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## **Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency, Inc. recognized by Governor Walker for its Dedicated Dads program**

(MADISON) – The Dedicated Dads program, run by Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency, Inc. was honored with the 21st Annual Governor’s Award for Excellence in Community Action during the annual Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP) meeting held today at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison.

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) Assistant Deputy Secretary Brad Wassink, on behalf of Governor Scott Walker, presented the 2018 Award to Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency, Inc. for its program aimed at building healthier, stronger families through father engagement.

“Adult role-models play a critical role in shaping the lives of young children which is why this year we are recognizing an innovative program that supports fathers in being positive and engaged role-models in supporting their children and providing for their needs,” said Governor Walker, “Community Action Programs, like the Dedicated Dads Program, are creating real changes in Wisconsin communities through unique ideas that strengthen and unite our communities.”

The annual winner is chosen based on six criteria: innovation in programming; use of collaborative partnerships; leveraging resources; cost effectiveness; community impact; and, reducing the causes and conditions of poverty.

The Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency, Inc. program brings support to new parents and actively works to engage fathers during regular Women, Infants and Children (WIC) appointments, and through in-person and online programming. Through the building of these critical connections, the agency is working to reduce poverty, drug use, and criminal activities.

“The Dedicated Dads program shows the importance of building strong family connections at birth,” said DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson. “Through its targeted outreach to fathers, it is strengthening families and in turn helping the entire community.”

To learn more about community action programs in Wisconsin, visit the WISCAP website at [www.wiscap.org](http://www.wiscap.org).

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