

**Laura Stout  
Nursing Supervisor  
Human Services**

Laura's Wake County career spanned 37 ½ years, with a 5-year break in service during the years her children were born. Laura began her nursing career at WakeMed, on the OB-GYN floor, Labor & Delivery, and in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

In 1980, she joined the small staff at Wake County's Alcoholism Treatment Center (ATC), in order to take a break from the stresses of the hospital's nursing shortage. She quickly experienced the rewards of working in a successful recovery program set in a family atmosphere. She remained at ATC as the program evolved into a dual diagnosis one and services became more blended with mental health treatment.

Laura moved into a Nursing Supervisor role in 2004. For many years, she served as the weekend coordinator of operations in these 24/7 programs. She assisted in the opening of the WakeBrook facilities and worked there until the county divested mental health and substance abuse treatment to UNC in 2013. In April 2013, Laura was chosen to fill a Nursing Supervisor position in Maternal Health and Care Coordination for Children. She enjoyed becoming a part of a new work family at the Southern Regional Center.

Laura has many hopes and dreams for her retirement years, from making pottery to pursuing a Master's Degree in Nursing with the specialty of Midwifery. She also hopes to explore more of our country as well as travel internationally.

Please join me in congratulating Laura on her retirement.