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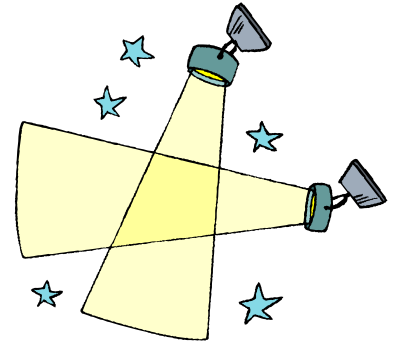
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Employee Spotlight

By: Bethany Sherrieb
Social Service Supervisor



Michelle Costa
Caseworker II - Placement

Michelle has worked at Wayne County Children Services for four years; currently in the Placement Unit. She arranges and coordinates placements and respites for foster homes, recertifies foster parents, completes Foster/Adoptive Home Studies, schedules foster parenting training, meets monthly with foster homes that have placements, and mediates between foster parents and caseworkers regarding services for children.

Michelle has Bachelor degrees in both Theology and Social Work. Her hobbies include eating in restaurants, thrift store shopping, and curling up on the couch with her husband to watch TV.

One of Michelle's lasting memories while at WCCSB is being given the Caseworker of the Quarter award in 2008. She admits to having a lot of lasting memories -- some crazy, some sad, some frustrating and some happy!

Michelle thinks the best things about working at WCCSB are the co-workers and how funny they are, and having a job and paycheck during the current economy.

If Michelle had one wish about her job, it would be to have a crystal ball that would allow her to know when children come into care, which ones we will eventually get permanent custody of, and what the children are really like so we can make the best match possible with foster families.

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STAFF NEWS

Staff Member Anniversaries

May

Amy Rice, Caseworker II - Placement
05/18/98 11 years

Rachel Cranston, Caseworker II - Intake
05/14/01 8 years

Tiffany Green, Caseworker II - Intake
05/09/05 4 years

Jessica Musser, Caseworker II - Ongoing
05/16/05 4 years

Vanessa Cancelliere, Caseworker II - Intake
05/23/05 4 years

John Dillion, Staff Development/QA Manager
05/27/08 1 year

June

Kelly McMullen, Caseworker II - Placement
06/04/01 8 years

Lisa Harris, Clerical Specialist II
06/09/03 6 years

Jill Flinner, Network Technician
06/21/04 5 years

Rachel Workinger, Caseworker II - Ongoing
06/13/05 4 years

Lori Klintworth, Case Aide
06/26/07 2 years

Emily Engman, Caseworker II - Ongoing
06/23/08 1 year

Correction from April

Chrystal Way, Records Technician
04/15/09 10 years



Congratulations to Dawn Durkee, Caseworker II, on receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work from The University of Akron in May, 2009. What a GREAT accomplishment!