

# Around the Circle

A Monthly Newsletter from Community Support Services



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## CSS celebrates Direct Support Professional Week!

Each Fall, CSS is happy to celebrate our DSPs, (Direct Support Professionals) during nationwide Direct Support Professional Week.

DSPs provide direct hands-on support for all of CSS' services. Each DSP was recognized with a personalized gift to show our appreciation for everything they do. In addition, five DSP "all-stars" and one "MVP" were selected for going above and beyond for their participants this year.

You might be surprised to learn that 10 of our DSPs have been at CSS for 20+ years and over 30 have been with us for 10+ years. This type of devotion and commitment is what makes CSS the special place that our families look to for supportive services for their loved one.

This year was made a little extra special by three CSS families who donated money which provided gift cards and other goodies for each DSP.

Our DSPs have an important role in our participants' lives and we can't thank them enough for everything that they do. They are the unsung heroes of CSS!



**Alma Watson**  
2019 DSP "MVP"



This year's "MVP" award went to Alma Watson for the tender loving care she provided to a participant in one of our group residential homes who lost his battle with cancer. She was by his side "24/7" and took her role as care-giver to heart in order to make his final days peaceful.



## Meet our 2019 DSP All-Stars



**Ellie Rosales**

Ellie goes above and beyond. On multiple occasions Ellie has worked long hours and at various locations for our agency.



**Lesbia Solares**

Lesbia currently works with two of our participants. She has been very successful in helping them with their goals and behavior challenges.



**David Zavala**

David is dependable and dedicated. David's actions demonstrate his love and care for each participant he serves.

**Sophia Weiner**

Sophia has been working with CSS for many years and has made it a priority to provide quality care and services to the clients that she serves in the Family Support Unit.

**Carolyn Linnert**

Carolyn has been with CSS for 28 years and has worked with many families. She has become an extended family member to families she serves.

