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Kudos - Maritza Daniels, Shannon Graham, Scott Sullivan and Loren Windsor (One Good Apple Award winners)

Maritza Daniels, Shannon Graham, Scott Sullivan and Loren Windsor were selected as the latest One Good Apple Award winners.

- Maritza Daniels (behavioral health specialist at the East Regional Office) is a strong advocate for families struggling with mental illness. Maritza also listens to staff who need information about secondary trauma. Maritza is aware of the needs of staff and is always willing to support and help.
- Shannon Graham (administrative assistant at Mon Valley Regional Office) provides phenomenal support to all staff at MVRO, and her work is described as "seamless." She is the go-to person in the MVRO and anticipates the needs of staff.
- Scott Sullivan (caseworker at Central Regional Office) was handling a case with a child who had a brain deformity. Although Scott was not mandated to attend all functions for this child, he accompanied the child and mother to each doctor appointment, ensuring he knew firsthand how the child was doing.
- Loren Windsor (caseworker in intake) was recognized for her superior engagement skills, which allow her to complete a more comprehensive assessment of family strengths and needs. She went above and beyond in working with a family who did not speak English. Loren assisted them with navigating the educational and human services systems. As a result of her tremendous work and support, the family received the appropriate services.

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@alleghenycounty.us.