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Public health social workers honored with top statewide awards

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Tanya Lee of the Marshall County Health Department and Teresa Pope of the Perry County Health Department were selected as Public Health Social Workers of the Year for 2016. The two recipients were recognized March 18 at the Public Health Social Work Celebration and Training held in Montgomery during National Social Work Month.

An Alabama Department of Public Health employee for 10 years, Ms. Lee works hard to cultivate resources for her clients. Supporters describe her as a cooperative and humble team player who mentors teens and chairs the pantry ministry at her church. She also works with the no littering campaign to assist in keeping Marshall County clean. Her co-workers praise the married mother of two for her compassion and caring and for being “a great representative of social work excellence.”

Ms. Pope also is described as “an excellent representation of the social work profession as a whole” and a true public health servant. She has been employed with the Alabama Department of Public Health for more than 20 years. Supporters praised Ms. Pope for treating all clients with dignity and respect and finding ways to meet their needs. Ms. Pope is described as caring, selfless, a true team player and for having a “can do” attitude. A devoted wife and mother, she volunteers at her church and her daughters' school activities.

Public health social workers provide intervention services to help clients discover ways of meeting their needs and preventing future problems. Clients they serve may be children, families, elderly persons, and persons with functional and access needs.