

PNP of the Year

Deb Bretl is the recipient of the WAPNAP PNP of the Year award for 2009. Deb is a PNP with the Child Protection Center through Children's Health and Hospital System within the Child Advocacy and Protection Services. Deb exemplifies commitment, compassionate care and advocacy for her patients. As the first Child Advocacy inpatient nurse practitioner, she has been instrumental in developing an innovative model of care for inpatient child abuse evaluations. Deb's initiatives have dramatically improved patient care through improved follow-up, consistent documentation, and facilitating communication.

Deb was instrumental in organizing and implementing out-of-home care safety evaluations, recruiting and offering physical screenings to all foster care children within the program. She has been a strong advocate for improved mental health and reproductive health for foster children and teens evaluated at the CPC.

Deb is an APN mentor for graduate nursing students and provides education for pediatric residents. In conjunction with Educational Services, she created online education for all direct care providers entering CHHS. This provides a core competency expectation for all providers interacting with children and their families.

WAPNAP has had the privilege of having Deb as an active and committed member, having served as chapter secretary since 2005. Deb demonstrates exceptional care and leadership in her PNP role and we are delighted in awarding her this recognition for her contributions and accomplishments.