

Collin County Going the **Extra Mile (GEM)** Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Felix Valdez
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: ~~-Adolescent Counselor-~~ JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER

Department: Juvenile Probation Department

Years of Service with the County: 4

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

In July of 2018, Officer Valdez was recognized by Detention Superintendent Anne Sibley for going above and beyond in his job duties. Specifically, his supervisor noted that Officer Valdez contacts parents for court every morning prior to detention hearings as required in his job duties. However, Felix also contacts placements, mental health professionals, the psychologist, CPS or other agencies when it is in the child's best interest. Moreover, Officer Valdez is always willing to assist with intakes which are outside of his already demanding duties if there is a juvenile brought into detention whose primary language is Spanish. The detention facility is limited on Officers who are able to communicate with Spanish only speaking juveniles and parents. Officer Valdez is often called upon to contact parents following an intake when there are no Spanish speaking officers on duty and has assisted with translation whenever needed.

Approved by elected official or department head on the September day of 27, 2018


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

H. Lynn Hadnot
Printed Name