

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE NAMED 2011 APS WORKER OF THE YEAR

Washington County Dept. of Job and Family Services employee Anita Vaughan was recently awarded as the Adult Protective Services worker of the year by the Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services (OCAPS).

OCAPS is a statewide coalition that strives to enhance the provision of services to adults at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation through education and advocacy.

Vaughan received the prestigious award at the 26th annual OCAPS conference held at Columbus State Community College on March 25, 2011. Washington County DJFS Director Tom Ballengee made the presentation at the conference's award luncheon.

"I cannot think of a more deserving person to receive APS worker of the year than Anita Vaughan," Ballengee said. "Washington County is lucky to have a person like Anita helping to care for the needs of our elderly."

Vaughan received a crystal plaque and a \$1000 scholarship for registration and travel expenses to attend the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) conference in Buffalo, NY. Vaughan's family and social service co-workers were in attendance for the ceremony.

Vaughan was nominated by her peers in social services, elder care services and the health care field. Nominees for the award are required to be from one of Ohio's 88 county Job and Family Service agencies or a designated agency completing APS investigations.

"She is devoted to making sure the rights of seniors in our community are protected," said Kelly Bauerbach, Washington County DJFS Social Services Supervisor. "The people in her profession all felt that Anita was passionate about her work, genuinely cares for those that she helps and would do whatever was needed of her to make sure their life was better in some way."

