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Char Rivette has served as Chicago Children's Advocacy Center's Executive Director since 2009. In addition to overseeing the operations of the not-for-profit entity, she facilitates the Multidisciplinary Leadership Team housed at ChicagoCAC, which includes members of Chicago Police Department, Department of Children & Family Services, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and Cook County Health. During her tenure, the organization has grown by more than 50 percent and expanded its building by 75 percent, allowing for expanded investigative

services and support, mental health services, outreach and prevention, and collaborative partnerships.

Rivette currently serves as the Chair of the Illinois Children's Justice Task Force, and she is on the board of Changing Children's Worlds, a not-for-profit organization focusing on strengthening parenting to prevent abuse. In addition, she is active on the statewide and national levels in collaborating with other leaders within the children's advocacy center movement to advance the cause and increase the positive impact of their work.

With more than 25 years of experience in the field of child abuse and mental health, she began her work in direct clinical services to abused and traumatized children. Prior to her arrival at ChicagoCAC, she served as Chief of Program Operations at Little City Foundation. She also held positions at Our Children's Homestead and DuPage County Health Department.

Rivette earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and is a licensed clinical social worker.