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Shilling Receives Independent Living Legislative Advocacy Award

Honored for Her Work with La Crosse Area Dental Advocacy Coalition

MADISON – This week at the State Capitol, staff from Independent Living Resources in La Crosse presented Representative Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) with the Independent Living Legislative Advocacy Award. The award was given to Rep Shilling in recognition of her work with the La Crosse Area Dental Care Advocacy Coalition to make dental care more accessible to people on Medical Assistance.

“I am honored to receive this award. And I am honored to have support from Independent Living Resources in our effort to expand dental care coverage to disabled and low-income residents in Western Wisconsin,” Shilling said.

During the past year, Representative Shilling and the Dental Advocacy Coalition members, including Senator Dan Kapanke, have organized public forums to discuss the issue of dental care with members of the community, they have organized a letter writing campaign to legislators and the Governor, and Representative Shilling arranged for members of the group to meet with the Governor’s staff to advocate for increased dental care funding.

“Representative Shilling has worked tirelessly this past year to see that all residents of Wisconsin have access to a dentist,” said Mark Roesler-Begalke, an employee of Independent Living Resources and a member of the Dental Advocacy Group. “Her work with the Dental Advocacy Group has been instrumental in bringing this issue to the forefront of medical and health care issues.”

“I hope this award will help raise awareness of the Dental Advocacy Coalition’s efforts,” Shilling said. “I firmly believe that any attempt to solve the health care crisis in our state must include measures to increase dental care access for all Wisconsin residents.”

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