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## **Shodair Children's Hospital Announces New Therapist**

(HELENA) — Shodair Children's Hospital is pleased to announce Patricia (Trish) Leasure, LCSW, is a new primary therapist on the High Desert (Children's) Unit.

Trish received her bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Arizona at Tucson and her masters of social work in from Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri. She has lived in Montana since 1984 and received her licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) certification in 1986 from the State of Montana.

Trish's primary area of clinical work over the last twenty years has been direct practice with children and families. She enjoys working with children and young adults and has an extensive background in the areas of foster care and adoption. Most recently, Trish worked as a supervisor with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services' Child and Family Services Division, focusing on permanency issues for children in foster care.

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***About Shodair:*** Shodair Children's Hospital provides acute and residential psychiatric care for Montana children and adolescents, and clinical and laboratory medical genetic services to residents of all ages. Shodair is a non-profit, non-denominational facility and the state's only Children's Miracle Network hospital. The medical genetics department at Shodair is the state's medical genetics program, and provides comprehensive services to patients at the Helena campus and in communities throughout the state via outreach clinics.