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Easterseals Wisconsin Announces New Hires to Lead Camp and Respite Services

(MADISON, Wis.) – Easterseals Wisconsin has appointed Amanda Verhagen as the new Director of Camp and Respite Services, and Lauren Daniels as the new Respite Camp Director.

Verhagen brings 15 years of business and three years of camp nursing experience to her new role, where she will be responsible for the enhancement and expansion of Easterseals Wisconsin Camps programs and facilities, capital projects, campaigns and coordination and development of statewide service club support for Camp Wawbeek and Respite Camp. Having started with Easterseals Wisconsin as a camp counselor, she advanced through roles such as AmeriCorps member, licensed practical nurse, registered nurse and director of nursing.

Raised in Greenleaf, Wis., Verhagen holds an associate degree in business management from Fox Valley Technical College and an associate degree in nursing from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. She has a husband, two daughters and four dogs.

Daniels was also named Respite Camp Director and will oversee the planning and execution of overall management, operations, development and growth of Respite Camp. With more than 20 years of experience supporting individuals with disabilities across schools, homes and community programs, Daniels brings a proven track record of program leadership.

Daniels grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., and has dedicated her career to supporting individuals with disabilities. A graduate of Alverno College in Milwaukee with a bachelor's degree in professional communication and adult education, she comes to Easterseals Wisconsin from Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin, where she oversaw recreation and respite programs.

"We are thrilled to welcome Amanda and Lauren into these key roles and excited for the future of our camp and respite programs," Easterseals Wisconsin CEO Paul Leverenz said. "They will continue to provide transformative services for people with disabilities and their families."

To learn more about Easterseals Wisconsin's Camp and Respite Services, visit:

<https://www.eastersealswisconsin.com/programs-services/camps/>.

About Easterseals Wisconsin

For nearly 100 years, Easterseals Wisconsin has provided services that help children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence. Easterseals Wisconsin's primary services – vocational rehabilitation, respite services, camping and recreation, information and referral, and public education – benefit close to 10,000 individuals with disabilities and their families each year throughout Wisconsin.