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Casalapro Named NJ APSE's Employment Leader of the Year

PRINCETON, NJ (March 24, 2017) — At the Facing the Future 25th Annual Conference To Employment and Beyond! inside the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ, Dina Casalapro received the 2017 NJ Association of People Supporting EmploymentFirst's (ASPE) Employment Leader of the Year Award.

Casalapro joined Community Options in April 2016 as Managing Director of Community Options Enterprises and has over a decade of experience in the field. She oversees employment and day habilitation programming for people with disabilities currently receiving services. She works with all New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation offices in support of persons with disabilities seeking and maintaining employment, specifically in the Long Term Follow Along program that allows her staff to assist workers with disabilities and their employers.

Prior to Community Options, Casalapro worked at several providing agencies, forming close relationships with the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and helped many school districts create paid positions/internships for people with disabilities. She has successfully obtained numerous grants that provide funding to support adults with developmental disabilities.

Facing the Future Annual Conference to Employment and Beyond! is a conference for professionals highlighting best practices in supporting people with disabilities in career planning, customized employment, and transition from school to work presented by the NJ chapter of ASPE.

APSE is a growing national non-profit membership organization founded in 1988. It is the only national organization with an exclusive focus on integrated employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Facing the Future Annual Conference to Employment and Beyond! is the only annual national conference focused solely on the advancement of integrated employment.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For 28 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities – serving thousands of people through over 40 offices across 11 states. Community Options provides advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities because all people – regardless of ability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice and self-determination.

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