Early Education Teacher Petrina Clough Receives Marcia Lovell Award

PRESQUE ISLE – Aroostook County Action Program, Inc. (ACAP) is pleased to share that Petrina Clough, the ACAP Early Care and Education preschool teacher at the Presque Isle Career and Technical Center Head Start classroom, has received the 2018 Marcia Lovell Award.

Maine Roads to Quality presents this award to recognize Maine’s outstanding early childhood educators.

"We are so pleased that Petrina has received this award," said Sue Powers, Senior Manager of Early Care and Education at ACAP. "Petrina is passionate about teaching children. Her talent and creativity have helped many young children through the years become curious and engaged learners."

Petrina’s preschool classroom is one of three ACAP classrooms in Presque Isle providing preschool in partnership with SAD 1.

Maine Roads to Quality created the Marcia Lovell Award for Innovation in Early Care and Education. The award recognizes professionals who make significant contributions to the children, families and communities in which they work, and embody the ideals in which Marcia advocated: better lives for children, high quality early education experiences, support for all children including those most at risk and with disabilities, and the belief that the arts are an integral part of early education programs.

“In previous years, three other ACAP Early Care and Education teachers have received this award," explained Powers. "This recognition of our teachers is just one demonstration of the excellence of ACAP’s Early Care and Education program."

Marcia Lovell (1942 - 2005) was a dedicated advocate for the importance of high quality early childhood experiences. Marcia cared deeply about young children and their families and worked diligently to support healthy, responsive systems. She worked at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care and Head Start, where she was a program specialist with more than 20 years of experience. Marcia was instrumental in the development of many early childhood programs and initiatives in the State of Maine.

ACAP Early Care and Education Centers in Aroostook County provide Early Head Start, Head Start and Child Care services for approximately 300 children ages 0-5 each day. Nearly 40 percent of the children served have diagnosed disabilities. In addition, 85 – 90 percent of the children live in poverty. ACAP’s Head Start and Early Head Start programs are a model program in the state of Maine, known for their

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young students’ academic excellence. ACAP credits that success to the high standards they place both on curriculum and on the physical, social and emotional development of each child.

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