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Michelle Thomas Named Lafayette/Opelousas Regional Manager



Dr. Mary Livers announced that Baton Rouge Regional Manager Michelle Thomas has been named regional manager of the Lafayette/Opelousas Probation and Parole Office.

Michelle was named Baton Rouge RM in April 2012, having served in an acting capacity in the position since June, 2011.

“Michelle has proven herself to be an able administrator,” said Deputy Secretary Dr. Mary L. Livers. “She has exhibited excellent leadership abilities in Baton Rouge, and we are confident that she will manage the

Lafayette/Opelousas capably as well.”

“I have enjoyed serving the Baton Rouge Regional Office and look forward to the new challenge of managing the Lafayette/Opelousas office,” said Michelle. “I enjoy meeting new people and learning new things, and I look forward to becoming familiar with the Acadiana region. I plan to continue to use my experience and my passion for this work to be a positive force for continued growth as we serve the children in our care.”

Michelle holds a bachelors degree in social work from Southern University. She has been a member of the Baton Rouge office since 1999, beginning as a PPO1, and rising through the ranks, becoming a regional manager. She spent several years as a Placement Officer, specializing in non-secure placement, and later served as a supervisor over the rural areas of the parishes of West Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee, Iberville, East and West Feliciana. Prior to coming to OJJ, she served as an Information Technology Operator for DPS&C.

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