

Dr. Gene Foster Named Interim Executive Director

Dr. Gene Foster, a veteran executive leader for children and youth services, has been named interim executive director of True Up.

Dr. Foster, a professional psychologist with more than 25 years of executive leadership experience, most recently served as President of Maryhurst and as a member of the True Up Board of Directors.

“Gene brings a heart for service and a head for leadership,” said Frank Harshaw, chairman and founder of True Up. “His personal dedication and professional skills will help us build the kind of program that foster youth need to succeed in life.”

Dr. Foster has served as CEO of Ramey-Estep Homes in Ashland and Undersecretary of Kentucky’s Cabinet for Children and Family Services. He currently serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology at the University of Louisville, a consultant and executive team member at Maryhurst and as chair of the board for the Kentucky Children’s Alliance.

In 2008, Dr. Foster received the Commonwealth’s Visionary Leader Award for his work in elder abuse prevention. In recent years, he has served as a member of Kentucky’s Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board and to the Institute on Aging.

Dr. Foster is the father of three children and the grandfather of five. He and his wife, Dianne, make their home in Louisville.