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## **Camden Resident Presented Award for Service to the Foster Care Community in NJ**

EATONTOWN, NJ – Camden resident Kevin Riley has been dedicated to the care of foster children for more than 10 years. His reliability, hard work and care for others have earned him this year's Outstanding DCP&P Staff Member Award at Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) and the state Department of Child Protection and Permanency's (DCP&P) annual recognition awards.

Kevin accepted the award at the Pacific Concord Hotel in front of a crowd of more than 100 foster, adoptive and kinship parents and children, as well as dozens of FAFS and DCP&P staff members.

When it comes to supporting foster families, Kevin is always there to give his best. He assists with things like scheduling doctor's appointments and helping children in care succeed in school.

While working with families, Kevin never pushes for the adoption of children in care. Instead, he helps foster parents see if they and their foster children are meant for each other, and if they are, he makes sure the adoption process runs smoothly.

So many families in NJ are doing wonderfully because of caseworkers like Kevin who care enough to make it all happen.

To earn the award, Kevin met criteria set by the FAFS Board of Directors, which included heightening awareness of foster care, extraordinary commitment to children in care, positive impact on the foster, adoptive and kinship community and improving community outreach for the benefit of children in adoptive care.

For more than 20 years, FAFS, in cooperation with DCP&P, has recognized individuals and families for outstanding achievement in supporting children in foster care.

The mission of FAFS is to provide support, training and advocacy to meet the special needs of foster, adoptive and kinship families who provide safe, stable and nurturing homes for children in foster care in New Jersey. FAFS is a federal 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, with headquarters on Route 1 in Monmouth Junction. Simply stated, FAFS is the voice of foster, adoptive and kinship families in New Jersey.