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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR LESTER CLARAVALL TO VISIT YUKON HIGH SCHOOL

Oklahoma City - Lester Claravall, Child Labor Coordinator for the Oklahoma Department of Labor was recently announced as the recipient of the prestigious National Public Service Awards. This premier award for excellence in public service at all levels of government was awarded by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the National Academy of Public Administration on March 14th in Baltimore. ASPA and NAPA established the National Public Service Awards in 1983 to honor individual's whose accomplishments are models of public service within and outside the work environment. The NPSA Awards Program recognizes individuals who exhibit the highest standards of excellence, dedication, and accomplishment over a sustained period of time and who are creative and skilled career managers at all levels of public service.

Lester Claravall loves working with children and believes that a single death is intolerable when it comes to teen workers. As a public servant for the Oklahoma Department of Labor, he created first-ever partnerships, publications and programs to strengthen protection of working minors. To increase efficiency and provide better service to students making a transition into the workforce, Claravall led the charge and replaced the antiquated paper work permit system with an online work permit process resulting in significant cost savings of taxpayer dollars in Oklahoma. In addition, Claravall created the national award-winning "Paying Attention Pays" whose game format teaches students about workplace rights and whose innovative effectiveness and success has been shared with more than 30 countries around the world.

Mr. Claravall will be presenting his "Paying Attention Pays" Child Safety Program at Yukon High School, Wednesday, May 11th at 10:00 am.