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Human Service Veteran Steps Up

Middletown- Sandy Schwartz, a long-time member of the Mid-Hudson region's human services community, is the new director of service coordination for Crystal Run Village, Inc. She is responsible for the administration and supervision of the agency's service coordination team in accessing services and supports for approximately 350 adults and children with disabilities.

Schwartz, a former special education teacher, has worked collaboratively across the spectrum of support agencies to provide people affected by developmental disabilities and mental illness with individualized services for a better quality of life. Schwartz joined Crystal Run village in 2007 as a service coordinator. She previously worked at Orange County AHRC for 11 years, most recently as the supervisor of service coordination and guardianship coordinator. Prior to that she was associated with the Mental Health Association where her responsibilities included crisis intervention, respite care, recreation and linkage and referral services to community resources.

Schwartz has been awarded permanent teaching certification by the New Jersey State Department of Education. She holds a bachelor's degree in special education from Trenton State College in New Jersey.

Crystal Run Village, Inc. has been creating and providing services for the inclusion, independence, productivity and enrichment of the lives of people with disabilities for 50 years. With an operating budget of approximately \$37-million and 840 staff people, the agency provides support in the form of housing, programs for learning and self expression, opportunities for employment, community inclusion and recreation - all for the purpose of an individual's greater independence and contribution as a citizen. The human services agency has been based in Middletown since 1959.