

CP of NYS Annual Award Recipient

NATALIE ROGERS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Diane Baehre, Empower

Diane Baehre has spent 40 years working to provide opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. She has spent the past 20 years of her career at Empower and is currently second in command at the organization. Ms. Baehre has earned the trust, confidence and respect of everyone at Empower.

Ms. Baehre previously worked at several other agencies in western New York and was named employee of the year by two of them. Her role at Empower is to ensure that the programs are of the highest quality and that staff is aware of and adheres to laws, policies and procedures. She is respected for her diligence and integrity by staff, families and officials from state oversight agencies.

Ms. Baehre has helped to create a culture of caution at Empower that requires that agency personnel always put the individual program participant's well-being above that of the agency. She has helped to instill in everyone at Empower the belief that quality and regulatory compliance are of the utmost importance.