

2001 Recipient

Marcie Fullbright



Marcie worked in the field of social work (community mental health and public child welfare) for approximately twenty years. At the time of her death on September 8, 2000, she was the Clinical Services Supervisor at Montgomery County Children Services.

Marcie was exceptionally versatile in her work. Her passion for child welfare and her strong clinical background were matched with an enormous level of energy, compassion, and decisiveness. Her solid training, experience and expertise enabled her to manage multiple tasks. This combination afforded her the admiration of her peers, and she was sought out for her input on many case situations. She was aware of the position this placed her in and used it to promote the best interests of the children and families served by Montgomery County Children Services.

Marcie was enthusiastic about the unique programs in her department and relished the challenges. She served on the Inter-Agency Clinical Assessment Team (ICAT); helped develop and implement the Sojourner Program; was a member of the Sexual Offender Reporting Network (juvenile subcommittee); and she worked on numerous other committees in the community to promote and advocate for appropriate treatment and services for children.

Marcie's involvement and participation with ICAT was where she "made her mark" for children and families. She was a catalyst and quintessential change agent for a difficult group of young people.

Marcie's unwavering dedication to making things happen for children (and their families) serviced by ICAT was a marvelous thing to watch unfold. Children with no plans would have a plan; young people who had blown every opportunity for community-based placements would get another chance in the community; children diagnosed as dangerous to themselves and others would get another opportunity to live in a less restrictive setting.

Marcie could never accept that a youngster was beyond reach. Because of this belief, she made the system and individuals stretch until it hurt. Her colleagues had the utmost respect for her and never questioned her honesty and integrity.

She and her husband were licensed foster parents through a private agency and provided care for special needs youngsters. Upon her death, she left behind her husband, Mark, and two sons, Matthew and Garrick.