

Dept. of Children and Families: Honors six social workers for outstanding service to families

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(MADISON) – In recognition of [Gov. Tony Evers declaring March as Social Work Month](#) in Wisconsin, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) honored the efforts of six child welfare professionals with the 2019 Caring for Kids award.

DCF Secretary-designee Emilie Amundson presented the awards during a ceremony today at the State Capitol. The six professionals represent Lutheran Social Services, University of Wisconsin – Madison’s School of Social Work, and Milwaukee, Racine and Winnebago counties. The individuals exemplify dedication and passion in service to the people of their communities.

“Child welfare professionals are devoted to helping people overcome difficult situations and cope with the trauma they have experienced,” said DCF Secretary Amundson. “They are the unsung heroes within our communities and I am proud to honor such amazing and compassionate individuals – many of whom dedicated their entire professional lives to the children and families of Wisconsin.”

Presented with awards were:

- Emma Lutzke of Lutheran Social Services
- Dutch Leydel of Racine County Human Services Department
- Jeanne Nutter of UW-Madison’s School of Social Work
- Sara Strong of DCF’s Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services
- Pam Weber and Corey Roth of Winnebago County Department of 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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