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**Marge Lucas named “Social Worker of the Year”**

Margaret Lucas, Director of Adult Residential Services for Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare’s programs in Daytona Beach Florida, was named Social Worker of the Year by the Volusia/Flagler Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Marge has spent the past 20 years working with adolescents, adults, and families and practices as a clinical and behavioral staff program director and clinical social worker specializing in treatment of substance abuse, mental health, family therapy, violence prevention, and parent education. She has counseled individuals and families and facilitated support groups for family members who have a relative or partner with an addiction to drugs and /or alcohol. Marge has also worked with college programs supervising college interns from the behavioral health programs both in New Mexico and in Florida.

Marge moved to Florida from New Mexico in 2004 where she lived for 16 years working on Indian Reservations, with the Rio Rancho public schools and at La Buena Vida a community mental health and substance abuse program in Bernalillo, New Mexico where she addressed the therapeutic needs of adolescents, adults, and families.

Her professional experience provides her with a unique variety of perspectives and a knowledge base, which she has shared in trainings with community members, substance abuse providers, mental health professionals, educators, and students. Marge’s goal has been to assist others in developing a broader perspective to assist individuals and their families and the community in the process of positive changes.

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