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## Community Support Services Honors Summit County Department of Job and Family Services Employees

On Thursday, April 15, 2010, Community Support Services (CSS) honored the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services' Division of Disabled & Senior Services with a Community Service Award. The award was presented at the Community Support Services' annual meeting held at the Akron Urban League, located at 440 Vernon Odom Boulevard in Akron.

Community Support Services acts as a safety net for those who suffer from severe mental illnesses, such as: schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, major depression and personality disorders. CSS staff members work with individuals to develop an appropriate plan of treatment based on identified strengths, needs, abilities and preferences. Services combine psychiatric treatment and life skills training so that individuals have the opportunity to live productive and independent lives.

Summit County government employees Caitlin Baker, Martha Harbin, Candace Jones and Susan Triplett were honored for going to great lengths to assist and educate Community Support Services' administrative staff members on how best to support their clients.

"Because of the work performed by Community Support Services and the Summit County Division of Disabled & Senior Services, many citizens suffering from severe mental illness have been able to keep their financial and medical benefits," stated Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry. "The results of this collaboration truly are worthy of recognition."

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