



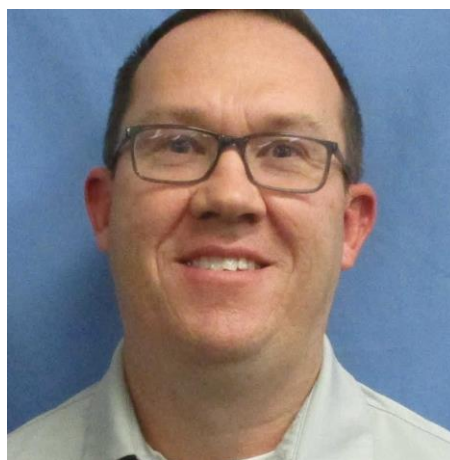
Boys Town Employee Honored with National Award

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Boys Town, Neb.- Boys Town is pleased to announce that Matt Priest, Director of Boys Town Foster Family Services, is the recipient of the Family Focused Treatment Association's 2023 Dr. Laura Boyd Champion for Children & Families National Advocate of the Year Award.

"Mr. Priest works tirelessly to better the lives and experiences of children in the child welfare system," says Lisa Batenhorst, Executive Director of Boys Town Nebraska. "We are very thankful to have Matt leading our Foster Family Services team and for all that he does to make a difference."

Matt has been an instrumental advocate for advancing social policies in the field of child welfare. His knowledge of the ins-and-outs of the child welfare system is invaluable and his advocacy for case professionals, resource and foster parents, foster children and families is commendable. He has given two decades of service to the well-being of children and families in the foster care system.



About Boys Town

For more than 100 years, Boys Town has been a beacon of hope for America's children and families through its life-changing youth care and healthcare programs. Each year almost 500,000 children and families across the United States are impacted by Boys Town programs. Our organization makes a positive impact and improves the lives of those in need and provides care and support for at-risk children and families across the country. We do this through our

Medical Specialties, Youth Services and Crises Hotline. You can find more information about Boys Town online at www.Boystown.org.

About Family Focused Treatment Association

FFTA works to advance best practices and advocate for policies that support families in their care and treatment for children. Dating back to the 1980s FFTA roots are in defining and promoting best standards in Treatment Foster Care to advance the fields understanding of effective methods for serving families. Today, FFTA works with advance Treatment Family Care as a vital resource in the continuum of child/family well-being and children's behavioral health services across North America.

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