

# CONGRATULATIONS

## DCFS ALL STARS

DIRECTOR'S EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

July 2008

### Outstanding Administrative Staff Award

*Chui Hom, Children Services Administrator I*  
**Family Preservation Program Administration**

As a Children Services Administrator with the Department's Family Preservation Program administration team, Ms. Hom functions as a County Contract Program Monitor. However, the title cannot and does not reveal Ms. Hom's true value. What distinguishes Ms. Hom and what makes her deserving of recognition is how she applies herself to her assignments. Ms. Hom has daily contact with external contractors as well as Department regional operations staff. Numerous compliments about Ms. Hom are received by her supervisor from both external and internal people.

Ms. Hom's daily tasks are multifaceted, crossing various administrative domains and spheres. Ms. Hom displays a high level of competency within the administrative arena. She is able to perceive issues from a macro-system perspective and is able to focus this perception to a micro perspective solution. She functions as a liaison between Family Preservation Program contractors and regional operations. She also ensures contract compliance and holds contractors accountable to contracted service deliverables.

Ms. Hom has always assisted her colleagues on the Family Preservation Program administration team. Unprecedented and in her own self-effacing way Ms. Hom offers this assistance without waiting for her colleagues to ask. Always attentive to those around her Ms. Hom on her own initiative will complete what is needed, and does so with out fanfare and almost always withdraws herself from attention. It is only after the fact that it is discovered that Ms. Hom completed the task.

Extending assistance beyond her formal designated assignments is not limited to her colleagues, but to the contractors as well. Each Monitor is delegated oversight over particular contractors. But Ms. Hom's "personal" designated responsibility extends beyond the contractors formally charged to her oversight. Ms. Hom graciously assists and addresses the contractor's needs.

Examples of such behavior abound. Ms. Hom is a rarity and worthy of admiration, an opinion shared by contractors and all those who have the good fortune to interact with her. For these and many other reason Ms. Hom is very

deserving of the July 2008 **DCFS ALL STARS** Director's Employee Recognition Award for Outstanding Administrative Staff.

**Outstanding Direct Service Staff Award**  
*Eunice Thomas, Children's Social Worker III*  
**Vermont Corridor Office**

There are many reasons why Eunice Thomas should receive this award. She has always gone the extra mile to provide services for the families on her caseload. One example of Ms. Thomas's undying dedication to her clients was the day she received a seven day notice to replace a fifteen year old youth who was five months pregnant with multiple behavioral and psychological challenges. To ensure that the youth was placed in the most appropriate placement to meet her needs Ms Thomas traveled from Los Angeles to Lancaster, to the youth's placement, and drove her to Santa Ana for a pre-placement interview. After the pre placement interview, Ms. Thomas drove the youth to the DCFS office to wait for placement. When the placement in Santa Ana refused to accept the youth Ms. Thomas was able to secure placement in a 30 day shelter in Compton. Ms. Thomas drove over 200 miles to locate a placement for this youth and she worked three hours over her regular work schedule to see that the placement made a smooth transition. Ms. Thomas could have used a Human Services Aid to transport the youth but given the youth's special and unique challenges she made the sacrifice to transport herself. Prior to the end of the temporary placement Ms. Thomas was able to locate a permanent placement in a small family home for pregnant teens.

Ms. Thomas is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand. She was identified by her supervisor to take on the lead CSW II role in her unit. She is always up to date on all her home calls even though she has a family maintenance case in Fresno that requires monthly visits

Eunice Thomas is an excellent Children's Social Worker and should be recognized with the July 2008 **DCFS ALL STARS** Director's Employee Recognition Award for Outstanding Direct Service Staff.

**Outstanding Support Service Staff Award**  
*Ana Martin Del Campo, Human Service Aid*  
**Belvedere Office**

Ana Martin Del Campo is an excellent Human Service Aid in the Belvedere office. She has been exceptionally helpful, diligent and very conscientious with every task that she is asked to do. She never says no and when she is unable to assist, she will go out her way to find another Human Service Aid who can assist. Her keen observations during monitored visits are appreciated and vital in order to depict an accurate picture to court. Her ability to bring important child safety matters that occur during child/parent visits to the attention of the Children's Social Worker as soon as it is noticed, has made it

much easier to manage what would normally be considered a difficult case to handle.

Ms. Martin Del Campo has an energetic spirit that shines even in times when her work week is full. Her colleagues are truly appreciative for all of her efforts.

Ana Martin Del Campo is a great role model for all Human Service Aids and she deserves the July 2008 **DCFS ALL STARS** Director's Employee Recognition Award for Outstanding Support Service Staff.

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