



## Dane County Department of Human Services

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TO: HHN Committee, other interested parties  
FROM: Shawn Tessmann  
RE: May Update

Below is my update for May, 2021.

Some good news to share this month.

Congratulations to DCDHS staffperson Jannet Arenas Pineda for being selected by the YWCA as a Woman of Distinction! This is a high honor recognizing the impact Jannet has on the community. The ceremony is May 21.

<https://www.ywcamadison.org/what-were-doing/race-gender-equity/women-of-distinction/>

I am also excited to share with you that the PEI Out of Home Care team will have three recipients of the Governor's foster parent/youth award this year.

- Moneecia has cared for many of our most challenging youth, she never gives up, she doesn't say "no", and she finds the strengths in every child.
- Kim and Mike fostered and adopted a little boy who had lived his entire life in a hospital setting due to very complicated medical needs.
- Adrianna B. is the recipient of the foster youth award.

The virtual ceremony is on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.

**Zoom:**

<https://dcfwi.zoom.us/j/83459000368?pwd=NW1rbEdkUU5xZXdZNDVPSFB4aVZOQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 834 5900 0368

**Passcode:** 578866

It's been a very busy time working on major pieces of the American Recovery Plan components that have involved the work of this committee and continuing to plan for an eventual return to the offices.

Beyond that I was delighted this week to be able to check out our new space at the job center and also to see in person the COVID care areas of Badger Prairie. So proud of the community for these important investments.

Thank you as always for your time and support.