As of the beginning of January, Jackie Reynolds has returned as the director of Phillips County Social Services.

Reynolds held the director position for about six years before moving to Sterling where she served as the executive director for Rural Solutions for the last seven years.

“I’ve always had a special place for Phillips County,” said Reynolds, noting how excited she is to again be working in the Phillips County communities.

“Phillips County is a great place to live and raise children,” she said, desiring to be part of the communities that make it such a great place.

Through her job at Rural Solutions—a nonprofit organization serving 10 counties in northeast Colorado—Reynolds had the opportunity to work with a lot of people in the social services system.

She has also become a Bridges Out of Poverty certified trainer, giving classes the last four or five years to professionals and community members to discuss living in poverty without resources. Reynolds hopes to bring those training sessions to Phillips County as well.

**Jackie Reynolds is a familiar face in Holyoke and Phillips County Social a as she returns as the director.**
**—Enterprise photo**

Another of her goals is to bring services to Phillips County that families really need. Families are very deserving of the best, she said, and they shouldn't have to go to the Front Range to find those services. For example, Rey-nolds wants to bring in mental health providers as well as more foster homes.

She also wants to offer classes and programs to help strengthen families.

A Phillips County girl at heart, Reynolds grew up in Haxtun. She and her family moved to Holyoke in the mid-'90s. She worked as a teacher in English and social studies and as a librarian for 30 years before getting involved in social services.

She and husband Chas have stayed connected to the area the past several years through Chas' accounting business, which he runs in both Sterling and Holyoke.

The couple has two grown children, Mariah and Jason, who both live in Denver.

Reynolds enjoys reading and traveling, and she's involved in the Friends of the Sterling Public Library, the Presbyterian Church and PEO. Appointed by the governor, Reynolds also serves on the Colorado Children's Trust Fund.

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