

Applause and Recognition

Patti Beekman

We'd like to wish a fond farewell to Patti Beekman who, after 29 years with the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, is retiring. She has a unique and long history with the OCWTP. She was the first Regional Training Center Coordinator for Southeast's Ohio Regional Training Center in Athens, from 1985 to 1989, and part of the team that launched competency based training in Ohio. When her husband's career moved her family to Springfield, she stepped in as training coordinator at the Western Ohio Regional Training Center, in Xenia, from 1989 -1990. Since that time she has been a training manager with the Institute for Human Services (OCWTP State Coordinator), where she helped the maturing training system further develop its resources and services. Her role there was varied including training coordinator for the Ohio Human Services Training System, then the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program.



The scope of her work was broad. She also helped implement competency based training systems for child welfare and income maintenance staff in several states, and as a member of a team that conducted assessments of PCSA operations she helped several PCSAs embark on important change processes.

Prior to her work with the OCWTP, Patti was the Director of Staff Development in Athens county and Social Services Director in Champaign County. Early in her career, she provided direct child welfare and adult services casework services.

Her impact on maltreated children and adults, and the professional staff who serve them has been profound. Her energy, passion, determination, candor and dedication to the work has been steadfast and will be missed. We wish her adieu... till we meet again.

Holly Shallack

Congratulations to OCWTP trainer Holly Schlaack and the Invisible Kids Project (501c3 status pending) for their feature in The Huffington Post. The mission of the Invisible Kids Project is telling stories and sharing tools to affect real change in the child protection system now. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Paula Marx



On January 31st, 2014, trainers, staff, and community members came to SEORTC to celebrate the retirement of Paula Marx. Paula, who had been director of SEORTC for 23 years, is looking forward to beginning this next chapter of her life. Paula shared that she plans to sleep in and swim every day. She also expressed great confidence in the ability of her replacement, Traci Stein.

Ronna Johnson



Congratulations to Ronna Johnson, an OCWTP trainer, who won the National Staff Development and Training Association (NSDTA) Distinguished Service in Training Award. Way to go Ronna!