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ADVOCAP Community Action Agency Honored *Governor's Award for Excellence in Community Action is presented*

(MADISON) – The Father & Family Stability Project, a program of ADVOCAP, Inc. from east central Wisconsin, was honored May 6th during the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP).

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Eloise Anderson, on behalf of Governor Scott Walker, presented the Governor's Award for Excellence in Community Action for 2015 to ADVOCAP, Inc. of Fond du Lac for its program serving low-income fathers with young children. It's the 18th annual award, presented to recognize outstanding innovation and performance by a Community Action Agency. The ceremony took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison.

"The initiatives through WISCAP show the achievements of community groups working together to fight poverty," said Governor Scott Walker. "This year, an outstanding program is being recognized for its efforts to strengthen families, and help transition people from government dependence to independence."

The award is selected by a joint committee of staff from DCF and the Governor's Office, applying six criteria: innovation in programming; use of collaborative partnerships; leveraging resources; cost effectiveness; community impact; and, reducing the causes and conditions of poverty.

"The Father & Family Stability Project takes a comprehensive approach to helping fathers with very low income and very young children to provide financial, emotional and social support for their children," said DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson. "By collaborative work with other agencies and employers, ADVOCAP helps diminish generational poverty and aligns with DCF's goals of fathers being engaged in their children's lives."

ADVOCAP, Inc. was founded in 1966 and serves Fond du Lac, Green Lake and Winnebago Counties. In 2014, the agency served over 7,800 people in such areas as housing, food and nutrition, employment and training, and transportation services.

To learn more about community action programs in Wisconsin, visit the WISCAP website at www.wiscap.org.

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