

Diane Sammons has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to Children First and the Nurse Family Partnership model. She began her career as a home visiting nurse in October 2001. She was a home visitor until early 2010 when she moved into the position of supervisor. In her 9 years working with mothers in Children First, she graduated a large number (I can provide exact numbers if requested).

Diane's former supervisor would say the clients would tell her how much they loved Diane. She was a champion for her clients, encouraging them to succeed and be the best they could be. She was, and is now for her team of nurses, a wonderful resource. Her compassionate heart leads her to see beyond the obvious and help clients to recognize and achieve their heart's desire.

Although I did not supervise Diane as a nurse home visitor, I know from her work as a supervisor and the guidance she provides to her team that she believes deeply in the NFP model. Diane advises her team on maintaining fidelity to the model. She stays up to date with changes to the model from frequent visits to the NFP website and updating the team as needed.

Diane volunteered to serve on the Quality Improvement committee at OCCHD. During that time, she received numerous hours of training on different QI processes. With her training and knowledge of QI she has been instrumental in the QI projects our department has undertaken. Diane is actively involved with researching and implementing best practices.

Diane has spent her adult life as a nurse. She regularly shares articles and information on new nursing research and data. Her love of nursing is evident in her excitement to share an article she just read on Medline Plus or when she was visiting the American Academy of Pediatrics website. Diane comes to the office with a smile on her face every day. She has had adversity but remains grateful and inspires others to want to follow her lead. I have never worked with anyone that has as much loyalty to the profession of nursing and the NFP model.

