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## **MASON RESIDENT WINS SOCIAL WORK AWARD**

CINCINNATI, OH – Children’s Services supervisor Sara Harperink of Mason has been honored for her work helping some of Hamilton County’s most troubled children.

Harperink received the Best Customer Service and Multi County System Agencies (MCSA) Worker of the Year awards from Hamilton Choices, an organization that manages care for about 300 youth and adolescents who are involved with Hamilton County’s public child-serving agencies.

She received the award March 22 at the Hamilton Choices 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Choices Awards Ceremony at College Hill Presbyterian Church. Hamilton Choices presented awards to “recognize and honor exemplary community members and organizations.”

Harperink is a supervisor for the Children’s Services division of the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services. Children’s Services is the public agency charged with protecting children from abuse and neglect.

Hamilton Choices is funded by five public agencies that make up the MCSA: Department of Job and Family Services, Juvenile Court and Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Community Mental Health Board and the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board.

Hamilton County Job and Family services provides a variety of social services such as child protection, child support enforcement, welfare/food stamps/Medicaid and adult protection.

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