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Nursing Staff Members at Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Clinic in Omaha Receive Awards



*Nichole Ramos, RN and Lora Langley, RN, BSN with their awards*

Two nursing staff members employed at the Ponca Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Clinic in Omaha have received awards for their extraordinary efforts in the area of health promotion for American Indians.

Lora Langley, RN, BSN was selected as a Community Wellness Champion by the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Health Board/Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center and the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Services in South Dakota. She was nominated by Clinic Manager Candy Schott as a person who gets things done and makes a difference in the health and well being of people in the community.

Langley presented an overview of the program she designed at the 2008 Community Wellness forum held in Aberdeen on November 4-6. Forums of Wellness Champions will be held throughout the nation as a method of sharing and promoting programs and projects proven to promote healthy lifestyles among American Indians and Alaska Natives as part of the National Prevention Initiative.

Nichole Ramos, RN serves as a nurse and coordinator of the Immunization Program at the Clinic. Ramos recently received an award from the Aberdeen Area Office for her support, dedication, and perseverance in increasing the immunization coverage for two year olds from 47% to 81%. The Aberdeen Area Office received National Recognition by the Center for Disease Control for the improvement in this program

Clinic Manager Candy Schott praises the efforts of these award winning employees, saying, "Congratulations to Lora and Nicole and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the people we serve!"

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