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FamiliesFirst Network selects 2023 Team Member of the Year

Pensacola, Fla. (Feb. 21, 2024) – Katy McHenry has been named FamiliesFirst Network's Team Member of the Year for 2023. Katy serves as process improvement manager for FamiliesFirst Network, where she has worked since 2004 serving abused, neglected and abandoned children from Escambia to Walton County.

Katy works in records, data and process improvement. She is highly specialized in her knowledge of data in the child welfare system and is seen as a leader statewide for her expertise.

"Data tells stories, and it can be confusing," she said. "My job is to make it tell the story that counts."

The last thing she wants is for case managers to spend their time trying to figure out what data means. Behind every piece of information is a child who needs help, and Katy wants to make sure it is accurate data to prevent delays in helping children find permanent homes. On her own time, she completed a project management course at Cornell University to hone her calling.

Katy humbly said everyone on the team puts in the effort to help each other, which helps vulnerable kids. "It's just who we are and what we do."

To learn more about FamiliesFirst Network team members like Katy, visit <u>familiesfirstnetwork.org</u>.

About FamiliesFirst Network

FamiliesFirst Network provides foster care, adoption and child welfare services in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. The nonprofit's specialized team is passionate about helping abused and neglected children and their families. FamiliesFirst Network collaborates with partners throughout the state, in Northwest Florida's four-county area and within our faith-based communities to ensure the safety and well-being of children. Learn more at FamiliesFirstNetwork.org.

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