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Alliance Awards 2015 Jane Covode Award

Mary Lu Walton, Executive Director, Envision



Greeley, Colorado. -- Alliance recently honored Mary Lu Walton, Alliance Board Member and the Executive Director of Envision (Greeley), with the Jane Covode Award. Her dedication to the IDD community system, integrity, passion, and long-term commitment to the IDD Community System and to the people and families served is extraordinary. Mary Lu was nominated by her staff and at Alliance, it was an easy choice for us to honor her.

The Jane Covode Award is the highest recognition Alliance bestows. The award is named after Alliance's first Executive Director, Jane Covode, who represented the qualifications we seek in all award recipients.

Mary Lu has been working in the IDD field for over 35 years. She has worked in many positions over the years and has participated in many Alliance and state committees and multiple task forces, all charged with improving the lives of individuals in services in Colorado. She has a deep care for and concern about the people and families receiving services, but an equal concern about employees and providers. She has been instrumental in motivating Envision to become a Person-Centered Organization. This has allowed Envision an opportunity to train other agencies across Colorado and to be one of the pioneer agencies in moving Person-Centered Training throughout all of Colorado. The positive impact that this has made on employees, people and families supported, and the community is incredible. It is truly an honor to work with Mary Lu.

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