## Suzanne Stephenson Nurse Human Services Department

Suzanne Stephenson began her nursing career in 1985, moving into the public health field in Johnston County in 1991. She came to Wake County Human Services in 1993 as a public health nurse. Her previous experience in maternal health, in clinics, and in mental health uniquely qualified her for the work she has been involved in during her career with Wake County.

Over the years, Suzanne has worked in the Prenatal clinic, as a Child Service Coordinator field nurse, and as a Maternal Health home visiting nurse. The role she enjoyed most is that of Maternal Health home visiting nurse where she could assist new moms and their babies, as well as women with high risk pregnancies, in having positive outcomes. She was able to apply her previous experience in this role.

She noted that she loves connecting with the client as a whole person in their home and not just as a patient in the clinic. In a home environment, she can see the client's true needs as well as their areas of strength. Suzanne's knowledge, expertise, and compassionate nursing are second to none.

Suzanne was selected to serve as primary preceptor for the Maternal Health team, having served as preceptor for many ECU nursing students and new team members too.

After 25 years of service with Wake County, Suzanne looks forward to spending time with her family in retirement.

Please join me in congratulating Suzanne on her retirement!