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Whole Child Leon appoints Executive Director

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Aug. 18, 2009 – Whole Child Leon (WCL) has named Courtney Atkins as its new Executive Director. Atkins will begin her new role on September 8.

“Early this summer, our steering committee decided that outreach needed to be our top priority and that we needed to bring on a full-fledged executive director to be our lead on that outreach,” said Lorraine Ausley, Chair of Whole Child Leon. “Fortunately for us, we already had a person on our team who had demonstrated this kind of outreach through a partnership with Leon County Schools and Capital Health Plan. We’re proud to announce that Courtney Atkins has accepted the position.”

Atkins is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), and a Certified Employee Assistance Professional (CEAP). For the past year, she has served as the Whole Child Outreach Specialist with Leon County Schools. In this position she worked to enroll the county’s more than 3,000 uninsured children in Florida KidCare and assist their families in obtaining other needed services.

“I am honored to have been chosen to lead Whole Child Leon through this exciting period of growth,” said Atkins. “I look forward to working with the many volunteers and professionals who are so committed to helping our community’s youngest citizens.”

Atkins replaces Alan Brock, who served as Interim Executive Director for the past year. Brock will continue to serve in an oversight and advisory role. “Alan, who is from Wakulla County, has agreed to work very closely with us as we expand the Whole Child concept in neighboring counties,” said Ausley.

Driven by its mission of building a community where everyone works together to make sure children thrive, Whole Child Leon is focused on ensuring that all children from birth to six in Leon County will be healthy at age 1, making appropriate progress and entering kindergarten ready to succeed. More information is available at www.wholechildleon.com.

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