



Sue Stellick of JF&CS Awarded ADDP Marty Martini Outstanding Leadership Award

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Last week, the Association of Development Disabilities Providers (ADDP) announced that Sue Stellick, JF&CS Services for People with Disabilities Associate Division Director of Day and Employment Supports, was selected as the 2016 Marty Martini Outstanding Leadership Award recipient! The Marty Martini Outstanding Leadership Award acknowledges the hard work of a human service leader in the developmental disability field. Candidates are evaluated based on how they consistently demonstrated inspirational, innovative, and visionary leadership qualities.

Sue has worked in the field of disabilities for more than 16 years with people with developmental, intellectual, physical, neurological, and mental health disabilities. Her expertise is in vocational support, day program development, service coordination, and community inclusion. She also has experience in direct service and the coordination of in-home communication and behavioral therapies.

Sue began working at JF&CS in 2006 as the Program Director of CHAI Works, a new community-based day support program. Over the past ten years, Sue has grown CHAI Works from a small program of ten participants to a lively, well-respected program with more than 80 participants. In December 2015, Sue opened a second CHAI Works location in Canton in response to the high demand for this program south of Boston. In addition to expanding CHAI Works, Sue has started several other day and employment support programs at JF&CS, including Pathways to Employment, helping people with disabilities gain the soft skills needed to be independently and successfully employed, and Meaningful Days, supported employment services that provide person-centered support. These programs are continuously praised by participants, parents, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and other agencies.

When asked what made Sue a leader in the field, Sara Freedman, JF&CS Services for People with Disabilities Associate Division Director of Programs, shared: "I am fortunate to be just one of the many employees Sue has mentored and taught. She encourages her staff to be curious and ask questions. Her training, support, and modeling has resulted in many staff, myself included, pursuing careers in the field of disabilities. She is a great leader and I'm thrilled that her personal dedication to working with individuals with disabilities and her strong work ethic has been recognized by ADDP!"

JF&CS CHAI Works Day Program, Pathways to Employment, and Meaningful Days offer employment, volunteer, and enrichment opportunities for adults with disabilities. JF&CS Services for People with Disabilities is grounded in the belief that individuals should live with dignity in the community, regardless of their differences. We strive to realize this vision by providing services to individuals and their families that reflect the values of individual autonomy, community inclusion, and care continuity.

Contact Breanna Robinson at brobinson@jfcsboston.org to learn more about JF&CS Services for People with Disabilities.

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