

Nonprofit begins search for new executive director

Nurturing Center Hires Transition Coordinator

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Following the death of its founder and executive director Susan Christofferson last month, the Nurturing Center has hired Ned Cooney to provide consultation and transition coordination for the center.

Christofferson founded the Nurturing Center in 1978 to provide prevention services that offer support, education and resources to Northwest Montana families, and served as the center's only executive director over the last 30 years. She died last month from complications with cancer. She was 59.

As transition coordinator, Cooney will provide assistance to the Nurturing Center's board of directors in locating and hiring a new executive director. Additionally, until a new director is hired, Cooney will ensure that the center continues to provide services. Diane Clark will continue in her role as the Nurturing Center's administrative assistant.

"Ned Cooney is in a unique position to help us through this time of transition," Barbara Calm, president of the Nurturing Center board, said in a press release. "He is deeply committed to the Flathead Valley and is skilled and experienced in the functioning of community non-profit organizations. He has a personal connection to the Nurturing Center in that he has worked closely with Susan in grant writing as well as facilitating work sessions – he knows us well and we know we can trust his guidance, staying true to the mission of the Nurturing Center."

