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## Christa Smelko Joins Shodair's Psychology Department

Christa D. Smelko, Psy.D., licensed clinical psychologist, joined Shodair Children's Hospital's psychology staff on May 3. Christa received her bachelor of science in psychology from Rockford College in Illinois. She then went on to receive her master of arts in clinical psychology from the Arizona School of Professional Psychology and her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Argosy University in Arizona.

Dr. Smelko's experience includes work in private practice, hospital settings, behavioral health centers, home-based programs, juvenile correction centers and school districts. Dr. Smelko also conducted competency restoration and assessments and expert testimony for legal cases.

Dr. Smelko's arrival at Shodair expands the hospital's number of psychologists to two. Dr. Smelko will see both genetic and psychiatric patients, working closely with referring entities and providing case management and psychological testing.

Dr. Smelko is a member of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, American Psychology-Law Society and Legal Information Institute.

She has presented workshops on: Evaluating Juvenile Adjudicative Competence; Evaluation of Competency to Proceed, Suicide In-Service, Restorative Justice, Attachment and Childhood Disorders, Child Development and Formulation of Treatment Plans and Interventions, and Case Conceptualization and Formulation of Treatment Plans and Interventions.

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***About Shodair:*** Shodair Children's Hospital provides acute and residential psychiatric care for Montana children and adolescents, and clinical and laboratory medical genetic services to residents of all ages. Shodair is a non-profit, non-denominational facility and the state's only Children's Miracle Network hospital. The medical genetics department at Shodair is the state's medical genetics program, and provides comprehensive services to patients at the Helena campus and in communities throughout the state via outreach clinics.

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