

HART Shining Star Winners 2018



Community Award

Jennifer Shimer

Ms. Shimer is a Program Manager for Love146, where she provides response interventions delivering information and safety planning to victims of child sex trafficking. Ms. Shimer has spent the last ten years focusing on high-risk children and families. She is a trainer for Love146's prevention program, and has co-developed risk prevention trainings for youth, caregivers, and community providers.

"She is consistently willing and able to make herself available to conduct Rapid Responses on very short notice throughout the state when cases warrant this level of response. Jennifer makes youth a priority by being 100% present when meeting with them. She provides youth and caregivers with critical information and safety planning." Erin Williamson, Love 146

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Community Award

Sgt. Michael Cumminski

"He has been an active participant on our HART team and always goes above and beyond for the youth at risk in CT. A clear example of his dedication is the fact that he continues to reach out and follow up on a few youth here in the New Britain Area Office including offering to be a part of a meeting while he was on paternity leave." Todd Lowe, New Britain DCF



Leadership Award

Christopher Bidorini, MSW – Policy Practice - DCF

"Christopher Bidorini has been instrumental in gathering data for missing information for the pie system and updating our response manual. In addition to that, he has done an excellent job educating those in the community and in the state of Connecticut. In fewer words, his commitment to the cause has been above and beyond. He has been a huge help and done many wonderful things for DCF and the HART community. He worked on the new policy that is being implemented for DCF in the near future, and presenting trainings."



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Roberta Senter, LMSW – Love 146

"Roberta Senter, LCSW, LOVE 146 Survivor Program. She has an amazing presence with one of my clients who has been trafficked. She is always there to pick up the phone and has shown a consistent presence in her life when she had no one. She is the kindest, most patient and incredible advocate for every kid she works for. And my client feels the safest and most supported by Robert. I cannot say enough good things about her."