



# Saint Louis Crisis Nursery *Executive Director*

Every day, **DiAnne L. Mueller, M.S., LPC**, brings a wealth of experience and commitment with her as Executive Director of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery. Since 1994, DiAnne has lead the **Saint Louis Crisis Nursery**, an award-winning child abuse prevention agency providing a 24-hour safe haven for children whose families are experiencing a crisis. Under her direction the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery has grown from three locations to four Crisis Nursery facilities and two Outreach Centers—expanding capacity by more than 30%. Continuing its growth to become a regional organization, the fifth Nursery location will open in late 2007.

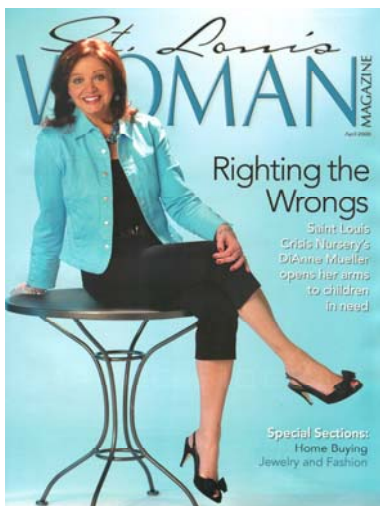


Recognized as an expert in child abuse prevention practices, DiAnne is frequently consulted by the media to comment on issues pertaining to children and families. She has been featured on all local television and radio news programs and quoted in most local print media. Through consultation for communities across the nation, DiAnne has lent her expertise to many on Crisis Nursery program start-up, most recently in Springfield, Missouri, which successfully launched *Isabel's House*.

DiAnne is a Licensed Professional Counselor with a Masters in Counseling from Drake University. Her child and family therapy background paved the way, as she's served as *Psychotherapist* and *Family Therapist* at: St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, Iowa's Children and Family Services and Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines; and was the first female Correctional Counselor at Joliet State Prison in the state of Illinois. She developed and supervised the psychiatric program for St. Joseph Health Center/ St. Joseph Hospital West Behavioral Medicine Department. DiAnne also served as a clinical consultant for Bridgeway Counseling Services in St. Charles, assisting in the development of a sexual abuse treatment program.

Witnessing the traumatic effects of abuse on children for too long, DiAnne was motivated to change course and lend her talents to prevention. *"Children should be able to grow up without the threat of violence. Prevention is the key to ensuring a healthy childhood and ultimately a stronger society. It is unacceptable in today's world, that we spend time and money to treat a child who has been victimized by abuse"*, Mueller said.

Making an impact in the community, DiAnne has served as President of the St. Charles County Family Stress Council and the St. Louis Council of Child Abuse & Neglect. She is a member of the Domestic Violence Board in St. Charles, a member of the American Association of Counseling and Development, and is frequently consulted by corporate and legislative leaders for her position on issues concerning children and families.



In recognition of her commitment, DiAnne has been honored with the *St. Charles County Heroes Mental Health Award*, the *Health & Human Services Outstanding Service Award*, the *Excellence in St. Charles Award* from the St. Louis Business Journal, and most recently the prestigious *Dove Award* from St. Charles Business Magazine for *Outstanding Leadership* in the region. DiAnne lives with her husband, Chris and their three children in St. Charles.

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