



3 from DCBS named Legendary Partners

Three DCBS staff were among 17 individuals and groups named 2022 Legendary Partners by the Kentucky's Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) at their Capitol rotunda ceremony earlier this month. CAC leadership was joined by Gov. Andy Beshear to present winners their awards, along with heroes' capes.

CAC's video honoring the winners said, "This year's Legendary Partners should be famous for collaborating with Kentucky's Children's Advocacy Centers to do something remarkable to protect abused children and help them find hope and healing."

Each Legendary Partner was nominated by the CAC in their region. Here are the honorees from DCBS.

Watch the video honoring all the Legendary Partners [here](#).

Congratulations to all!



Susan Powell
Social Service Clinician II,
Two Rivers Service
Region
Nominated by Barren
River Area Child Advocacy
Center



Danielle Sneed
Family Services Office
Supervisor,
Northern Bluegrass Service
Region
Nominated by Northern
Kentucky CAC



Leigh Ann Wiggins
Investigative Family
Services Office Supervisor,
The Lakes Service Region
Nominated by Lotus
Children's Advocacy &
Sexual Violence Resource
Center



From the
Commissioner

Self-care is an intentional practice

Spring has once again arrived at the Commonwealth, what a welcome reminder that regardless of the darkness and cold of winter, sunshine and flowers always return to us. This traditionally has been seen as a time of rebirth and renewal, for many spiritually, and for all of us seeing nature and the physical world – trees blossoming, flowers blooming, fields becoming lush again are a call to get outside and move our bodies, have picnics and outdoor sports.

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Reintroducing DCBS' new Chief of Staff

Greetings
DCBS –

Let me reintroduce myself. My

name is Shannon Hall and I am the new Chief of Staff for the Department. As the department continues its efforts around building a 21st Century DCBS I would like to invite staff to consider their role in this endeavor. To think about and ponder the questions they have around transparency, transformative communication, and how we engage effectively with each other. My genuine hope is that this is a very interactive process where all members of our DCBS family feel free to reach out, ask questions and become active participants in our new modernized work environment.



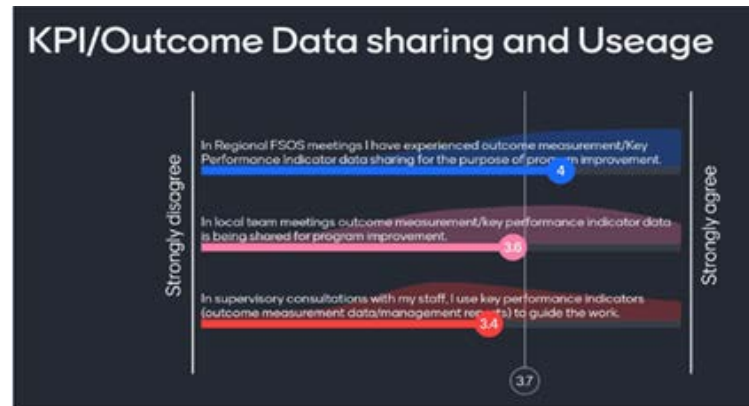
**Staff Corner:
Shannon Hall**

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CQI Update: Key Performance Indicators

As we continue our CQI Redesign work, the evaluation and monitoring phase continues to progress. CQI Specialists in all nine service regions manually track CQI meeting minutes which includes action plans tied specifically to Key Performance Indicators (KPI's), or areas DCBS measures to ensure outcomes are impacted as intended, for safety, permanency and well-being. During the last quarter of monitoring for October through December 2021, there were 329 local CQI meetings conducted and 56 regional CQI team meetings held. The Statewide SRA CQI team also meets monthly to review any CQI issues pending and provide additional information/resolutions to the issues for continuous feedback to all CQI levels.

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Scale of 1-5 with 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree
N=166 ---Supervisors and Regional Leadership

UNSHAME KY
WEBINAR

REGISTER HERE: <https://bit.ly/UKY322>

Why Our Words Matter: The Connection Between Language, Stigma & Overdose

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 12PM CT/1PM ET

In this month's webinar, we will:

- Describe 3 ways stigma correlates to overdose
- Identify common phrases used by addiction professionals that contribute to stigma
- Understand how current treatment for SUD could be changed to reflect the Chronic Care Model



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
SHATTER PROOF **KORE**
KENTUCKY OPIOID RESPONSE EFFORT

SUD webinar on why words matter is 3/31

Our partners in the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities' Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) present the "Why Our Words Matter" webinar at noon CT/ 1 p.m. ET on March 31. through their UNSHAME Kentucky campaign to reduce stigma related to SUD. Register at <https://bit.ly/UKY322>.



Health

Protection and Permanency Update

SDM Intake Tool Release Slated for April 2 in TWIST

The Structured Decision Making (SDM) Intake Assessment Tool is scheduled to be released on April 2,



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in TWIST. Centralized Intake staff are being trained on the use of the tool in March and twenty nine training sessions are scheduled throughout April and May for all other frontline workers and supervisors. The new Standards of Practice (SOP) to align with the tool has been released for field draft review and is scheduled for final issuance on April 4, 2022. The SDM tool will support front line staff in decision making at the time a report of abuse or neglect is received.

ARPA Funds Approved for APS Operational Plan

On March 7, 2022 the Adult Protection Branch received notice that the operational plan for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money has been approved by the federal Health and Human Services Cabinet/Administration for Community Living.

Staff Reminders

- KEHP members, don't forget to complete your LivingWell promise! Do your Health Assessment and get a Biometric Screening. Visit www.webmdhealth.com/kehpp for more information.
- Executive Branch employees must complete three learning components - Employee Handbook, Security Awareness and Preventing Sexual Harassment for Employees - by June 30. Find these training modules on the MyPurpose website at <https://personnel.ky.gov>.