

Congratulations to Sister Madeleine Rybicki, 2016 NEORTC Trainer of the Year!

The Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center is pleased to announce Sister Madeleine Rybicki as NEORTC Trainer of the Year for 2016. Sister Madeleine began training over 25 years ago, before E-Track and the use of PowerPoint computer programs. This is the second time she has received this honor. The first was in 1990.

Sister Madeleine is an international trainer in the field of children and youth care and has her master's degree in Child Development from the University of Pittsburgh. She is on staff with Holy Family Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a multi-disciplinary agency specializing in therapeutic care of abused and neglected children and families in crisis.

She co-published the Article, "Assessment of Child and Youth Care Worker Trainer Competences" with Dale Curry, a previous NEORTC colleague. The main focus of the article was the development of trainers' abilities to know and use training strategies that fit the trainee's level of development/competences. She is a long time General Committee Member of The National Staff Development and Training Association (NSDTA).

Sister Madeleine has trained both staff and foster/adoptive parents for a number of years. Training specializations include: Core, Pre-service, and Foster Parent courses. Training topics focus on child development, death and dying-loss issues, bullying and children's self-esteem.

She trains with a heart and is dedicated to quality training. She has a wealth of knowledge and resources that she brings to each training. Trainees appreciate her as a trainer because she is personable, engaging and truly cares about children, families and the trainee.

Sister Madeleine willingly travels to all the counties in our region if asked and has been personally requested to train for many of them. Her love of training and travel has taken her to other parts of Ohio, other states and other countries, including most recently Vietnam.

NEORTC feels that Sister Madeleine is much deserving of this honor and is looking forward to celebrating with her at our NEORTC Liaison Retreat on October 21, 2016,