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Juvenile Corrections Agent honored

Pierre, S.D. - A Juvenile Corrections Agent from Spearfish has been honored for her work with young people.

Theresa LaVoy was awarded the Youth Services Award by the Northern Hills Behavior Management Systems at a meeting on June 16th.

"Theresa does an outstanding job working with youth and their families. This award reflects her outstanding case management skills and her commitment to ensuring positive outcomes for youth entrusted to our care," said Doug Herrmann, Director of Juvenile Services for the South Dakota Department of Corrections. "We appreciate Northern Hills Behavior Management System recognizing one of our own very deserving employees."

"Theresa has been an asset to the DOC for many years. She projects self confidence, authority, and enthusiasm," said Joe Gutierrez, West River Juvenile Corrections Agent Supervisor.

"Theresa will do what it takes to help each child be productive members of society."

LaVoy began working as a Juvenile Corrections Agent in February 1998. Juvenile Corrections Agents oversee juvenile offenders from the time of their commitment to the Department of Corrections until their release from supervision. LaVoy previously worked for the Department of Social Services in Rapid City.



From left to right: Doug Herrmann, Director of Juvenile Services for the Department of Corrections, Theresa LaVoy, Juvenile Corrections Agent, Joe Gutierrez, West River JCA Supervisor.