

Dept. of Children and Families: Honors Wisconsin residents for outstanding service to families

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Caring for Kids Awards presented during Social Work Month

(MADISON) – In recognition of Gov. Scott Walker’s proclamation declaring March as Social Work Month in Wisconsin, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) honored the efforts of five human service professionals with the 2018 Caring for Kids award.

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Eloise Anderson presented the awards during a ceremony today at the State Capitol. The five professionals representing the Bad River Tribe and Racine, Oconto, Waukesha, and Waupaca Counties, were honored for their exceptional dedication to serving the people in their communities.

“These awards serve as a way to recognize the work that these caring professionals do to help children and families have better lives,” said Sec. Anderson. “Social work assists people in all stages of life and helps meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable.”

Presented with awards were:

- Heather Hardwicke of Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services
- Carrie Kleinschmidt of Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services

- Esie Leoso-Corbine of Bad River Social and Family Services
- Rochelle Van Germert of Racine County Human Services Department
- Ted Wuerslin of Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services

Award selection criteria included years of service and experience, adapting to new initiatives, advocacy, leadership and a proven record of ensuring the well-being of children and families.

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