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### **Bowie Selects Wendy Wilcox to Lead City's Youth Services Bureau**

Bowie City Manager David Deutsch announced today that Ms. Wendy Wilcox has been chosen to be the new Youth Services Bureau Director for the City of Bowie, MD. The Youth Services Bureau serves the citizens of Bowie by providing counseling services for families, groups and individuals to promote positive youth development, improve parent-child interactions, prevent juvenile delinquency, and reduce family conflict.

Ms. Wendy Wilcox holds a B.S. in Psychology from Ithaca College in New York and an M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Maryland. She has been employed by the City of Bowie for the past 19 years as a family counselor providing clinical treatment for children and families on a variety of issues that include school difficulties, suicidal thoughts, child abuse, grief therapy and substance abuse. She currently serves as a substance abuse assessor for the Student Assistance Programs in several Bowie schools.

Ms. Wilcox supervises graduate student interns, facilitates a variety of classes offered to the community and has had extensive clinical experience treating mental health conditions and interpersonal difficulties in a variety of settings and with a broad spectrum of symptoms and problems.

The Youth Services Bureau is part of the City's Community Services Department. Lawrence Pierce, who heads up that department, said of the selection, "We're glad to have Wendy Wilcox as our new Youth Services Director. She brings a highly skilled and diversified background to this key position that serves Bowie families."

Ms. Wilcox filled the opening created by the retirement of Ms. Nancy Branch earlier this year after 19 years of service to the City of Bowie. Ms. Wilcox begins her new position officially on June 30, 2014.

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