Nemours Children's Health Announces Meghan Walls, PsyD, as Director of External Affairs, Delaware Valley



WILMINGTON, DEL. (September 14, 2022) – Nemours Children's Health recently named Meghan Walls, PsyD, as Director of External Affairs, Delaware Valley. In this pivotal role, Dr. Walls will work to build awareness of the Nemours Children's Health mission and garner support for its strategic objectives with elected officials and community leaders. Dr. Walls will provide recommendations on public policy matters involving state and local governments, and lead and direct legislative and regulatory matters with key external stakeholders.

In 2022, Dr. Walls began serving as Legislative and Policy Advisor in Nemours' Division of External Affairs for Delaware Valley. As Legislative and Policy Advisor, she was focused on advocating and lobbying for policy that benefits the health of children and their families. She has been integral in the successful passage of policy innovations related to behavioral health, telehealth, paid family leave, and healthcare access. As New Castle County resident practicing psychology at Nemours Children's Health Jessup Street, Dr. Walls is deeply embedded in the community and invested in advocating for the children of Delaware and beyond.

"Nemours Children's Health is committed to working with elected officials and government agencies to establish policies that work to enrich the lives of the children we serve and their families," said Kara Odom Walker, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Population Health Officer, Nemours Children's Health. "We are excited about the leadership, policy and clinical experience that Dr. Walls will bring to this position. We look forward to working collaboratively with our community and state leaders to create the healthiest generations of children."

"After working for Nemours Children's in a clinical capacity for 11 years, I am eager to be expanding my role and to continue partnering with policy makers in our state," said Meghan Walls, PsyD, Director of External Affairs, Nemours Children's Health, Delaware Valley. "I look forward to supporting Nemours with a shared purpose of changing children's health for good."

As a nationally recognized innovator, a Governor-appointed member of Delaware Early Childhood Council, as well as the Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council. She is also co-chair of the Lt. Governor's Behavioral Health Consortium Data and Policy Committee and appointed by the Delaware Secretary of Education to serve on the Pathways Middle School Steering Committee. Dr. Walls has served as the Electronics Communication Chair for the Society of Pediatric Psychology Board of Directors.

Dr. Walls has been honored with several awards including the 2020 DBT40 (Delaware Business Times 40Under40), Delaware New Journal's 2020 Most Influential Delawareans in Politics, the 2019 Nemours Physician Excellence in Community Service Award and the 2019 National Alliance on Mental Health, Delaware Healthcare Provider of the Year.

Dr. Walls completed her residency at Nationwide Children's Hospital and her fellowship at Nemours Children's Health. She also holds an appointment as assistant clinical professor, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.

About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, which includes two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of more than 70 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, Nemours KidsHealth.org.

The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention programs to the children, families and communities it serves. For more information, visit Nemours.org.

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