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### **Press Alert**

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### **Lower Providence Township receives MCIU award for Support of Children with Disabilities**

NORRISTOWN-- Lower Providence Township was honored as the recipient of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's (MCIU) Cynthia Welder Award in recognition of the township's outstanding and dedicated service to children with disabilities. Specifically, the township was recognized for their support in renovating the Anderson School at 930 Jefferson Avenue, Eagleville. The annual award was given at the June 25<sup>th</sup> MCIU Board of Director's Meeting.

A memorial committee established a fund in Cynthia E. Welder's honor to recognize annually both an individual and an organization for their outstanding and dedicated service to the exceptional children of the MCIU. The award to an individual was given to Terri Cohen-Johnson, an MCIU Hearing Support teacher and cochlear implant specialist.

"Lower Providence Township exemplified the values of serving children with special needs. The Township was with us at the beginning when we planned to renovate the Anderson School and became a true partner in building a new state of the art school for alternative education. It was evident from the very beginning that our partnership with Lower Providence Township would be a collaborative one in which the needs of the students we serve were of utmost importance. Every single person on the Lower Providence Township team worked tirelessly to remove any barriers in order for us to get the school open by January 7, 2008," said MCIU Special Education Director Jeanmarie Mason.

The individual awardee, Terri Cohen-Johnson, developed and expanded the new MCIU service of Cochlear Implant Consultation. Following her intensive training program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in the summer of 2006, Terri began providing Cochlear Implant Consultation in the MCIU Early Intervention and School Age programs for the ever-increasing number of children with cochlear implants.

*(Photo below)*



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Lower Providence Township officials accepted the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's Cynthia Welder Award in recognition of the township's outstanding and dedicated service to children with disabilities. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, MCIU Executive Director/CEO; Sinclair Salisbury, Building Code Official; Joseph Chmielewski, MCIU Board President; Craig Dininny, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Francis Carroll, Chief of Police; Dr. Jeanmarie Mason, MCIU Special Education Director and Joe Dunbar, Township Manager.

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