



*A Future Oriented Source of Leadership*

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### **Sarah Bradshaw Named NCACDSS' 2016 DSS Director of the Year**

Raleigh, NC – April 13, 2016 – Sarah Bradshaw of Sampson County was named the 2016 DSS Director of the Year last week at the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services' (NCACDSS) Annual Meeting held in Charlotte, NC.

To be eligible for DSS Director of the Year, the Director must be in good standing with at least five years of service in that capacity. Ms. Bradshaw's achievements have far exceeded this. She has been a DSS Director and active member of the Association for 17 years, serving as President, Co –chair of various committees, mentors to new director and many other roles. She has worked with county DSS for 26 years. Over the course of the past 26 years she has served in the capacity of Income Maintenance Caseworker and Supervisor as well as serving in the capacity of Social Work Supervisor, thereby giving her hands on experience and knowledge of all programs administered at a local DSS agency.

Also, Ms. Bradshaw finds time to be active within her community serving on the United Way Board of Directors, The Rotary Club, the local Emergency Food and Shelter Board, serving as co-founder and continuing to serve on the Substance Abuse Coalition, Chairperson of the local CCPT/CFPT, the local Diaper Bank Board, the Local Emergency Planning Committee to include serving as chair of Emergency Operations Mass Care and Unmet Needs, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, and the Teen Pregnancy Coalition.

Bradshaw truly embodies NCACDSS' motto of being a future-oriented source of leadership. Within her agency, she strives to make enhancements to organizational operations as well as striving to ensure the professional growth and development of all staff. When it comes to protecting vulnerable children, the elderly and disabled as well as ensuring eligible families' nutritional and medical needs are met, she is a leader of which the citizens of Sampson County and North Carolina can be proud.

Bradshaw lives in Clinton, NC with her husband, Jeff and son Eric who is in his second year at East Carolina University. Her daughter Laura was married the following weekend after Ms. Bradshaw received this distinguish award from her peers. Bradshaw's husband, daughter, and mother-in-law attended last week's Awards Banquet.

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