



## **Warren County Board of County Commissioners**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Warren County Child Protection Worker Honored for Outstanding Service to Children, Families**

Lebanon, Ohio – One of Warren County's caseworkers, Roy Lutz, from the Warren County Children Services agency was recognized by the Public Children Services Association of Ohio as Outstanding Child Protection Worker of the Year for going above and beyond expectations to provide high-quality services to our community.

Our child protection system asks a lot of its caseworkers: Managing the delicate balance between home life and work life, particularly when the caseworker is a parent; identifying and securing resources for struggling families; facing challenging situations above and beyond child abuse and neglect, such as domestic violence; staying on top of mounds of paperwork and reporting requirements; and regularly adapting to new rules and new initiatives. This year's Child Protection Worker of the Year, Roy Lutz, manages to do all of that and more.

A former parole/probation officer, Roy has been in the field only two years. In that time, he has helped his county roll out alternative response and led his peers in client engagement and facilitation. Driven by his own experience as a witness to intimate partner violence and as a "little brother" in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, he immersed himself in Safe & Together training to better serve his clients and is recruiting "bigs" for children on his caseload. Whether donating his own fishing pole to a family, warehousing needed supplies, securing a pro bono attorney for a mom wrongly accused of endangerment, or purchasing gift cards at Christmas when a donation sponsor failed to follow through, this caseworker regularly goes above and beyond for children and families. He educates the court and school districts on Alternative Response (AR), and went on TV to discuss the need for Big Brothers.

His commitment to his coworkers is admirable, too. They go to him for advice. He accompanies them on dangerous investigations and volunteers for new assignments. His enthusiasm for his job, for learning new ways to serve families, and for getting the best possible outcomes for children is contagious. Somehow, on top of all of this, he manages to be a wonderful father to his three children.

We are proud and grateful to Roy Lutz for his service to Warren County!

For more information, contact the Warren County Commissioner's Office at (513) 695-1250.

#### **About the Warren County Board of County Commissioners**

*The Warren County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and executive body of county government. As the governing body, the Board is fiscally responsible for tax payer dollars and for provision of services as required by state and federal law or mandated by the public. The board works, through community partnership, to conscientiously protect and enhance the health, safety and quality of life of all Warren County residents, businesses and communities in a respectful, efficient and fiscally responsible way that addresses the needs today and invests in tomorrow.*

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