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GRAY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ADULT PROBATION SERVICES

Rosemarie Gray, who was interviewed for a job with Lake County adult probation services over twenty nine years ago, was recently named the director of adult probation services. She succeeds Frank Kuzmickus, one of the persons who actually interviewed her, after graduation from college, for her first job in 1980 as an adult probation officer.

Asked why she wanted to work in probation, Rose replied, "I learned a lot from my father who was a correctional officer for the Broward County Sheriff's Department in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida." "I was always interested in helping individuals and intrigued by the court process." As director, Rose is responsible for a staff of 86 who actively supervise over 4,500 cases annually. These cases include standard probation as well as cases handled by specialized units that include pretrial; presentence investigation; DUI; intensive probation; sex offender; domestic violence; public service; and support.

Over the years Rose has worked in various probation areas. In 1986 she was assigned to the mental health and sex offender unit; transferred to the presentence investigation unit in 1989; was promoted to assistant director in the pretrial services unit in 1997; and transferred to the special services unit in 2006 where she served as an assistant director until her appointment. Gray said, "The best part of my job is working with other probation officers in implementing evidence based programming to reduce recidivism. "The hardest part," she said, "is trying to maintain evidence based practices goals and initiatives with limited resources due to reduced budgets."

Rose Gray received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1980 from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. In 2004 she earned a Graduate degree in Management from Webster University in St. Louis.

Rose and her husband Roger have been Lake County residents since 1976. They have two grown children, Matthew and Tara.

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