

APS Honors

Recognizing the value of partnerships, we work closely with our communities, organizations, and citizens to provide the greatest protection and the most effective service for our clients.

Through these efforts, we witness acts of kindness and compassion that go beyond the job description and reveal a heart dedicated to service.

To acknowledge those people who continually demonstrate extraordinary care and service, we present APS Honors awards throughout the 60 counties of our Regions.

Region 2 & 9 Adult Protective Services

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Awards to distinguished citizens of West Texas for extraordinary care and service to the elderly and persons with disabilities.

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APS Partners, Inc—Abilene

Regional APS Advisory Board—Midland
Concho Valley APS Partners Board—San Angelo
Regions 2 & 9 Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services

Mission

The Mission of Adult Protective Services is to protect older adults and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Vision

Protecting with purpose, passion, and persistence.

Values

We champion the Safety and Dignity of vulnerable adults. We conduct ourselves with Integrity. We demonstrate Respect for all persons. We Collaborate to improve outcomes.

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Judge Mike Brown has been the County Judge for Tom Green County for 16 years. Judge Brown believes that a primary responsibility of government is to take care of the people in our society who are most vulnerable. He was instrumental in the creation of the local Guardianship Alliance as a subsidiary of the ARC of San Angelo which operates the volunteer guardian program. He was a founding member of the State Guardianship Advisory Board and served as President for two terms. He is currently a member of the Texas Guardianship Association and the National Guardianship Association. *Judge Brown champions the Safety and Dignity of vulnerable adults.*



Judge Mike Brown
San Angelo

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Jenny Goode is the Executive Director of the Betty Hardwicke Center, a private, non-profit MHMR center covering six counties around Abilene. She has served in several leadership roles with the Abilene area APS Partners Board --- including President and grants committee chair. Her board service brings many opportunities to see successful interventions for clients ---when homes are made safe, medications provided, or ramps are built. Jenny also serves on advisory committees for the local Area Agency on Aging and 211 A Call For Help. In her free time, Jenny loves to read, sew, and garden. *Jenny collaborates to improve outcomes.*



Jenny Goode
Abilene



Mary Stengel
Wichita Falls

Mary Stengel is the Executive Director of the Wichita Falls Food Bank. She has been apart of this organization since 1989 and believes it is her calling. She enjoys initiating new programs and has helped develop the Emergency Food Box program and has coordinated a pilot program with the Senior Farmers Market Nutritional Program. Most of the Food Bank's work is through partner agencies, but Mary is always energized when she is able to get out in the community to see the people served by the Food Bank. *Mary conducts herself with Integrity.*

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Judge Walter Holcomb
Pecos

Judge Walter Holcomb has been the County Court at Law Judge in Reeves County since 2001 after retiring from his law practice. He has great empathy for the elderly and appreciates working with Adult Protective Services. Judge Holcomb has worked closely with the local APS caseworker for many years and recalls several successful situations when he felt that they made a difference in the lives of citizens. Judge Holcomb is always available to assist. *Judge Holcomb champions the safety and dignity of vulnerable adults.*



Judge Ronald Ingram
Quanah

Judge Ronald Ingram has served as County Judge for Hardeman County for the past 3 years. He believes in helping the elderly and disabled "because they have built what we have now and made our lives good ---we need to make sure their quality of life remains good." Judge Ingram serves on the Senior Citizens Board, the Meals on Wheels Board and is active in the Masonic Lodge and Lions Club. He also loves to golf and play with his granddaughters. Judge Ingram is a founding member of the APS Red River Regional Resource Board. *Judge Ingram champions the safety and dignity of vulnerable adults.*

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Norma Potter
Brady

Norma Potter and Denita Henman collectively have more than 50 years experience with the Housing Authority in Brady! Norma is the Executive Director and Denita is the Housing Manager. Norma finds satisfaction in bringing decent housing to the homeless and others in need. Denita loves her job because it brings satisfaction when helping the elderly and disabled. Both are active volunteers with the McCulloch County Helping Hands. *Norma and Denita conduct themselves with Integrity.*



Judge Gary Fuller
Breckenridge

Judge Gary Fuller has been the County Judge in Stephens County for 16 years. He loves the elderly and is actively involved in the local CARR program and with his Sunday School Class (the Roughnecks) who are famous because they were once named the largest Sunday School Class in the Guinness Book of World Records. In his spare time, Judge Fuller loves farming, ranching, and spending time with a huge family including 16 nieces and nephews and 7 great nieces and nephews. *Judge Fuller champions the safety and dignity of vulnerable adults.*

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Becky Slayton
Coleman

Becky Slayton is a Community Support Service Provider with Center for Life Resources MHMR and has been with the program for 13 years. She loves helping people and is both challenged and encouraged by the agency's ability to meet individual needs. She finds her work most meaningful when she is able to help clients achieve their personal goals. She feels a special calling for working with the elderly. Since her own parents are elderly, she provides care for elderly clients in the same way that she would want her parents to receive care. Becky enjoys working with her church and everything outdoors--including raising cattle, snow skiing and going to the lake. *Becky demonstrates respect for all persons.*



Janie Rios
Lamesa

Janie Rios is a case manager with West Texas Opportunities and has been with the program for 21 years! Janie has collaborated with APS and other agencies to insure that client needs are adequately met. She has a heart for the elderly because she knows fixed incomes can lead to difficult choices between necessities. In her spare time, Janie enjoys volunteering for Salvation Army, and lots of family activities with her mother, and 4 children and 6 grandchildren. Janie loves crocheting, house plants, and cooking. *Janie collaborates to improve outcomes.*

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Rebecca Gibson
Midland

Rebecca Gibson is the Assistant District Attorney and Trial Chief for Misdemeanor Division with the Midland District Attorney's office. With more than a decade of experience, Rebecca finds her work meaningful because of the many opportunities to help victims. She has a passion for seeking justice--especially for our most vulnerable citizens. The most rewarding experiences are when collaborative efforts bring estranged families back together and an elderly person receives the care they need and deserve. *Rebecca Gibson champions the safety and dignity of vulnerable adults.*



Donna Speed
Odessa

Donna Speed has 18 years of county government service--11 years with Ector County! She serves as the Court Administrator for the County Court----a job she loves because it offers an opportunity to help the elderly and disabled. She feels rewarded when she is able to listen and provide some direction for those seeking help. Through the years, she has often worked closely with Adult Protective Services, Mental Health Mental Retardation, and other agencies to find solutions for people in need. Donna brings compassion, experience, and a positive attitude to her work. *Donna Speed demonstrates respect for all persons.*