

**Outstanding Partners in the Protective Services for Adults Delivery Network Recognized**

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has awarded Certificates of Recognition for Outstanding Partners in the Protective Services for Adults (PSA) Delivery Network to eighteen individuals and organizations across the State. The certificates were presented by OCFS Bureau of Adult Services Director Alan J. Lawitz at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Adult Abuse Training Institute on September 22, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center.

According to OCFS Commissioner Gladys Carrión, Esq.: “Since many PSA clients require services and benefits from more than one agency, it is crucial that PSA work collaboratively with other public and private organizations and individuals, constituting a PSA Delivery Network, to help protect vulnerable adults. Through our Certificates of Recognition Program, we hope to increase public awareness of and appreciation for the often unsung work done on a daily basis by these dedicated professionals to protect elderly and disabled adults from harm, and to assist them to continue to live safely in the community. We applaud these honorees for their very important work. Congratulations for a job well done!”

The following lists both the nominating social services district and the partner nominated by the district.

**Nominating District**

**Outstanding Partner**

Broome County DSS	Family Violence Prevention Council/Multidisciplinary Community Response
Cayuga County DSS	Corinne Ryan, Aging Services Specialist, Cayuga County DHHS
Clinton County DSS	Joint Council for Economic Opportunities
Columbia County DSS	Assessment and Crisis Team, Columbia County Department of Human Services
Dutchess County DSS	Hudson River Housing
Genesee County DSS	Pastor Marty MacDonald, Batavia City Church
Jefferson County DSS	Mark Waterhouse, Case Manager, Transitional Living Services
Lewis County DSS	Lewis County Office for the Aging
Livingston County DSS	Faith In Action, Catholic Charities of Livingston County
New York City HRA	Beatrice A. Maloney, LCSWR, Supervisor, Geriatric Services, Department of Social Work and Home Care, Beth Israel Medical Center
Onondaga County DSS	Vera House, Elder Abuse Education
Orange County DSS	Darryl Dirri, Proprietor, American Fine Art and Antiques and Estate of Mind
Rockland County DSS	Rockland County Office for the Aging
St. Regis Mohawk Tribe	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging
Saratoga County DSS	Tubbs Family Type Home for Adults
Suffolk County DSS	Pamela Giacoia, Director of Senior Citizen Services, Southhampton Town Senior Services
Washington County DSS	SPCA of Upstate New York
Westchester County DSS	Elder Abuse Coalition of Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services

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