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## **DCF honors Jeanne Nutter for outstanding service to families**

(MADISON) – As part of Wisconsin’s celebration of Social Work Month, **Jeanne Nutter** was honored today for her dedication, commitment and exceptional service to the children and families of Wisconsin.

Nutter was among the six outstanding child welfare professionals from around Wisconsin who were presented with a 2019 Caring for Kids award by Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Emilie Amundson during a special ceremony at the State Capitol.

“Child welfare professionals are devoted to helping people overcome difficult situations and cope with the trauma they have experienced,” said DCF Secretary Amundson. “They are the unsung heroes within our communities and I am proud to honor such amazing and compassionate individuals – many of whom dedicated their entire professional lives to the children and families of Wisconsin.”

Nutter is an academic advisor with the University of Wisconsin’s School of Social Work. Her nomination stood out from the many outstanding submissions because of her life-long career bettering the children and families across the state, and for her actions in bringing Jayme Closs to safety. Nutter’s leadership, compassion and training helped in getting Jayme safely back to her family. She was nominated by a former intern, who pointed out that “Jayme couldn’t of [sic] come across a better person to help her to safety in a trauma informed manner. She has been a social worker role model for many social workers over the years.”

Award selection criteria included years of service and experience, adapting to new initiatives, advocacy, leadership and a proven record of ensuring the well-being of children and families.

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