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Amy Chester Promoted to District 2 Supervisor

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 30, 2020) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Director of Probation and Parole Erica Hargis announced today the promotion of Amy Duncan Chester to supervisor of District 2. District 2 covers Allen, Butler, Christian, Edmonson, Hopkins, Logan, Simpson, and Todd counties. Her promotion is effective Dec. 1.

"Amy Chester's knowledge of District 2 operations is simply unmatched. She has worked tirelessly over the years to gain the experience and leadership abilities necessary to excel in such an important role," said Hargis. "Chester has been an integral part of many committees over the years and helped to shape our division into what it is today. I am honored to promote someone of her caliber. She is a welcome addition to our leadership team."

Chester began her career with the department in 2001 as a probation and parole officer in the Bowling Green office. While in District 3, she supervised a variety of caseloads including the sex offender caseload. Additionally, she wrote presentence investigation reports for Warren Circuit Court and served as the class D officer for several county jails. Chester was the recipient of the 2005 District 3 Employee of the Year award.

In 2007, Chester was promoted to assistant supervisor in District 2. She has supervised staff in every field office in District 2 and in the district office. Chester is the District 2 ICOTS administrator, MyPurpose coordinator, PREA investigator, public information officer, field training officer, and DNA trainer. She served as part of the 2016 ACA compliance team, 2018 Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice Conference committee, and the 2019 case audit revision committee.

A 2001 graduate of Western Kentucky University, Chester earned a bachelor's degree in print/editorial journalism with a minor in criminology. She is a 2014 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program and a 2018 graduate of the Certificate of Supervisory Essentials program. Chester was a participant in the 2020 Western Kentucky LEAD program before it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Editor's note: photo attached