



Maine Township News Release

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MaineStay Youth & Family Services Director Named

Richard Lyon is the new Director of Maine Township's MaineStay Youth & Family Services department. He was most recently Assistant Director under the now-retired Evelyn Fennell.

Prior to that Lyon was a Family Therapist having started as an Intern Therapist in 2004. Born in Boston, MA, Lyon now lives in Hoffman Estates with his wife, Michelle, and their two daughters.

The licensed clinical professional counselor has over 10 years' experience in the mental health field and expertise in working with a variety of age groups and clinical issues including family therapy, couples, adolescents, anxiety, depression, anger management and substance abuse. He has a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Wheaton College and a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from the Wheaton College Graduate School. He recently earned a certificate of achievement from the NIU Civic Leadership Academy and in December will become certified as an alcohol and other drug abuse counselor.

"Richard has been a valued member of the MaineStay department," says Township Supervisor Carol A. Teschky. "We are very proud of his accomplishments and look forward to his leadership in the valued area of our services to the community."

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Lyon has also been very involved with the community in various roles including as a member of the Advocate Lutheran General Community Health Council, the Des Plaines Ministerial Association, the District 63 East Maine Community Committee, the Oakton Area Planning Council, the Maine West High School Counseling Advisory Council, and was recently invited to join the District 207 School-based Health Center Advisory Board. Lyon also serves as the Treasurer of the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth, a statewide youth advocacy organization.

“One of my primary objectives as Director will be to develop strategic partnerships within our local community to expand the scope of services we are able to provide to our residents without increasing costs,” says Lyon.

MaineStay has provided affordable, strength-based counseling and services for families and at-risk youth in Maine Township since 1975. Their programs include youth mentoring, therapeutic groups, community education seminars, parenting classes, restorative justice initiatives, and a host of other services designed to nurture healthy families and communities.

For more information about any of MaineStay's services, please visit www.maintownship.com/mainestay or contact Lyon at rlyon@maintown.com or 847-297-2510 Ext. 261.

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