

## **Veteran domestic violence advocate selected to lead Family Safety Center**

*Murry-Drobot succeeds interim director Linda K. Miller*

**MEMPHIS, TN** — Olliette Murry-Drobot, who has extensive experience working to help victims of domestic violence victims, has been hired to lead the staff of the Family Safety Center of Memphis and Shelby County as the Center prepares to open its doors for fulltime operation

Ms. Murry-Drobot begins work as executive director on June 20, taking the reins from interim executive director Linda K. Miller.

“Olliette comes to this position with great experience, practical know-how and the energy required to launch our operations and get the organization running smoothly and effectively,” said Chip Dudley, chair of the FSC board of directors. “We are creating an important center for family justice in this community, and she is the person we need to move into that future.”

He added, “We really appreciate the hard work Linda has done to prepare the way. She has moved our organization well through the many stages that have led to the start-up of a key community nonprofit.”

Olliette Murry-Drobot has served since 2009 as executive director of the Southeast Memphis Community Development Corporation and is a consultant to The University of Memphis Center for Community Criminology and Research. Altogether, she has 14 years experience leading organizations, strategies and initiatives aimed at solving community problems.

Her experience includes working directly with Operation: Safe Community’s Safeways and Just Care 180 strategies concerning domestic and family violence. The FSC itself is growing out of Operation: Safe Community planning. Ms. Murry-Drobot has masters degrees in business administration and applied anthropology with a focus on urban issues.

The Family Safety Center is expected to open its doors in late summer, providing a one-stop location where many services are provided to victims of family violence. The top floor of the Madison Professional Building at 1750 Madison Avenue is under construction. The Center will provide a secure environment for families and space where professionals can provide legal and advocacy help, as well as various social services needed when families are in crisis.

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