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## **Nurse-Family Partnership Appoints Chief Operating Officer Nationally recognized nursing executive joins leading nurse home visitation program**

**DENVER, CO** (October 5, 2009) - Nurse-Family Partnership®, a nurse-led, non-profit organization addressing the needs of low income, first-time parents and their children, announced today that Kammie Monarch, RN, MSN and JD, is joining the organization as Chief Operating Officer, based in Denver, on October 26, 2009. Monarch, a nationally recognized nursing leader, joins the senior management team at the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) national office in supporting state and local agencies that are replicating the Nurse-Family Partnership approach nationwide. She will lead the NFP Nursing Practice, Program Development and Program Quality Support department teams.

Monarch currently serves as the Chief Nursing Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Workforce Center (OHCWC). Previously, she was Chief Operating Officer and Counsel for Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing, and held several positions for the American Nurses Association. Monarch also held senior management and legal positions in the Oklahoma Nurses Association, nursing positions in medical centers, and has been a staff attorney in a private law firm.

“Kammie’s appointment as COO affirms our vision of Nurse-Family Partnership as a nurse-led home visitation program. She has remarkable expertise in management, law and especially nursing,” said Thomas R. Jenkins, Jr., President and CEO. “NFP is poised for a substantial expansion of services over the next few years, so it is essential that we have strong leadership to support quality program growth through our state agencies and local partners. I’m delighted to welcome Kammie aboard as a key member of our leadership team.”

Monarch has presented on health care disparities and nursing issues to major organizations nationwide and is published in dozens of nursing journals. As CNO at the OHCWC, Monarch made closing the demographic disparity gap in Oklahoma's nursing population a priority. The OHCWC worked with Oklahoma's tribal communities, culminating in the Cherokee Nation and the Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority becoming funding partners with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Northwest Health Foundation for the OHCWC Partners Investing in Nursing's Future initiative.

Monarch earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oklahoma Baptist University, Masters of Science in Nursing from Oral Roberts University, and a Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University.

### About Nurse-Family Partnership

The Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office ([www.nursefamilypartnership.org](http://www.nursefamilypartnership.org)) is committed to producing enduring improvements in the health and well being of low-income, first-time parents and their children by helping communities implement and sustain an evidence-based program of home visiting by registered nurses. Nurse-Family Partnership is the most rigorously tested program of its kind. Randomized, controlled trials conducted over 30 years demonstrate multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditures. Nurse-Family Partnership is headquartered in Denver, Colorado.

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