



Creating Inclusive Communities

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North Dakota Association of Community Providers Honors Employees

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Association of Community Providers (NDACP) recently honored thirteen Direct Support Professionals for their outstanding work in assisting North Dakotans with disabilities to become more independent. The awards were presented by Governor John Hoeven at the Association's annual training conference, on May 6, 2010.

NDACP is made up of 29 statewide organizations serving people with disabilities. The industry employs approximately 3,700 Direct Support Professionals.

Winners were considered for performance in the areas of (1) impact in the life of an individual served, (2) support of co-workers, (3) activities that carry out the mission of the organization, and (4) connecting individuals served with their community.

- **Candace Carow, Jamestown**, has been employed at **Alpha Opportunities, Inc.**, for six years.
- **Aminata Conteh, Fargo**, has been employed at **Fraser, Ltd.**, for eight years.
- **Joseph (Joey) Thorstad, Fargo**, has been employed at **Fraser, Ltd.**, for three years.
- **Ashley DeMaine, Fargo**, has been employed at **Friendship, Inc.**, for four years
- **Linda Madsen, Bismarck**, has been employed at **HIT, Inc.**, for seven years.

- **Savannah Poitra, Mandan**, has been employed at **HIT, Inc.**, for seven years.
- **Brenda Touche, Devils Lake**, has been employed at **Lake Region Corporation** for six years.
- **Mary Retterath, Valley City**, has been employed at **Open Door Center** for nine years.
- **Tony Puckett, Williston**, has been employed at **Opportunity Foundation, Inc.**, for two years.
- **Geri Hanson, Fargo**, has been employed at **Red River Human Services Foundation** for seventeen years.
- **Charlotte Saenz, Grafton**, has been employed at **REM ND**, for nine years.
- **Marty Shaw, Minot**, has been employed at **REM ND**, for eight years.
- **Nancy Brown, Stanley**, has been employed at **Tri City Cares**, for two years.

The mission of the North Dakota Association of Community Providers: Through collective and collaborative means, enhance, improve and advocate for positive change in the service delivery system for people with disabilities.

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