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## BROOME INCLUDES

### **New Initiative to Help Individuals and Families Introducing Megan Wise, Person-Centered Community Advocate**

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Broome County Executive Jason Garnar announced today a new initiative designed to help Broome County individuals and families with special needs and behavioral health challenges, BroomeINCLUDES.

The goal of BroomeINCLUDES is to promote inclusion of community members who experience behavioral health challenges in the areas of developmental disabilities, mental health, addiction and co-occurring disorders.

Megan Wise will be leading the BroomeINCLUDES initiative. As a Person-Centered Community Advocate for the Broome County Mental Health Department, Wise's role is serving as an advocate and clearinghouse for individuals and families with special needs and behavioral health challenges.

“The goal of BroomeINCLUDES is to make sure all individuals and families are given the resources they need to live a productive, person-centered quality of life, free from barriers and stigma,” said Jason Garnar, Broome County Executive. “Megan Wise, MCH has an important role as leading this initiative in advocating for individuals and working together with all of our community and state partners to meet this goal.”

The position involves serving as a liaison between Broome County residents, community agencies and government.

As the Person-Centered Community Advocate, Wise is working closely with the many community agencies in Broome County including ACHIEVE, MHASt, CVAC, ACCES-VR, GBHC, ACBC, STIC and more.

Wise has Master's degree in Community Health from SUNY Cortland. Prior to joining Broome County, she worked at CASA-Trinity in Elmira; where she was a Prevention Team Lead/Coalition Coordinator and worked directly with the community on substance use preventive efforts. Wise has a passion for working collaboratively with a community and is eager to launch BroomeINCLUDES.