



PRESS RELEASE

Peak Community Services Hires New Executive Director

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Don Weikle has joined Peak Community Services as the new Executive Director. Don has worked in human services for the past 30 years specializing in programs for persons with developmental disabilities. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Nebraska, a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation from the University of Wisconsin, and a Doctorate in Public Administration from Kennedy-Western University.

Don has published articles dealing with programmatic issues in services to persons with mental retardation. He has made presentations to state and national organizations in the rehabilitation field and has served as consultant to agencies in several states. Of his new position Don said, "I am pleased and honored to begin my work at Peak Community Services. The agency has an excellent staff and a long history of providing quality programs. This is an organization with which I am very proud to be associated. I look forward to a long, productive, and enjoyable career at Peak Community Services."

Don is married and has two sons. His oldest son Barry is married to Corrina, and they are the proud parents of Don's first grandson, Elliott Weikle, born this past July. Don's youngest son, Thomas, will graduate from Indiana University in May with a degree in Music.

Don is an avid technophile and Apple computer enthusiast. He enjoys old cars, photography, and writing. His first novel, a science-fiction mystery, is currently in the process of editing, and a book on management in human services is in draft form.

About the agency Don said, "Agencies like Peak Community Services are important to the future of our community. They were created by parents, families and friends concerned about appropriate services for their loved ones. This strong foundation and continuing involvement of the community allows those services to remain responsive to local needs. In this time of changing funding, regional and national service providers and political uncertainty, it is more important than ever that the community continue its historic support of this great organization."

Peak Community Services will be hosting two open houses to welcome Don to the agency and to the community. Additional information will be forthcoming, but please pencil these dates into your calendars. An open house will be held in Logansport at Woodlawn Center on Tuesday, May 9, from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Another open house will be held in Winamac at Pulaski Developmental Services on Tuesday, May 16, from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM.