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STARK JFS SOCIAL WORKER HONORED BY THE OHIO CHILD WELFARE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services (SCJFS) is proud to announce that Angi Rosa MSW, LSW, children services training supervisor, has been honored by the Ohio Child Welfare University Partnership Program (UPP) with the designation of UPP Field Instructor of the Year. She was recognized during the Public Children Services Association of Ohio's (PCSAO) annual conference Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 in Columbus, Ohio.

"I am so grateful to have been selected for this award. Working with UPP has been an extremely rewarding and inspiring experience, from the students to the faculty, everyone is there working for the same purpose – child welfare and protection," said Rosa. "I would like to thank everyone involved with the program, including the UPP campus coordinators, social workers, and the students. I am truly honored."



Rosa is a social worker who has been employed by Stark County Job & Family Services for 24 years. She currently serves as Training Supervisor in the Division of Children Services, where she provides guidance and mentorship to new caseworkers, performs community outreach, and speaks to organizations about the agency. Her role includes acting as liaison between UPP and the Division of Children Services to provide guidance, feedback, and support to college students studying social work.

Rosa was recommended for the award by Ashlee Pfile, manager of UPP at The Ohio State University and Monica Ascar MSW, LISW-S, Master of Social Work (MSW) coordinator at The University of Akron. In their recommendation, they described Rosa as, "an outstanding field instructor who embodies the principles of excellence, dedication, and compassion... her efforts have made a lasting impression on the students, equipping them with the skills and confidence to succeed in their careers."

UPP is a collaboration among the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, twelve of Ohio's schools of social work, PCSAO, Ohio's public children services agencies, and the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program. Its purpose is to strengthen Ohio's professional child protection workforce by increasing the number of well-trained graduates who enter the child welfare field.

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