



2008 Prudential Financial Davis Productivity Awards



TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008
 Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center
 Awards Dinner and Gala: 6:30 P.M.–10:00 P.M.

Secretary Doug Beach and Deputy Secretary Chuck Corley congratulate the 2008 Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards (DPA) recipients.

Submitted Nominations	Award Category
<p>DEA-002 Disaster Recovery Center Team (Hurricane-Related) This 19-member team provided training to 182 hospitals and 552 nursing facilities across the state to ensure individuals discharged and admitted to nursing facilities were assessed for mental health or developmental disability services. This training assures that the special needs of this population are identified and met prior to admission to a nursing facility. The training will result in compliance with federal mandates for screening of nursing facility admissions. Training resulted in a savings of \$565,200, based on quote of contracting the training out to a private provider. For more information, please contact Sheila Mitchell at (561) 540-1280 or mitchells@elderaffairs.org.</p>	<p>Certificate of Commendation</p>
<p>DEA-003 Florida's Response Team for Iowa's Elders (Hurricane-Related) This seven-member team provided support to computer users in the Department of Elder Affairs' Headquarters, 29 remote offices and in the offices of our contracted private partners. Previously, all requests for computer support services were routed through a third party contractor. This team eliminated the contract and staffed all of its functionality with software costing approximately \$2,500 and used an existing position to handle all calls. Our case tracking has improved, as has our responsiveness and time to resolve problems. This resulted in a savings of \$33,686 during the 12-month period and improved user satisfaction. For more information, please contact Ed Neu at (850) 414-2136 or neue@elderaffairs.org.</p>	<p>Plaque</p>
<p>DEA-004 Individual Sustained Exemplary Performance Eloise Williams has over 34 years of state government experience, most of it in administrative services. She began as an entry-level clerk and to date maintains sustained exemplary performance. Her tenure includes 12 years with Florida State University College of Law, 15 years with the Office of the Capital Collateral Counsel, and the last seven years with the Department of Elder Affairs. Mrs. Williams is currently a Senior Management Analyst II. She performs as an administrative services and special projects coordinator, including agency coordinator for the Davis Productivity Awards program. Her knowledge base has allowed her to develop procedures and implement efficiency systems that maximize the use of state and federal dollars while providing technical administrative support to program staff and other professionals that serve the needs of our most vulnerable populations. During the last seven years, she has received five Davis Productivity Awards, two "Employee of the Month" awards, and many other accolades from former Governor Bush, the public and the aging network for her outstanding performance and excellent customer service. For more information, contact Nicole Hargraves at (850) 414-2136 or hargravesn@elderaffairs.org.</p> <p>Her acting division director wrote: "She has utilized resource opportunities, such as project management training, to become an expert in figuring out ways to improve efficiency and work flow. Because of her knowledge, competence and professionalism, she has become an expert in the administrative support services area. Mrs. Williams is constantly requested to provide professional technical assistance to other divisions, offices and special gubernatorial commissions and councils. She is well respected by her peers, managers, administrators and others with whom she works."</p>	<p>PRIDE Eagle Award</p>
<p>DEA-005 Individual Sustained Exemplary Performance Jay Breeze is a Senior Management Analyst II with the Department of Elder Affairs in Tallahassee. Mr. Breeze has served the State of Florida for 30 years in a variety of capacities as an advocate for employability programs for older workers and has most recently concentrated his efforts as a grant writer to serve a broader variety of Florida's elders. During the past year alone, he brought the Department of Elder Affairs more than \$6.5 million in grants. He has been with the Department of Elder Affairs since its inception.</p> <p>His supervisor said of him, "Jay is an exemplary employee. He is conscientious, methodical, reliable and approaches his work diligently. I consider it an honor to have him as a part of our team."</p> <p>For more information, please contact Laurie Koburger at (850) 414-2000 or koburgerl@elderaffairs.org.</p>	<p>Plaque</p>