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Center for Adoption Support and Education’s National Training Director Dawn Wilson to receive the 2019 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute Angels in Adoption Award

BURTONSVILLE, Md.— The Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.)’s National Training Director, Dawn Wilson, MSW was nominated by Senator Richard Burr to receive a 2019 Congressional Coalition Institute (CCAI) Angels in Adoption® Award. Senator Burr will present the award in his office on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

The Angels in Adoption program honors individuals, couples, families, and organizations nationwide that have made an extraordinary contribution on behalf of children in need of permanency. Since the program’s inception in 1999, more than 2,600 awardees from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have been recognized for their commitment to the adoption and foster care community. Learn more about the Angels in Adoption program at www.ccainstitute.org/programs/view/angels-in-adoption-gala.

Dawn Wilson, MSW, has dedicated more than 30 years to serving the most vulnerable children and families through her work with the child welfare and mental health fields. As Director of the National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative (NTI) through C.A.S.E., Dawn led her team in developing, implementing, piloting and evaluating the NTI, funded through a cooperative agreement between the Children’s Bureau and C.A.S.E., working alongside the University of Maryland School of Social Work Institute for Innovation and Implementation. Through Dawn’s leadership, the NTI program has impacted over 10,000 child welfare and mental health professionals within eight pilot sites and one tribal nation to have access to web-based adoption-competency training. Please visit www.adoptionsupport.org/nti to learn more about this program.

“On behalf of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors, staff members and partners, I applaud Dawn for her unwavering commitment to and support of the adoption and foster care community,” said Debbie Riley, CEO, C.A.S.E. “Through her leadership with C.A.S.E., child welfare and mental health professionals nationwide receive the adoption-competent training skills needed to impact children and families and help them thrive. Her recognition as an Angel in Adoption is well deserved.”

C.A.S.E. is a nationally-recognized leader in mental health services for the adoption and foster care community. The nonprofit organization’s mission is to improve the lives of children who have been adopted or in foster care and their families through counseling, lifelong education, and a growing national network of trained professionals. With seven offices across Northern Virginia, Maryland and New York, C.A.S.E. has provided clinical services for more than 6,200 clients and their families since its founding in 1998. Visit www.adoptionsupport.org to learn more.

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