

**Melissa Jones – Care Coordinator at Hillside Children’s Center**

Q - 1: What causes are you passionate about?

*I am passionate about enhancing the lives of children and families in our community.*

Q - 2: What are your hobbies?

*One of my hobbies is reading.*

Q – 3: What is an interesting fact about you?

*An interesting fact about me is I hold a limited permit in mental health and am working toward my permanent licensure.*

Q-4: What is your favorite travel destination?

*I enjoy traveling to the 1,000 Islands.*

Q – 5: What do you do for “self-care”?

*For "self-care" I treat myself to a massage.*

Q-6: Do you have any pets?

*One cat named Huey.*

Q – 7: Why did you decide to join the Youth Board?

*I decided to join the Board to use my experiences to help enhance the lives of youth and hopefully provide them with safety and hope for their futures.*

Certificates/experience related to providing services to youth:

*I previously served on the Parole Re-Entry Board for a short time.*

*I have an undergraduate degree in Exercise and Sports Studies and a Master’s degree in Community Mental Health. I have worked in the child care field, 9 years in service with those who are differently able and the past 9 years in different capacities with youth in foster care, kinship homes and with their biological families as well as with adults with substance abuse and mental health concerns.*