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Safe Passage

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Safe Passage Violence Prevention Center announced the hiring of their new Executive Director Chauntelle Lieske, effective July 1. Existing Executive Director Katie Coker is stepping down to spend more time with family but will remain connected with the organization in some capacity.

Lieske who's served as Safe Passage's Program Director since 2015 is no stranger to the work, bringing more than 10 years of expertise working directly with survivors of intimate partner violence in the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene communities.

"The Safe Passage Board conducted a thorough search for a new Executive Director, including a multiple interview process," said Board President Trina Caudle. "We were very pleased to offer the position to Chauntelle Lieske and feel she will be able to build upon the positive changes implemented by Katie Coker to assist in realizing our organization's mission to provide safety, education and empowerment to the victims of violence and the community."

Lieske's goals for this new role are integrally aligned with the overall mission of Safe Passage; to increase safety and empower survivors of domestic or sexual violence.

"I am looking forward to building on the amazing work Katie Coker has done for Safe Passage," Lieske said. "Ensuring survivors of domestic and sexual violence have a strong voice in the community hinges on our ability to truly empower survivors and educate our community."

To find out more about Safe Passage consider attending one of their free bi-monthly Connect lunches. RSVP to kmillier@safepassageid.org.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence please call our 24 hour hotline at 208-664-9303 to understand the options available.

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