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Kate Hinnenkamp, left, is replacing Elizabeth Schilling as the program director of the Live Oak Family Resource Center.

# Center gets new director

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 Kate Hinnenkamp takes helm at Live Oak hub after co-founder Elizabeth Schilling steps down

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LIVE OAK — After 11 years at the helm, the program director and a founding member of the Live Oak Family Resource Center is stepping down to take some “private time” and get involved in other community activities.

The resource center was founded more than a decade ago, and Elizabeth Schilling started serving as its program director soon after.

“We don’t have a city, we don’t have a set of civic buildings or place (for res-

idents) to access services, yet we have a very urban population,” she said. Community leaders agreed it made more sense to have a centralized location in Live Oak, rather than making residents travel to the county buildings in Santa Cruz to receive services. For a full list of services, go to [www.communitybridges.org/liveoak.htm](http://www.communitybridges.org/liveoak.htm).

Community Bridges, a safety-net organization founded in Santa Cruz County in the late 1970s, operates the Live Oak center, as well as four others scattered around the county.

Tuesday was the first day on the job for Schilling’s replacement, Kate Hin-

nenkamp. For the last three years, she worked as an education specialist for Community Bridges’ WIC program, a federally funded nutrition program geared toward women, infant and children. Hinnenkamp, a Live Oak resident who grew up in San Jose, speaks both English and Spanish and has a master’s degree in adult education and community development. She will earn a salary in the \$40,000 range.

“The reason I wanted to be in this position is because I’ve been involved in the center in the past,” Hinnen-

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