

# Applause and Recognition

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## NEORTC 2014 Trainer of the Year – Ann Bagley



The Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center (NEORTC) is pleased to announce Ann Bagley as NEORTC's Trainer of the Year 2014. Ann brings to NEORTC, and the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, a solid practice experience, particularly in the Adoption area, as a former Adoption Supervisor with Geauga County DJFS. Ann has trained both staff and foster/adoptive parents for a number of years, training Assessor courses, Pre-service, Foster Parent Fundamental and Post-Finalization courses, and most recently, several trauma-focused trainings. In fact, Ann has collaborated closely with fellow trainers Jayne Schooler and Ruby Johnston to develop a Trauma Consortium to help provide training and assistance to county agencies wanting to become more "trauma-informed".

Ann has a unique sense of humor and never seems to take herself too seriously. However, Ann, being an adoptive parent herself, has a serious passion for the field of Adoption and that has been evident in her training. NEORTC is fortunate to be the "home base" for Ann Bagley, who willingly travels to all the counties in our region if asked, and has been personally requested to train for many of them. NEORTC feels that Ann is much deserving of this honor and is looking forward to celebrating with Ann at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual NEORTC Liaison Retreat on October 3, 2014.

## NASW Social Worker of the Year Award – Stacy Simera

Stacy Simera won the [2014 Social Worker of the Year for the Akron region](#) of the National Association of Social Workers. As an OCWTP trainer, Stacy's has trained hundreds of child welfare professionals around issues of substance abuse and mental health. Way to go Stacy!

## 2014 OCWTP Trainer Conference Awards – Brian Bethel and China Darrington

The 2014 OCWTP Linda Pope and The Rising Star Awards were announced at the Trainer Conference.



Brian Bethel was honored with the Linda Pope Award. This award reflects the values and principles and criteria for providing high quality, evidence-informed, ethical, and family-centered training to child welfare professionals and caregivers.



China Darrington was honored with the Rising Star Award. This award is presented to new trainers coming into our program who hold promise for the future. It also recognizes a trainer's hard work and dedication and one who exhibit's exemplary skills, content expertise, and workshop delivery.

NEORTC surprised Brian and China later with a congratulatory cake.

