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## **Area Nutritionist Wins 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *Laura K. Savage* Award**

One of the major highlights of the Oklahoma Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutrition Conference, Feb. 3-5, 2010, in Norman, was the presentation of the *Laura K. Savage Creativity in Nutrition Education Award*. For the second year in a row, WIC Service announced that Diane Sublett is the winner of the Annual *Laura K. Savage Creativity in Nutrition Education Award*. Diane has worked with WIC for over 20 years, and currently is a nutritionist with the Blaine, Major and Kingfisher county health departments.

Sublett was the first to win this honor in 2002 and this marks her third win. Her winning submission was titled "Spit Happens". The poster addressed the common occurrence of spit up and ways to minimize it. Sublett had several co-workers assisting her with the poster but she wanted to give special recognition to Sherri Forrest. Sherri is the administrative assistant at the Blaine County Health Department.

The *Laura K. Savage Creativity in Nutrition Education Award* allows students and nutrition educators to showcase their talent and creativity by participating in a poster contest. Fifty-two students from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and University of Central Oklahoma, and 16 WIC staff submitted poster entries at this year's contest.

The award is named in memory of Laura K. Savage, who lost her life in a car crash in June 2001. She was the WIC Nutrition Education Coordinator and was dedicated to developing creative ways of teaching nutrition education.

Winning this award entitles Sublett to attend the National WIC Association's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI, to compete nationally with nutritionists. At the 2009 National WIC Association Conference in Nashville, TN, she won first prize with her poster submission "Breastfeeding, Just Go Do It."



Diane Sublett with her winning poster entry.

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