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**Twenty-eight youth serving professionals from across Indiana
are selected for The 2016 Executive Journey Fellowship**

(Evansville, IN – February 23, 2016) - Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. is excited to announce that Dr. Donna Culley, Director of Child and Family Services, has been selected as one of the Lilly Endowment 2016 Executive Journey Fellows.

Twenty-eight executives from youth serving organizations from across Indiana have been selected for The 2016 Executive Journey Fellowship. In response to a growing need for ongoing professional and personal renewal in the field of youth work, the Journey Fellowship was created in 2002 and funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. The Executive Journey Fellowship provides Indiana's youth serving professionals greater opportunities to bring more meaning to their lives and make stronger commitments to the field of youth work.

"This Fellowship is about renewing individuals which leads to renewing organizations and ultimately, to renewing the entire field of youth work," says Tom Plake, Journey Leader.

Each of the twenty-eight participants in the Journey Fellowship will attend a series of residential retreats designed to create new ways of thinking about and practicing youth work within existing systems and youth programs. Fellowship participants will be awarded individual renewal scholarships, and be supported to make a difference within their local organizations or communities.

"We know that youth workers play a vital role in the lives of young people. It has been documented in dozens of ways that youth who enjoy a positive relationship with adults over time do better in life," explains Janet Wakefield, Journey Leader. "We also know that many people enter the profession because they 'want to make a difference' and they enjoy building positive relationships with young people. The Executive Journey Fellowship provides Indiana's youth serving professionals greater opportunities to strengthen themselves as leaders and invest in their careers serving the young people of Indiana."

"We are very honored to have Dr. Donna Culley chosen to participate in this executive leadership program. She continues to improve children's services within Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare and works with community organizations to address children's needs," said Faren Levell, President/CEO, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

The Journey is home to a variety of programs that seek to support the renewal and professionalization of youth workers in Indiana and around the country. To learn more, visit www.thejourneyonline.org.

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