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OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE DEWINE WINS THE 2014 PRO HUMANITATE CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD

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The Center for Child Welfare Policy of the North American Resource Center for Child Welfare (NARCCW) has announced **Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine** as the 2014 winner of the Pro Humanitate Child Advocacy Award. This year's award will be presented in 2015 at the 23rd annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children in Boston, MA, July 22-25.

This award is given to a child welfare professional in law, medicine, journalism, social work, nursing, or psychology who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to advocacy for maltreated children. Awards are presented to candidates who exhibit intellectual integrity and moral courage in transcending political and social barriers to champion best practice in the field of child welfare. Selection criteria include the candidate's contribution(s) in the development of empirically and ethically sound child welfare policy and practice, and in the candidate's contribution(s) to increase both professional and public awareness of best practice in child welfare. Pro Humanitate winners are selected by a jury of peer judges.

The North American Resource Center for Child Welfare was conceived and embodied as an umbrella organization for a tetrad of child welfare agencies: The Institute for Human Services; the Training Resource, Advocacy, and Information Network; the Center for Child Welfare Policy; and the Family Trust Clinic. These agencies provide a comprehensive array of child welfare services that promote protection and permanence for physically abused, neglected, and sexually abused children. NARCCW and its affiliates are located in Columbus, Ohio.

The North American Resource Center for Child Welfare relies on the expertise of both academicians and direct service practitioners to formulate sound and effective recommendations for policy and practice development. Their activities include symposia to examine child welfare practice dilemmas and controversies, such as risk assessment, transracial adoptions, sexual abuse interventions and differential response. Policy recommendations are disseminated through white papers, internet websites, educational and training conferences, and a journal.

For information regarding this award, please contact Dr. Ronald C. Hughes at <u>RHughes@ihs-trainet.com</u>. For additional information about the Pro Humaniate awards and previous recipients, visit their website at <u>www.narccw.com</u>