



WAYMAKERS WELCOMES JODI QUAS, PHD TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Dr. Quas brings internationally recognized
expertise in child development, memory and
trauma to support Waymakers' mission.**



IRVINE, Calif., (September 2024) – Waymakers, a nonprofit organization that has provided counseling, education, shelter, conflict resolution and support services to struggling Orange County children and families for more than 50 years, has appointed Jodi Quas, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Irvine, to its Board of Directors. Dr. Quas is recognized globally for her work on children's and adolescents' memory, suggestibility, victimization disclosure and the impacts of violence and legal system involvement on youth.

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Jodi Quas to the Waymakers Board of Directors. Her internationally impactful research and advocacy on behalf of vulnerable youth, combined with her deep commitment to evidence-based solutions, make her an extraordinary addition to our leadership," said Ronnetta Johnson, CEO of Waymakers. "Dr. Quas's expertise will be invaluable as we continue our mission to support youth and families facing adversity and guide them toward brighter futures."

Dr. Quas has received numerous awards for her research and advocacy, including the Early Career Contributions in Developmental Psychology from the American Psychological Association and the Nicholas Hobbs Award for Career Contributions from the Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice. She works closely with policymakers, law enforcement, legal professionals, educators, and health and social service providers to ensure that evidence-based recommendations are implemented on behalf of youth exposed to harm or immersed in juvenile, family and criminal courts.

"I am thrilled to join the board of an organization committed to improving the lives of vulnerable youth and families, and those in need of additional support to improve their lives and trajectories," said Dr. Quas

For more information on Waymakers, please visit waymakersoc.org.

About Waymakers

Waymakers is a lifeline for countless individuals throughout Orange County who are seeking hope and healing after experiencing trauma. The staff and volunteers focus on creating an environment where individuals can make choices that lead to strength and stability. Waymakers has been sheltering children, supporting victims, counseling families, resolving conflicts and educating communities since 1972. Learn more at Waymakersoc.org.

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