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## VISTA MARIA AND INSIGHT YOUTH AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS JOIN FORCES FOR GREATER COMMUNITY IMPACT

- The merger between Vista Maria and InSight Youth and Family Connections is now complete.
- InSight Youth and Family Connections now operates as a program of Vista Maria

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS, Mich. (April 1, 2025)** – Vista Maria, driven by courage, love, and vision to help girls, youth, and their families realize life beyond trauma, is pleased to announce the successful completion of its merger with InSight Youth and Family Connections, a Detroit-based organization that offers a wide variety of programs and services for youth and families navigating the juvenile justice system.

Insight Youth and Family Connections, previously Starr Vista, was already part of the Vista Maria family. Vista Maria has served as the sole member, or owner, of the corporation since 2018.

"Since 2018, we have taken steps to move closer together," said Vista Maria CEO Megan Zambiasi. "Recently, we've been exploring additional ways to become more efficient and effective together and we determined a merger would be a logical next step."

With the merger finalized, InSight Youth and Family Connections continues its operations as a program under the Vista Maria umbrella. Tawana Rogers-Reece, previously InSight's interim executive director, now officially serves as executive director and reports to Zambiasi as part of Vista Maria's executive leadership team.

"We are excited because we truly believe InSight's 20+ year history of excellence in juvenile justice and community work paired with Vista Maria's 142-year history of excellence in child welfare will enable us to pursue new programs and impact even more lives," Zambiasi said. "Formalizing our relationship will make us all stronger and help us realize our mission to foster restorative relationships and deliver innovative care, treatment, and education to help vulnerable youth and families believe in their worth, heal, and build skills for success."

InSight provides supervision, treatment, and case management to youth and families assigned through the Wayne County Department of Health, Human and Veterans

Services. Treatment needs including school engagement, workforce development, life skills, language assistance and more, are identified by the youth, their families, and the Wayne County Third Judicial Court. Learn more at <a href="https://www.vistamaria.org/insight">www.vistamaria.org/insight</a>.

Vista Maria provides mental health services, foster care and adoption, and secure care for survivors of human trafficking, along with a focus on education, transitional and independent living, and advocacy for the welfare of children. Learn more at <u>vistamaria.org</u>.