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1. What inspired you to become a part of the Child Abuse Council Board of Directors?

As a practicing nurse in Idaho, I specialized in pediatric/neonatal intensive care nursing and neonatal flight nursing. From the early years of my professional nursing career I have had an interest in the wellbeing of infants and children. I understand the importance of organizations such as the Child Abuse Council in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all infants and children within a community. The work of the Child Abuse Council in the quad Cities is profound and I want to contribute to this effort through service to the CAC Board of Directors.

2. What has been the most meaningful experience you've had since being a member of the BOD?

I am new to the CAC Board of Directors and COVID has created a different onboarding experience. What has been meaningful for me has been witnessing the passion Mark Mathews and each of his staff have for the mission and work of the CAC. My colleagues on the board have that same passion for the health of our community. The CAC BOD is an engaged and passionate group of individuals who bring a broad spectrum of talents. Under Mark's leadership, these groups are able to move the work of the CAC forward.

3. What experience or skills do you share that help you be a great Board Member?

As a board member, I believe I bring a health care perspective that is inclusive of how children and families access the services of the CAC. I understand the value of the services provided by the CAC and how these services strengthen our communities.

4. What would you like the community to know about the Child Abuse Council?

The services of the CAC are essential in our community. Post-COVID the work of the Council will be even more important.

5. What is your hope for the Child Abuse Council in the future?

My hope for the CAC is that the organization continues to "...lead community efforts to eliminate child abuse and neglect by strengthening children and families through treatment, education and prevention."