

Subject: First Steps Announcement/Northwest Area Director

To: Office of Special Education, SICC members, SPOE directors, Service Coordinators and First Steps providers

From: Pam Thomas, Coordinator of the First Steps program

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It is my pleasure to announce that Michele Benner has accepted the position of First Steps Area Director for the Northwest region, covering SPOE regions 4 and 5.

Michele will begin her new position as Area Director on Tuesday, December 27, 2016.

Michele comes to the First Steps program from the Liberty School District where she was a behavior interventionist, coach and mentor, a first grade teacher and a Parents as Teachers educator.

Michele has over 15 years of experience working with children, youth and their families.

Please join us in welcoming Michele to the Department's Office of Special Education, Early Intervention section.