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DOL Employee & Berlin Resident Tracy Andruskiewicz Receives YWCA’s Women in Leadership Award

WETHERSFIELD, June 19, 2017 – Berlin resident and Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL) employee Tracy Andruskiewicz has been named a 2017 recipient of the New Britain YWCA’s Women in Leadership award. An Operations Coordinator in the Jobs First Employment Services (JFES) unit, Andruskiewicz has been with the DOL for 24 years.

The award, presented during the YWCA’s annual Women in Leadership Luncheon held May 11 at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, was her second in two days. On May 10 she was inducted into the Carol R. Virostek Academy of Women Leaders at an event held at the Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Kensington.

In nominating her for the award, colleague Michael Bartley noted that Andruskiewicz is “a true innovator that brings the voice of the client to every discussion. She has a clear understanding of the challenges facing women – especially mothers with children – and uses that information to help inform every policy change she pursues, whether it’s improved access to child care, or an expansion of training opportunities for women. She is a true role model in every sense of the word.”

Bartley also noted that Andruskiewicz implemented new policies and procedures to make it easier for TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) recipients in the state to access employment services. “She has spearheaded an effort to make the program orientation more motivational for TANF recipients, and she helped lead and implement several initiatives that make it easier for women living in poverty to access opportunities for vocational training, subsidized employment, and community services. In addition, she has also worked to develop new policies and procedures that make it easier for refugees to access child care, case management and employment services upon arrival in the United States.”

Tracy and her husband Gary have an 11-year-old daughter Amelia, who attended the Women in Leadership event.

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