



# Laura Watters

## Director of Florissa & Day Services

*Master's Degree, Aurora University*

*Bachelor of Arts Degree, Augustana College*

**Laura Watters** graduated from Augustana College with a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and from Aurora University with Master of Arts in Servant Leadership. She has over 20 years experience working with individuals with special needs, including experience in residential and home based programs, adult day programs and children's services. Laura also has experience as a trainer and has presented on numerous topics.

In 2008, Laura worked to develop The Autism Program at Kreider Services after Kreider was awarded funding from The Autism Program of Illinois. Since the program opened it has continued to expand. Laura has been responsible for the oversight and implementation of the program including screenings, diagnostics, socials skills groups, training, and supportive services for families. Additionally, in 2009 Laura began working on community planning and network development in the four county region to improve services for individuals with Autism and their families. This community planning and collaboration has resulted in the expansion of the services offered and the award of several grants to fund the creation of a Pediatric Development Center to better serve all children and families in the region with developmental, social, emotional and behavioral issues.



# Florissa

*Where children & families flourish*

*Florissa is a comprehensive center for children with behavioral, developmental, social and emotional needs. Partner organizations include Kreider Services, KSB Hospital, Sinnissippi Centers, Lee County Health Department, Lee County Special Education Association, Ogle County Educational Cooperative and several parents.*



### **Florissa**

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Monday -Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am -12:30pm

Or by appointment

