



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Partners and Friends of Vanier,

The Vanier Board of Directors is proud to announce that Kelly Simpson will take over the position of Executive Director which will be vacated by the retirement of Joanne Sherin. Kelly comes to us from her current position as Director of Planning and Integration/Mental Health and Addictions Lead at the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), which is a crown agency of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Prior to her work at the LHIN the past four years, Kelly was a manager at St Joseph's Health Care London for nine years looking after the regional coordination of specialized geriatrics and the regional psychogeriatric program.

Vanier's mental health services improves the lives of infants, youth and their families through clinical excellence, collaboration, partnerships and system leadership. To lead this organization, Kelly brings with her a strong and diverse background in providing collaborative leadership to clinical teams. Her motivation for this opportunity is to take her mental health leadership experience to a community-based organization such as Vanier. This experience and passion will serve Kelly well to navigate Vanier's opportunities and challenges in being both a mental health service provider as well as a designated Lead Agency in the Moving on Mental Health provincial initiative.

We are so fortunate at Vanier to be in the position of transferring leadership from one excellent and passionate Executive Director to someone as qualified and equally passionate as Kelly. On top of this, Vanier has an amazing team of management, staff, combined with such supportive community and provincial partners that will further pave the road for organizational and sectoral success.

Please join Vanier's Board of Directors in welcoming Kelly Simpson to her new role as our Executive Director, which will commence on July 3, 2018.

Chris Churney
Board Chair – Vanier Children's Services



MESSAGE FROM KELLY SIMPSON

“I am so honoured to be offered the opportunity to serve as the new Executive Director of Vanier Children’s Services. Vanier is a highly respected organization and is a recognized leader in children’s mental health. I am proud to be working with such skilled and caring professionals who are committed to providing the highest level of care for children and families needing specialized mental health supports. This will be an exciting new challenge for me, and I am confident that my 15 years of progressive leadership experience in the healthcare sector, passion for children’s mental health, and collaborative and transformational leadership style will allow me to excel in this position”