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Kudos: Katie Arvay, Stacey Good and Casey Winters (June 2019 One Good Apple Award winners)

Katie Arvay, Stacey Good and Casey Winters were selected as the June 2019 One Good Apple Award winners.

- Katie Arvay (child welfare practice analyst) was recognized for bridging the world of data analytics and the practice of social work. With an already full workload, Katie took on management of the Child Welfare Leadership Fellows program. She has maintained continuity between facilitators, helped to build the community that Fellows experience, and supported all technical aspects of administering this program. She has also deftly coordinated the data requests, supported the Fellows in their understanding of the data, and scheduled logistics of rooms and presentation preparation with each team.
- Stacey Good (matching supervisor) was recognized for her work to find the best family setting for every child who cannot remain safely at home. She has successfully matched hundreds of children with forever families and recently took charge of enhancing her role within the permanency department to locate the best family match for infants requiring placement. Stacey leads an incredible team of matching specialists, and consistently reinforces "every child deserves a family and we are going to find them one no matter how long it takes." Stacey has a unique strengths-based prospective that she uses when talking with providers and families.
- Casey Winters (caseworker III at Mon Valley Regional Office) was recognized for consistently going above and beyond for her families and providers. Casey's work on an investigation involving sexual maltreatment was recently recognized by staff from the Western Region. Casey also located and personally coordinated pre-placement visits for a 14-year-old boy on her caseload. This family was new to fostering children, and Casey guided the foster parents through this process with incredible patience and understanding.

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 [submit a nomination for the award](#), and recipients are recognized quarterly.

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