

The 2008 Kathy Fionda Awardee-Evelyn Zoecklein

The Kathy Fionda Award is given each year to the SAP that has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and is nominated by the SAP's. Each year at our Annual training we honor Kathy Fionda, a former SAP from Northfield. Even during Kathy's last days fighting cancer she was concerned with her students and the work of SAP's. I remember Kathy asking me to continue all that we do. So in her honor one of your peers was nominated for this prestigious award...by giving an award to someone who embodies her spirit.

Criteria is that the person nominated has been in the field for 3 or more years and must be a spirited individual working with kids and families. Someone who is giving back to their community/state or profession, and someone whose peers have a high regard for their work. This person embodies the words: Student Assistance Professional!

Evelyn's soft spoken, behind the scene, and concern for youth carries the Kathy Fionda spirit. Evelyn may not be boisterous and screaming "here is my program" but her calm approach and ability to take on challenges as they come is a strong force for her youth in the school community. Evelyn strives to meet the needs of youth and their families. She will do what is needed to make sure all are safe. Evelyn is in a tough community that is known but is isolated from a variety of services. Her ability to get parents to "buy into services" is a quality that will move her school community to be drug free. Her spirit is what brings the changes for her school community.