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NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GRADUATE CHELSEA LAWYER NAMED TO THE NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DENVER, COLO. (Jan. 12, 2022) — The National Service Office for <u>Nurse-Family</u>

<u>Partnership</u>® (NFP) and <u>Child First</u> announced the appointment of Chelsea Lawyer, an NFP graduate and former NFP Parent Ambassador, to the Board of Directors.

In 2014, Lawyer enrolled in Nurse-Family Partnership when she and her husband were expecting their first child. After graduating from Nurse-Family Partnership, she served as an NFP Parent Ambassador. In this leadership role, Lawyer engaged policymakers to build awareness and understanding of the benefits of the NFP program to families and communities. She overcame stay-at-home barriers during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to virtually share her parenting journey through online hearings and written testimonies to support Nurse-Family Partnership funding in Washington State to serve more families.

"I gained so much knowledge, support and genuine friendship from my NFP nurse when I was a first-time mom. Nurse-Family Partnership changed the course of my life. Serving on the Board of Directors is a way for me to stay connected with a program near and dear to me and gives me the chance to continue my professional relationship with Nurse-Family Partnership and give back," said Lawyer.

"Chelsea's dedication to Nurse-Family Partnership has been evident over the past two years when she served as a Parent Ambassador and advocated on behalf of families to strengthen communities," said Christian Soura, chair of the board. "As a former NFP mom, Chelsea will bring a unique perspective and insight to the Board of Directors to advance the work of both Child First and Nurse-Family Partnership."

Lawyer is an active community support worker in Tacoma, WA and founder of Being the Village support group. Additionally, she is a Full Spectrum Doula in-training, a certified Triple P instructor, breastfeeding peer counselor and is actively involved in other experiences relative to maternal-child health.

The National Service Office Board of Directors is comprised of dedicated and diverse professionals from across the country who volunteer their time and skills to provide governance and leadership to advance the organization and its mission.

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About the National Service Office for Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First

The National Service Office (NSO) is the central, unified operational structure for two evidence-based programs: Nurse-Family Partnership and Child First. In 2020, what was formerly the NSO solely for Nurse-Family Partnership joined forces with Child First, a merger empowering two proven, evidence-based models to share complementary expertise, infrastructure and integrated support services. The resulting unified entity works to ensure that health care, early childhood development and the mental health of the entire family are delivered in proven ways to achieve long-term positive outcomes.