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Sharon Wilson (center) of the LaPorte County Child Support Office received the Beatrice Deuel Child Support Superior Service Award in French Lick Thursday, June 29. With her are LaPorte County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Kristina Armstrong (left) and Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council Policy Liaison Karla Mantia. (Pictures of other award recipients are available upon request.)

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Indiana Child Support Employees Honor Outstanding Peers

FRENCH LICK, IN - Nine professionals whose jobs insure that children receive financial support from non-custodial parents were honored by their peers Thursday, June 29 at the 2017 Indiana Child Support

Conference in French Lick. The nine child support professionals represent the offices of elected prosecuting attorneys in nine Indiana counties.

Sharon Wilson, the LaPorte County Child Support Office's knowledgeable "Google, Siri and Wikipedia" combined, received the prestigious Beatrice Deuel Child Support Superior Service Award. The award was created in 2007 by Indiana prosecutors in honor of Beatrice Deuel who was an employee and supervisor in the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office. The award recognizes a retiring child support worker who exemplifies the same level of dedication and commitment to service that characterized Beatrice Deuel's service throughout her career. Wilson is an administrative assistant/caseworker who is retiring after working for LaPorte County for 22 years.

Additional honorees received the Indiana Prosecutors' K.I.D. (Kudos for Inspiration and Dedication) Award is given in recognition of child support enforcement caseworkers who have performed their duties in an exemplary fashion. K.I.D. award recipients are:

- Melinda Danner, Kosciusko County – A legal assistant whose job often entails the duties of a child support caseworker and who works with the child support deputy prosecutor.
- Kathy Fisher, Tippecanoe County – An 11-year executive administrator who oversees 60 full-time and five part-time prosecutor's office employees. She is the ultimate go-to person who always has the right response to any challenging issue.
- Linda Kiefer, Scott County – A child support caseworker who selflessly assists others in the office, whether the case is one of hers or that of another caseworker.
- Rhonda Stallworth, Allen County – A child support team leader with a positive attitude and a smile, no matter the challenge.
- Leisha Terrell, Crawford County – A child support caseworker/supervisor who has imported Crawford County's child support numbers in every category; she works diligently to find ways to collect child support from people who have a history of not paying.
- Kathie Warner, Bartholomew County – A superior caseworker who exemplifies a standard of competence that is unimpeachable.
- Derrah Yancy, Lake County – An exceptional caseworker who has worked for the Lake County Prosecutor's office for 12 years – helpful and stern, all at the same time.
- Delores Young, Decatur County – An Indiana Support Enforcement Tracking System (ISETS) Administrator who has worked for the Decatur County Child Support Office for 10 years and demonstrates an amazing ability to calm angry child support payors.

An additional 77 child support workers from 18 counties, as well as the Indiana Child Support Bureau, were recognized for years of service to their offices.