December 12, 2018

Hello Foster and Adoptive Families of Mahoning County,

My name is Mercia Stevens. Some of you already know me from working in the Agency's Family Services Department, and now I would like to introduce myself to the newer families. As you may have heard, Meghan Tarantino took a new position as the Training Officer for the Agency, and I was selected to be her replacement.

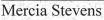
A little bit about me. I have been working at the agency since September of 1996. For the past eleven years, I have been a supervisor of one of the 4 units in the Family Services Department. I moved to the foster care unit this past September.

Other information I want to share with you is I am a current foster parent for Trumbull County Children Services. I have been a foster parent with TCCS for six years. So, I have an understanding of what is being asked of you, emotionally, physically, and for the need to be rule compliant. I would not ask a foster parent to complete something I would not be willing to complete myself as a foster parent.

As the new year starts, I look forward to hearing from you or might even see you in foster parent trainings. Please come up and introduce yourself.

As always, please do hesitate to call me if you have suggestions on how we can better meet the needs of the children we serve.

Merry Christmas,



Foster Care Supervisor

