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Amy Marie Sula '99 is the Manager of Integration Support for Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Children Youth & Families (CYF).

Ms. Sula's position encompasses a broad range of administrative activities requiring community and county, state and federal systems interface and knowledge. She oversees the new Family Preservation Division of CYF, under which support staff and teams work to inform child welfare direct practice. The support staff includes: mental health and substance use disorder clinicians, nurses, manager care liaisons and early-intervention specialists.

Externally the Family Preservation Division works to procure evidence-based services designed and positioned to support the most vulnerable families and children. In her current role Ms. Sula also serves CYF as a program representative for interdepartmental initiatives and grants.

Ms. Sula started her career with the Department of Human Services as a caseworker in 2002. Later she was promoted to intake supervisor in 2009 and case practice specialist in 2011. She then worked under Integrated Program Services, informing cross-program initiatives, grants and special initiatives. In 2015 she was called back to the Office of Children Youth & Families to serve in her current role, which she said has evolved over the last several years.

"Our work in Human Services is a team effort," she said. "I have had the privilege to lead efforts that have impacted the families we serve and the direct practices of Children Youth & Families. I am most proud of leading the implementation of our support staff within the regional offices, including nurses, behavioral health and substance use professionals."

Ms. Sula has volunteered for Allegheny County Maternal Child Health, Pennsylvania-MDWISE, and Hep C Free Allegheny. She is the chair of Children Youth & Families SOGIE Champions.

She obtained a bachelor's degree in human services from La Roche, and a Master of Science in social work with a concentration in child welfare from the University of Pittsburgh. While earning her degree at La Roche, Ms. Sula met the challenges of the classroom and single parenthood, and held multiple jobs to pay for her tuition.

"Schedules were challenging," she said. "My instructors and advisor provided such care, support and attention all aimed at ensuring my success. I was guided with compassion and instilled with the tools and confidence to take my next steps. These principles have guided my personal life, my additional academic experiences and my work today."

