

Kudos: Erin Burzynski

Erin Burzynski, caseworker 3 in the North Regional Office (NRO), was selected as the 2017 recipient of the Georgia Hernandez Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Practice.

Erin's nominator stated that she was impressed with Erin's dedication to and management of cases. The nominator also noted that Erin always works with support staff and supervisors in a way that keeps everyone effectively involved and informed: "I think that one of the most important things we can do is have a collaborative spirit, and Erin does possess this."

Nicole Lubatti, Erin's supervisor, added, "Erin's commitment to assisting the families on her caseload in building a better life is supported by her dedication to social work principles, attention to detail and willingness to go the extra mile. Erin is also very supportive of her co-workers and is the first to recognize positives in others."

Erin was presented with the award at a ceremony held on June 12 at the North Regional Office.

The Georgia Hernandez Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Practice is presented annually to one caseworker who exemplifies excellence in case practice; a commitment to the DHS vision and guiding principles; and who consistently demonstrates CYF core competencies such as cultural competence, a client focus, adaptability and trustworthiness. The 2018 Georgia Hernandez Award for Excellence in Child Welfare Practice will be presented next year on Child Welfare Caseworker Appreciation Day, which is June 1.