



April 2018 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Ms. Elizabeth (Liz) Johnston has been employed with the County's Children and Youth Services since November of 2011. She currently serves as a Caseworker III. The selection for the April 2018 Employee of the Month was determined by the STAR Committee. There were a total of 13 nominations.

The STAR nomination form asks what recent event or occurrence made you select Liz and the answers include: In May of 2017, Liz was promoted to Caseworker III, and was tasked with creating new Adoption Assistance contracts, as well as updating the contacts, as required and as needed. Since she accepted this position less than one year ago, Liz has assisted in achieving permanency for 18 children through Adoption Assistance contracts.

Liz is also an integral member of the Casey Family Foundation's Permanency Roundtable Committee in Franklin County. As a member, Liz has helped numerous children have a more favorable permanency outcome, with her "outside the box" ideas. She has achieved permanency for 12 children through adoption, not to mention the numerous children who were able to remain in their homes or were successfully reunified with their families due to her diligent casework practices.

Liz has a polite disposition and she is committed to helping the Franklin County families with whom she works. Liz is always looking for additional resources and supports for families in order for them to meet their goals. Liz's character and integrity are incredible and she leads by example, utilizing her outstanding social work skills. Her passion is to help children and families become successful. Liz is willing to assist other caseworkers, when they need her help, and other caseworkers seek her guidance. She is an exceptional employee that requires minimal guidance and supervision. Her immediate co-workers see her as being compassionate; able to easily work with all of her clients, and Liz is her clients' biggest advocate.

Ms. Johnston's outstanding characteristics are attributes that have not gone unnoticed by her peers. The nomination form described her as an exceptional employee with shining listening skills, positive teamwork abilities, cooperative and compassionate.

We are grateful to Ms. Elizabeth Johnston as she exudes a high standard of customer service, excellence and respect to the employees and residents of Franklin County.



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