

CONGRATULATIONS

DCFS ALL STARS

DIRECTOR'S EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS

October 2009

Outstanding Service Support Staff

Ariel Shorty, Career Development Intern

Pasadena Office

Ariel Shorty is a Career Development Intern and former foster youth who works in the reception area of the Pasadena office. Ariel is very knowledgeable and professional when dealing with clients and DCFS staff. She takes her duties very seriously and is very helpful in making sure clients connect with their CSWs. She's overcome many obstacles in her life as a foster youth and is a shining example of what a positive attitude and hard work can achieve.

The following typifies Ariel's talents: Recently, a little girl was upset and crying in the office reception area while her mom was in the interview room with the CSW. Ariel asked if she could sit with the little girl. Soon the little girl stopped crying and was engaged in conversation with Ariel. Several weeks later, the little girl was back in the office and thanked Ariel for taking the time to sit and talk with her. Ariel is able to draw on her own experiences as a foster youth and provide empathy and compassion for others having a difficult time. For these qualities and more she is the recipient of the October 2009 DEAR Award for Outstanding Support Service Staff.

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