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### **Mohawk Tribe's Office for the Aging to Receive Recognition for Outstanding Performance** *Excelling in Protective Services for Adults*

**Akwesasne Territory** – On Wednesday February 22, 2012, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) will be present at the tribe's Seniors Center to recognize staff for their work in the area of Protective Services for Adults (PSA). The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Department of Social Services nominated the Senior Center's staff as outstanding partners in the PSA Delivery Network.

The director of the Seniors Center, Cynthia Tarbell, along with staffers Mary Grow and Jann Day attended the New York State Adult Abuse Training Institute in Buffalo. The OCFS presented them with their Certificate of Recognition at the conference. In the award letter, OCFS Commissioner Gladys Carrion noted, "It is clear from our review of the submitted nomination that your local department of social services holds your organization in very high regard for the critical work you do together with PSA to help protect your mutual clients. We applaud you for your very important work. Congratulations for a job well done." The OCFS recognized honorees in several ways including on their website and the *Adult Services Newsletter*, in addition to the ceremony in Buffalo.

"We are proud to be recognized for our efforts," said Director Cynthia Tarbell. "Our staff has taken the initiative in this area because we are genuinely concerned in all aspects of our elders' lives. I want to give special recognition to LoraLee Lafrance and Mary Grow for their continuing extra efforts in protecting our elders." The ceremony will take place at 1:00 pm at the Seniors Center. Community members please join in congratulating the staff of the senior center for their continued achievements.

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