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**Durham County Health Promotions Manager Honored with  
North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health Recognition Award**

***- Kelly Warnock the "Go-To" Person on Food Policy and Programs -***

**Winston-Salem, NC** – Kelly Warnock, MPH, RD, LDN, is known around the Durham County Department of Public Health and beyond as the “go-to” person on just about any question or issue related to food policy and programs.

Her outstanding leadership and work in the promotion and implementation of services, environmental changes and policies are helping to improve the food and nutrition environment in Durham County, and have earned her the Public Health Staff Recognition Award in the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation’s 2015 Child Health Recognition Awards program.

Warnock, Nutrition Communications and Health Promotion Program manager, always tries to make the healthier choice the easier choice for people, and her innovative, creative and successful approaches are helping improve the lives of children and their families in Durham County.

**The Awards Program**

The awards are designed to showcase exceptional and innovative programs that improve the lives of North Carolina’s children. This year’s awards focus on programs that address evidenced-based issues of particular significance to the community being served and working in partnership with others to produce sustainable, improved health outcomes for children. Key focus areas include asthma, dental health, environmental health (healthy homes), immunizations, low-birth weight, mental health, nutrition, and substance abuse including drug alcohol and tobacco.

All nominees were recognized and award recipients announced at a ceremony today in Winston-Salem during the North Carolina Public Health Association’s (NCPHA) annual meeting. The **Public Health Staff Recognition Award** is given to full- or part-time employees or retirees of a local health department in recognition of their outstanding service in preventive health activities in their local community.

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health Recognition Awards were established in 1994 to honor local health departments, public health staff and individual citizens for their dedication to improving child health. The awards include monetary grants for educational and other purposes. A Selection Committee of healthcare professionals established by NCPHA chose the award recipients.

Other recipients of the 2015 NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health Recognition Awards are:

**Lifetime Achievement Recognition**

- Marian Earls, MD; Director of Pediatric Programs, Community Care of North Carolina

**Individual Recognition**

- Maria Clara Laury, Health Promotions Bilingual Program Coordinator, Union County Division of Public Health

**Local Health Department Recognition**

- Buncombe County Health and Human Services, Shield of Protection Immunization Program
- Cabarrus Health Alliance, Mobile Dental Clinic
- Northampton County Health Department, Child Health Program

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