing Program and the In-Home Supports Program. The Lifesharing Program is a person-centered living option for children and adults with developmental disabilities where the individual can live with a host family for either short or long term. The In-Home Supports Program offers individuals and families flexible support in their own home. Plans are in place to enhance these existing programs and expand into Berks County in the near future.

Access Services, Orwigsburg, a social services agency, has been providing high quality and affordable evaluation, diagnostic, and counseling to the Schuylkill/Carbon county communities since 1996. Access Service's psychiatrist associates and psychotherapists are expert in dealing with a variety of mental health disorders and currently see over 500 persons a month. Office hours are by appointment at Access Outpatient Services, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Other innovative services to adults and children with special needs include Respite Care Services, Wraparound services (EBHS), and L.I.F.E. Day Support. Visit their web site for more info at www.accessservices.org.