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## **Health Department Employee named Public Health Worker of the Year by the Illinois Public Health Association**

BLOOMINGTON, IL- Sue Albee-Grant, Community Health Services Supervisor at the McLean County Health Department, was named *Public Health Worker of the Year* by the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA). The award was presented on June 17, during the annual Friends of Public Health dinner at the 2015 Integrated Public Health and Medical Preparedness Summit in Schaumburg, IL. The Public Health Worker of the Year Award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution of major significance to public health in the preceding calendar year, is a member of IPHA, and is actively involved in public health in Illinois.

Grant was recognized for her efforts in the area of oral health. Her strong grasp of oral health concerns, local statistics, and public health initiatives to improve oral health, have been universally recognized within the McLean County community. Grant is also often targeted for input on oral health program development by health professionals in the region and the state.

Also of note, Grant had a role assisting Illinois State University – Mennonite College of Nursing, as it implemented the America's Promise School Project. Grant helped design a plan to place local student nurses in K-12 schools as part of their pediatric clinic rotation. The nursing students gained critical job experience and were also instrumental in promoting oral health programs within local public schools to improve pediatric oral health and reduce cavities among children.

Grant has been a prominent member of the community's health landscape; is associated with many local public health achievements; and through her commitment to America's Promise, has introduced many students to the importance of public health.



**Sue Albee-Grant accepts the Public Health Worker of the Year Award from Miriam Link-Mullison, Administrator of the Jackson County Health Department, at the IPHA annual awards ceremony during the 2015 Integrated Public Health and Medical Preparedness Summit.**