

HART Shining Star Awards

The HART shining star awards is a new initiative to honor the exceptional work being done by DCF staff, HART Committee Members, and community providers in CT whose focus is on eradicating human trafficking as well as empowering victims of this crime. These awards will be announced quarterly in the Newsletter. Our recipients this quarter are:

Leadership Award

Yvette Young, LPC
Project Director/HART Coordinator
The Village for Families & Children



Yvette Young



Tammy Sneed / Yvette Young

Yvette Young earned her BS in Psychology from Trinity College and her M. Ed in Counseling Psychology degree from Cambridge College. She became a Licensed Professional Counselor in 2005, and has spent 17 years working for nonprofit organizations as a leader, director, trainer and clinician. She served as Training Coordinator for the YWCA of the Hartford Region's Sexual Assault Crisis Service Program for five years, and then as the Program Director. She worked for Catholic Family Services' Black Family Enrichment Program as an outpatient therapist for two years. Yvette joined The Village for Families & Children in 2005 and has served as Senior Program Director for a short-term psychiatric residential treatment program and Senior Director of Permanency Services. Yvette's clinical experience has been with both children and adults in outpatient and inpatient settings dealing with a range of mental health disorders especially trauma based issues. She is currently working as Project Director/Human Ant-trafficking Response Team Coordinator for The Village through a federally funded grant by DCF. She provides leadership oversight for the Human Anti-trafficking Response Team (HART) and Governor's Task Force on Justice for Abused Children (GTFJAC) grants. She is the co-chair of the HART Leadership Committee and co-chairs the Services, Credentialing and Conference Workgroups of the HART Committee. She regularly attends the Trafficking in Person Council meetings, and the CT Coalition against Human Trafficking meetings. She also regularly attends the GTFJAC Committee and Executive committee meetings. She is a certified trainer in the Introduction to DMST/CSEC in CT curriculum. She was recently appointed to the Connecticut Bar Association's Special Committee on Sex Trafficking. Yvette is passionate about assisting with the development of a statewide system that will support and empower survivors of Human Trafficking. She is invested in working with others to eradicate Human Trafficking in Connecticut.

"Yvette is driven to make the world a better place. She believes that if you invest in the people around you they will in turn be able to help the people around them. We are so proud that Yvette is being honored as a "Shining Star" and believe she will continue to infect those she comes in contact with the same passion she has to make the world a better place for all children."

Hector Glynn
VP of Programs
The Village for Families & Children