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Three Wayne County detention workers win state awards

Three employees of the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility in Detroit have won awards for meritorious service in 2011 from the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association.

Brian Plowden of Redford Township was honored as a Child Care Worker of the Year. Support Worker of the Year awards went to Cleofas Anasco, RN of Dearborn and Latonya Hardy of Westland.

Plowden, a juvenile detention specialist, joined Wayne County in 1990. A trainer for staff in the area of the control room operator, Plowden is updating a training manual for workers in the area.

“Mr. Plowden is the first juvenile detention specialist the residents encounter,” explained Leonard Dixon, executive director of the juvenile detention facility. “He is always professional and goes to extra lengths to explain procedures to juveniles, who are sometimes anxious about this experience.”

Nurse Anasco has helped diagnose major illness in newly admitted patients as a member of the health services department. She has been a Wayne County employee since 1990.

“Nurse Anasco is persistent and communicates well with physicians, co-workers, the nursing supervisor and others to ensure residents receive the best care,” Dixon said.

Hardy has managed the female youth at the detention facility. Since joining the social service staff two years ago, she has learned the rules of the facility and the state guidelines mandated to operate a child caring institution.

Said Dixon: “Hardy is a self directed employee. She approaches each daily task as a goal to be accomplished.”

The detention facility, operated by the Department of Children and Family Services, provides safe and humane services to juveniles pending completion of legal proceedings. Juveniles housed at the facility are awaiting adjudication, sentencing or placement.

“We’re proud of our Wayne County employees,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “Our three award winners are great examples of employees who take pride in what they do for the public. They consistently provide quality services, often times under trying circumstances.”

The employees received their awards at the annual Michigan Juvenile Detention Conference, held in Roscommon, Mi.

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Photos: **Brian Plowden (#3405)**
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