



Northern Community Mediation

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NCM Says Hello and Goodbye

Northern Community Mediation (NCM) has a new case manager. Laura Buckingham joined the NCM team on July 8. She brings experience as an office manager and legal assistant in a local law firm. She has an Associates' Degree in General Science in Aquatic Biology, as well as training in Court and Conference Reporting from Lansing Community College, and has served as a court and conference recorder.

Buckingham stated, "I have always appreciated the contributions of non-profit organizations, and now I have the opportunity to work for one."

Laura will be replacing Case Manager Caroline Smith, who will begin studying at Chicago Kent College of Law, which is affiliated with the Illinois Institute of Technology. It is the second oldest law school in the state of Illinois. Smith explained, "Although I'm not certain exactly what my specialty will ultimately be, my intention is to focus on issues of public interest."

From noon to 3:00pm on Thursday, July 18, NCM is hosting a reception for anyone who wants to stop by and extend best wishes to Caroline and meet Laura. It is a bittersweet time for the NCM staff. As Case Manager Karen Cole summarized, "It has been a pleasure to work with Caroline. She has been a great asset to NCM, and although we will miss her, we look forward to having Laura on our NCM team."

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured from left to right: Laura Buckingham and Caroline Smith