



Millhill Child and Family Development Announces Leadership Transition



Jigna Rao Promoted to CEO, Continued Focus on Educating Youth, Supporting Families and Building Partnerships

Trenton, NJ, November 9, 2023- The Millhill Child and Family Development Board of Trustees has appointed Jigna Rao, Chief Executive Officer. She succeeds former Executive Director, Cynthia Oberkofler who previously announced her retirement. Rao has served as Millhill's Director of Operations since 2021.

Rao will lead Millhill with strategic direction to ensure the organization's long and short-term goals and manage the delivery of high-quality programs and services aligned with Millhill's mission to empower children and families. A focus of her leadership will be on cultivating relationships and continuing to build meaningful community partnerships that will extend Millhill's ability to meet the diverse needs of clients.

"The trust and confidence placed in me to be effective is an honor. I am sincerely appreciative of the opportunity to serve Millhill in my new role and continue to build upon our legacy of educating children, empowering youth, and supporting families," said Rao. "I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees guided by our organization's core values, and vision of building a thriving community where everyone has access to limitless possibilities. Together we will continue to create a lasting positive change."

Prior to joining Millhill, Rao headed the Center for Continuing Education at Mercer County Community College and served as the Director of Drumthwacket, the New Jersey Governor's Official Residence during the Corzine administration where she led operational management, and special initiatives to deepen community relationships. Jigna has received multiple recognitions for her community and professional involvement as well as for her advocacy work in support of minority health equity. Rao is the recipient of the Charles DeGraw Award for Tuberculosis Advocacy from the National TB Controllers Association, the Women of Achievement Award from the Women in Business Alliance, Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber, and the Tribute to Women Award from the Princeton YWCA.

"Jigna is a force of nature, relentless in her commitment to advocate for those facing barriers," said Susan Mullin, Millhill Corporate Board Chair. "Jigna has consistently demonstrated her passion for fulfilling Millhill's mission. We are confident in her abilities and pleased that she will have the opportunity to build on her dedication. We look forward to collaborating with her in her new role."

Rao holds a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University- Camden and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from TCNJ with a minor in public health.

About Millhill Child & Family Development

Millhill Child & Family Development was established in 1971 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving abused and neglected children in Trenton, NJ. The services and programs we provide today have been developed over time and with a great understanding of what the community needs. We began primarily as a childcare center and flourished and expanded by communicating with parents and the community. Visit millhillcenter.org to learn more.

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