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RE: PATHS graduates receive training
credentials



On June 1, the 2007 class of PATHS of West Central Ohio received their Credentials of Advanced Proficiency (CAP) during a June graduation ceremony.

The PATHS program is partially funded by the ODMR/DD and the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council.

Key note speaker was John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (ODMR/DD).

Carl Craig Burns, program specialist in Madison County has been with CRSI since February 2002. He had this to say about his journey through PATHS:

“I am a 51 year old man that decided to go back to school and become a social worker. I am a junior in college and within two years I hope to complete my degree. I started working with people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities five and a half years ago. Shortly after starting I found that I needed more training.

“The PATHS program has taught me more than any other training not only about the field of direct support but also about myself. It has also made me more aware of the people that I support, being a better advocate, and to empower the consumers.

“Since I completed my CAP course I have had other co-workers comment about my understanding of the MRDD field, which helped me get a promotion in a job I have wanted since I started in this field.

“Thanks to everyone who helped me through this wonderful program .”