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Local Career Center staff awarded outstanding employment specialist

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Labor announced Robyn Bindert of the Mitchell Career Center as “Outstanding Employment Specialist” at the recent Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) conference in Pierre. Bindert received a star quilt at the awards banquet for her efforts in providing workforce services to TANF participants.

The main focus of the TANF work program is to help families to help themselves move from welfare to work by promoting family responsibility and accountability as well as encouraging self-sufficiency through work.

“Robyn has cultivated excellent relationships with critical partner agencies in our community,” said Jeanne Anderson, Mitchell Career Center Manager. “She has proven to be a valuable advocate for her TANF clients.”

Bindert has been an employment specialist with the SDDOL for four and a half years. She also worked as a social services coordinator at the Covington Heights Health and Rehabilitation Center in Sioux Falls for eight and a half years. She has a B.S. degree in Social Work and Psychology from Sioux Falls College.

South Dakota TANF is a temporary public assistance program administered by the Departments of Labor and Social Services. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.