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Oakland Family Services Receives 2006 Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals Honoree of the Year Award

PONTIAC, MI- Oakland Family Services has recently been honored with the 2006 Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals Award for their major contributions to the development of the 47th District Court Sobriety Drug Court Program.

The Honoree of the Year Award was bestowed on Oakland Family Services for their public service commitment to the citizens of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Michigan, as well as for the continual hard work and professionalism demonstrated throughout the completion process of the Sobriety Court Program.

Oakland Family Services' staff participated in all Drug Court Planning training programs and has served on the Drug Court's planning team throughout the initiative's two-year development process. Serving as the primary counseling consultants, staff provided "exceptional counseling services to program clients", as well as an authoritative voice in weekly caseload reviews with Judge Marla Parker and the entire Sobriety Court team.

"I'm very proud of the hard work and dedication our staff has committed to the development of the Sobriety Drug Court," states Michael Earl, President/CEO of Oakland Family Services. "This award is a tribute not only to our agency and the 47th District Court, but an affirmation to the belief that working collaboratively with others will achieve more for the community than any single organization can accomplish on their own."

The 2006 Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals Honoree of the Year Award was granted to Oakland Family Services on behalf of the citizens of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Michigan. Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, and State Senators, Gilda Z. Jacobs and Aldo Vagnozzi (representing the 14th and 37th Districts, respectively) co-signed the award.

Oakland Family Services is a private, nonprofit, human service agency that provides **prevention, education, support and treatment programs** to families and individuals throughout Oakland County and southeastern Michigan.

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