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# **News Release**

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## **Two Wayne County juvenile facility workers receive awards**

Two employees at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) in Detroit have been honored for their work performance by the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association.

Bethany Gillery was named the 2010 Child Care Worker of the Year while Terrance Miller was chosen 2010 Support Worker of the Year. They were nominated for the awards by their peers.

“Bethany and Terrance care about youth and it shows in how they do their jobs,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “We commend them for their dedicated service. There are among the many Wayne County employees who improve our quality of life every day.”

A juvenile detention specialist, Gillery supervises a 20-bed male housing unit of 15 and 16-year-olds and facilitates groups on social living skills, recreational activities and basic hygiene care. She counsels youth on behavioral issues and assists them in completing their homework.

“Bethany excels in helping provide a secure and nurturing environment for youth,” said Leonard Dixon, JDF executive director. “She is supportive of her co-workers.”

Gillery, a graduate of Mumford High School, received a degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University. She has been a JDF employee for about four years.

Miller, a graduate of Highland Park High School, has been an admitting clerk at the facility for 12 years. He is responsible for processing more than 4,000 admissions and releases annually. In addition, he supervises and transports youth to juvenile court, enters data for juvenile court and interacts with various court and juvenile intake authorities.

“It can be very distressing for youth completing the admission and intake process,” Dixon said. “Terrance has the ability to step in and deescalate difficult situations with youth during the admission process.”

Gillery and Miller received their awards during the detention association’s conference in Roscommon, Michigan.

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