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DCF honors six from state for outstanding service to families ***Caring for Kids Awards presented during Social Work Month***

(MADISON) – Across Wisconsin, skilled social work professionals help families facing life challenges. In recognition of Gov. Scott Walker's [proclamation](#) declaring March as Social Work Month in Wisconsin, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) honored the efforts of six county child welfare professionals with the Secretary's 2016 Caring for Kids award.

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Eloise Anderson presented the awards during a ceremony today in the Assembly Chamber of the State Capitol. The six professionals representing Milwaukee, Columbia, Burnett, Waupaca and Brown Counties, and the Lac du Flambeau Tribe were honored for their exceptional dedication to serving the people in their communities.

"These awards serve as a way to recognize the work that these caring professionals do to help children and families have better lives," said Sec. Anderson. "Social work assists people in all stages of life and helps meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable."

Presented with awards were:

- Kristin Allen of the Lac du Flambeau Tribe Family Services Department
- Kate Bennett of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, Milwaukee County
- Patricia Hardt of Columbia County Health and Human Services
- Inger Leclair of Burnett County Department of Health and Human Services
- Sue Mueller of Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services
- Joanne Radtke of Brown County Human Services

Award selection criteria included years of service and experience, adapting to new initiatives, advocacy, leadership and a proven record of ensuring the well-being of children and families.

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