



Heather Hanline, MS, LCPC, has spent the past 25 years as the Executive Director of the Dove Center, a sexual assault and domestic violence program in rural Western Maryland. With passion and perseverance, she has led the agency in overcoming many challenges.

Under her leadership, community attitudes and knowledge about domestic violence and sexual assault have positively shifted. A state of the art counseling and shelter facility, on-site, indoor pet kennel (the first in the State of Maryland), and most recently, 4 transitional housing units have been constructed under her leadership. School and campus counseling and prevention programs were developed and expanded.

She began JEWELS, a counseling group for women experiencing co-occurring trauma and addiction. She created a community initiative called Healing Garrett, through which she works to encourage and implement trauma informed care in the community by providing ACEs education and awareness.

In 2022, she was named to the Daily Record's Top 100 Women list, and was inducted into the Garrett County Commission for Women's Hall of Fame. She constantly strives to improve and expand the agency's existing programs and to play a positive, active role in the community's response to domestic violence, sexual assault, substance use disorder and mental health.