



2008 Julie L. Bonner Award Recipient Kristy Elias

Kristy Elias has been a nurse home visitor with the Children First program in Tulsa County for over 9 years. Kristy emulates the professional nurse at all times and in all aspects of her work. She produces a high level of quality in her work while consistently exceeding expectations. Her approach toward engaging and retaining clients involves a level of diligence and persistence that many C1 nurses strive for but rarely achieve.

Kristy's work ethic is uncompromising. Her time management skills are the envy of her peers, as she seems to effortlessly and successfully manage an average caseload that consistently exceeds the expected 25 clients. Her case management skills reflect that of a seasoned veteran; one who can seamlessly apply the foundational principles of the NFP model while meeting the multiple and complex needs of her clients yet always maintaining the boundaries of a therapeutic relationship.

Kristy is highly respected and regarded by her peers. She is often asked to mentor with new staff and willingly volunteers to precept with nursing students. She is a gifted and patient teacher who plans ahead and plans for success in her work with clients.

Kristy has a lengthy history of going above and beyond the required job description of a Children First Nurse. Her accolades include receiving the 2004 "Team Award" after her deployment as a Public Health Nurse to assist with the Florida Hurricane Disaster, participation on the Tulsa Fetal Infant Mortality Review Team, her voluntary work as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and receiving the Tulsa Health Department's "2005 Customer Service Award" for going beyond expectations in establishing and maintaining standards of excellence.

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Robert Bonner, Kristy Elias and Mrs. Bonner