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Darlene Ramsey is the Supports Intensity Scale Coordinator for the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and a Clinical Instructor at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill at the Developmental Disabilities Training Institute. She holds an undergraduate and graduate degree in Special Education and is in the final stage of completing her doctorate in Educational Psychology. She has worked with individuals having cognitive, learning, emotional, and physical disabilities in public education, adult forensics, juvenile corrections, and community based organizations, and has provided training and leadership in program implementation around the country. She received a ground breaker award for her leadership implementation from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services, and provided training and consultative services to United Kingdom and Norway in their implementation of psycho-educational treatment programs. She served as the Supports Intensity Scale examiner and trainer for Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare in their roll-out of the Supports Intensity Scale.

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Rod Realon is the co-author of the Children's Supports Intensity Scale and the AAIDD National Consultant for the Children's SIS. He has worked in the state of North Carolina for over 30 years as a licensed staff psychologist in two Developmental Centers and prior to his retirement he worked in the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services Central Office. He provides services to a broad range of populations including persons with co-occurring disorders (MR/MI), persons with Autism, toddlers, geriatric, and non-ambulatory medically fragile individuals. He is actively involved in research with 20 peer reviewed publications, over 100 presentations at state and national conferences, 20 workshops, and the principal investigator of 11 grants. He has served on the Board of Directors as Research Chairperson, Vice-President, President, and Chair of the Legislative Committee for the North Carolina American Association on Mental Retardation (AAIDD). In June 1994 he achieved the title of Fellow in the American Association on Mental Retardation (now AAIDD). He is on the Board of Directors (serving on the Membership Committee, as Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect, and President) of the NC Association for Behavior Analysis, and the committee for the International Association of Behavior Analysis. He is the recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and received his Bachelor of Arts from University of the Pacific, and his Master of Arts degree from Drake University.

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Joanna Forester is originally from West Virginia. She obtained her Bachelor's of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from West Virginia University and moved to Arizona to work on the Navajo Indian Reservation and received a Masters Degree in Social Work. She has worked with individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health, and substance misuse concerns. She has worked as a case manager, medical social worker, a home health social worker, and on an HIV/AIDS project in Ireland. Joanna later moved to North Carolina and worked as the Thomas S. Social Worker at Cherry and Dix Hospitals. She left inpatient care to

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Jeffrey Marshall is a Licensed Psychological Associate, and a Support Intensity Scale examiner. He holds a graduate degree in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Since completing his graduate studies, he has worked with children, adolescents, and adults with developmental disabilities, emotional and behavioral difficulties and severe and persistent mental illness in private and public mental health settings. Jeffrey currently works as a court psychologist in Charlotte providing therapy and psychological evaluations for adolescent who are involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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Dr. Barbara McRae is a licensed clinical social worker in the city of Fayetteville, North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Fayetteville State University, a Master's of Education in Guidance & Counseling from Campbell University, a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Louisville, KY, and a Doctor of Naturopathy and Ph. D. in Holistic Nutrition from Clayton College of Natural Health. In May of 1995, Dr. Barbara McRae fulfilled a lifelong dream of opening her very own counseling corporation. Titled "Associate for Family Enrichment Incorporated," the institution offers child and adolescent therapy, family therapy, parent training, home-based family therapy, family crisis management, interdisciplinary collaboration, adoptive and foster family preparation, and training of other mental health/ social services staffs. In her spare time Dr. McRae continues her lifelong calling of embracing opportunities to uplift and better the lives of the people of her community.

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Bev Nagy is a license psychologist in North Carolina, and has provided psychological services to people with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and dual diagnoses since 1983. She has experience in the public sector at State Centers and State Hospitals and has worked in the private sector for a variety of outstanding companies. For private providers, both full time and on a consulting basis, she has conducted training on a statewide level, managed 13 group homes in the Charlotte area, and supervised staff delivering community based services for high-risk youth in Charlotte and surrounding counties. Bev was involved as an expert witness for the Special Master in the Thomas S. litigation (Thomas S. v. State of NC). She has been a SIS Evaluator for the NC DMH/DD/SAS since March, 2008.

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Dr. Arnold Nelson is a licensed psychologist and currently is a consulting psychologist with Charles Hines & Son, Inc. in Winston-Salem. He has an extensive history in clinical and rehabilitation applications with children and adults considered part of the DD and MH populations. He has performed psychological and neuropsychological evaluations during some 45 years of professional involvements. Included in his history are college/university teaching, hospital and private practice, and consultation to other agencies.

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Rosemary Smith Nelson is the Director of Clinical Services at Charles Hines and Son, Inc. in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She has been a licensed psychologist in North Carolina since 1988 and holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. She has over 25 years experience in clinical private practice working with individuals, families and groups prior to employment in the provider network for Medicaid services in North Carolina. Her current responsibilities at Charles Hines and Son, Inc. include developing and directing programs and mental health/developmental disability services, staff training and supervision, developing behavioral management programs, and completing diagnostic and comprehensive clinical assessments.

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