

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Joseph Arendt

Honoree's Job Title: Community Supervision Officer

Department: CSCD

Years of Service with the County: 4 years, 9 months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Collin County Community Supervision and Corrections Department has actively been involved in a state-wide study to "validate and norm a risk tool for the Texas community supervision population" for the past 18 months. The Texas Offender Assessment Validation Study (TRAS) requires participating counties to administer the new instrument, score the assessment and submit data to Austin to determine reliability and validity of the instrument. Joseph Arendt has been participating in the study since the commencement of the project, state-wide. He has been collecting all data, compiling results and interfacing with various counties on the progress of this project. In fiscal year 2012, Joey has continued participating in and coordinating the validation process for the new Texas Risk Assessment Instrument. In August, 2011, he attended a three day Training for Trainers class and brought the training information back into the department for training purposes to other officers, who have become actively involved in this project. The goal for the year, beginning June 2011, was to conduct 178 felony case and 200 misdemeanor case assessments. He has developed a method to track all of the instruments completed to date and has been monitoring the remaining numbers to be completed. This has been a daunting task and Joey has been able to volunteer his time for this project in addition to meeting deadlines and keeping up with all other work duties.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 10th day of May, 2012



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head



Printed Name