



Maine Township News Release

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Maine Township brings home two awards from state conference

Maine Township recently brought home two more awards from the annual conference of Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). They are the 2016 Youth Staff Award, and 2016 Youth Leadership Award. The Township was acknowledged in multiple categories for its many outstanding services that enhance the lives of all residents, according to Carol A. Teschky, Township Supervisor.

Singled out for recognition from staff and volunteers from among more than 1,400 Townships across Illinois at ceremonies Nov. 15 in Springfield, Kristina Oltrogge, a family therapist with MaineStay Youth & Family Services, received the 2016 Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth (AITCOY) Staff Award, and Jacki Kaiser, a volunteer mentor with MaineStay, received the 2016 AITCOY Youth Leadership Award.

"Thanks in great part to the dedication of our elected officials and township staff especially in MaineStay our work is regularly recognized by our peers around the state for being innovative and of high quality," she said.

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Oltrogge's passion for helping youth is clearly evident by the great outcomes she has achieved with her therapy clients. Using her gift of creativity, she can quickly adjust her approach to best suit the needs of her clients. She connects incredibly well with youth of all ages, even those with particularly challenging issues. Perhaps the greatest testament to her effectiveness as a clinician is that many of the children with whom she works have encouraged their friends to see her for help as well. In addition to therapy, Oltrogge is also involved in leading an anxiety group and helping to run MaineStay's summer camp for at-risk youth.

Highly organized and intrinsically motivated, Oltrogge has contributed to the operation of MaineStay and often takes on duties not included in her job description. Whether Oltrogge is engaged in direct service or working behind the scenes to help support other MaineStay programs, she gives one hundred percent of her energy and demonstrates an inspiring level of commitment.

Kaiser, a senior at Maine West High School, has been an active participant in the Future Leaders peer mentoring program at Maine Township. As a mentor in this program, Kaiser has acted as a positive role model and has helped build confidence, self-esteem and social skills among the younger program participants.

An excellent student, active in marching band, band, and choir at school, Kaiser exemplifies a very balanced approach to life unusual in someone so young. Her engaging personality, selflessness and dedication have had a tangible impact on many.

For more information about Maine Township and its MaineStay Youth & Family Services department, call 847-297-2510 or visit www.mainetownship.com.

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