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Kudos: Shelby Alston, Amanda Berube, Wayne Boyle, and Haley Koontz-Donohue (December 2018 One Good Apple Award winners)

Shelby Alston, Amanda Berube, Wayne Boyle, and Haley Koontz-Donohue were selected as the December 2018 One Good Apple Award winners.

- Shelby Alston (caseworker at Mon Valley Regional Office) was recognized for her work with a youth who is particularly vulnerable to exploitation, isolation and self-harm. Shelby established a trusting relationship with this youth, and the relationship and bond that was developed resulted in the youth reaching out to Shelby while involved in a threatening situation while on run. Shelby is described as compassionate and willing to grow.
- Amanda Berube (contract monitoring specialist) was recognized for taking a leadership role in mentoring new contract monitoring specialists. Amanda developed an electronic guide to assist new specialists with the transition and created a manual to help her colleagues navigate the KIDS system.
- Wayne Boyle (supervisor in fiscal systems integration bureau) was recognized for his expertise in provider relations. Wayne plays a critical role in the scheduling of forensic evaluations. He is described as friendly, responsive, fast and incredibly helpful.
- Haley Koontz-Donohue (educational liaison South Regional Office) was recognized for providing tremendous support and guidance to the youth with whom she works. Haley has been instrumental in helping young women via a bra-fitting program. Haley is described as compassionate, respectful and extremely knowledgeable.

The One Good Apple Award recognizes county employees and contracted staff who have exhibited exemplary work, directly or indirectly, in the field of child welfare. Any county employee or contracted staff may <u>submit a nomination for the award</u>, and recipients are recognized quarterly.

If you have any questions regarding the One Good Apple Award, please contact Carrie Sousa at carrie.sousa@alleghenycounty.us. Additional information on the award is available on the DHS Intranet under Staff Resources.