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Austin Field Expert Joins Community Options

PRINCETON, NJ – Earlier this month, Community Options named Amanda “Mandy” Mesina its new Associate Executive Director of Austin, Texas offices. Mesina and her staff have hit the ground running, working toward the national nonprofit’s mission of providing residential and employment support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Austin area. This week, Ms. Mesina oversaw the opening of a new residence that will serve as a home in the region.

“Mandy is a trusted leader with great values and management skills,” said Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options. “I am certain that her background combined with the tremendous work she did at the Austin Supported Living Center will be an asset to people with disabilities living in Austin.”

Since 2014, Mesina has served as a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional and the Director of Education and Training at the Austin State Supported Living Center. Under her direction, the departments of Vocational, Day Program, Recreation, and Active Treatment were restructured to focus on individualized supports through an interdisciplinary approach for more than 180 individuals living at the Center.

“Leading the Austin region of Community Options means enhancing the lives of people with disabilities,” said the Elrama, Pennsylvania native. “We plan to provide the best level of care, housing, employment opportunities, while empowering them every day to live their lives to the fullest.”

Mesina graduated from Robert Morris University with two Bachelor’s degrees in management and psychology. She worked as a Direct Support Professional and a Program Coordinator at the Woodlands Foundation in Wexford, Pennsylvania and then as a Family Support Coordinator in Columbus, Georgia.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For 28 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities – serving thousands of people through over 40 offices across 11 states. Community Options provides advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities because all people – regardless of ability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice and self-determination. For more information please visit our website: www.comop.org and to follow along with the ComOpCares campaign, search #ComOpCares on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.