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Children's Cove Hires Mental Health Coordinator *Behavioral Health Needs Growing in Community*

May 19, 2025 (Barnstable, Mass.) – Children's Cove, the Cape & Islands Child Advocacy Center, today announced the hiring of Sheena Miller as its new Mental Health Coordinator. This addition addresses the growing need for specialized clinical services in the region. As a Barnstable County government organization, Children's Cove will now provide on-site clinical services in addition to coordinating referrals with partner agencies to meet the increased demand driven by rising referrals.

Following investigations into crimes against children, Children's Cove team members coordinate referrals for community-based support services as part of their mission. However, the need for specialized clinical care has outpaced the availability of behavioral health services throughout the region.

"Children and families often face waiting lists for months—or longer—to access the clinical services they need after trauma," said Children's Cove Director Stacy Gallagher. "As a Child Advocacy Center, we must ensure the most vulnerable members of our community receive support sooner."

Sheena Miller joins Children's Cove to address a range of behavioral health needs. For children with specialized or immediate clinical needs who access Children's Cove services, Sheena will

provide trauma-informed clinical care to support both the child and their family. For families without an immediate need—or for whom traveling to Children’s Cove presents a challenge—Sheena will assist in finding and coordinating appropriate clinical care closer to home.

Sheena holds a Master’s Degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Georgia and has extensive experience in mental health and clinical social work roles in Florida. Her background includes working with children and families in outpatient, community-based, school-based, and intensive clinical settings. Having recently relocated to the region, Sheena sought to contribute to the community where the need is greatest.

“We anticipate the need for our services in the community will continue to grow,” added Gallagher. “Sheena is a valuable addition to our team, and we are confident she will positively impact the lives of children who come to the Cove.”

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ABOUT CHILDREN’S COVE

Children’s Cove, a department of Barnstable County, has been the Cape and the Island’s Children’s Advocacy Center since 1997. Children’s Cove provides coordinated and comprehensive multidisciplinary services to child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, witness to domestic violence and child sexual exploitation and trafficking. To learn more visit www.ChildrensCove.org

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