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## **Arapahoe County Human Services employee is Administrator of the Year**

*Human Services employee is acknowledged for excellence by the Colorado Juvenile Council*

**Aurora, Colo.** A Human Services employee is celebrating today after being named Administrator of the Year at the Colorado Juvenile Council Annual Conference in Vail.

Lori Carlson, Youth Services Administrator for Arapahoe County Department of Human Services, is one of three individual award recipient recipients at the conference to be recognized as a positive example for providing safe, creative ways to protect local youth.

“We’re thrilled that Lori is receiving this acknowledgement for her ability to create a supportive environment for our caseworkers to do what it takes to protect children who are victims of abuse or neglect,” said Carla Finch, Children and Family Services Division Manager. “Lori’s not afraid to ask the hard questions or make tough decisions to protect youth who can’t protect themselves, and she consistently inspires and encourages staff to be creative and confident about doing the right thing for children in our County.”

The Colorado Juvenile Council was formed in 1963 by professionals from Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Parole and the Department of Institutions, and now includes representatives from law enforcement, social services, probation, parole, the courts, youth corrections, residential childcare, and mental health, education and youth alternative programs. CJC aims to ensure quality care for youth by providing education on bullying, teen suicide, raves and designer drugs, interpreting psychological evaluations, and youth violence.

The Administrator of the Year award will be presented at a special banquet on Thursday, at the Vail Cascade Resort & Spa, Vail.

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