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Amherst County CSA Coordinator Honored

Joni Tables, the Amherst County Children's Services Act (CSA) Coordinator, was awarded the 2024 Paul Baldwin Outstanding Coordinator of the Year Award by the Office of Children's Services. This award honors Coordinators who exemplify a collaborative spirit, family focus, and innovation.

Joni embodies all these characteristics in her work with the Amherst CSA office, seamlessly weaving connections with stakeholders, mentors, and fellow CSA Coordinators to drive collective success. Her approach is multifaceted, grounded in active listening, empathy, and a genuine passion for fostering meaningful partnerships.

She has secured Trauma-Informed Community Network (TICN) grants, which have been used to create calm, healing spaces within several partner agencies and local schools as well as provide training and education to local stakeholders and their staff.

Under her supervision, the Amherst County CSA office has been developed into *The Caring Cottage*. The Cottage provides a collaborative space for area human services agencies to use for the purpose of planning tailored services to families in rural Amherst County when they may need a calm, neutral, and safe area outside of the home setting for services, including evaluation, visitation, or treatment sessions.

The CSA program in Amherst County serves approximately 100 families per year.

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