

Nomination for Malyce Warner for the Utah County Employee of the Month.

Malyce has been an employee of Utah County for 6 years, working as a prevention specialist with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment. Malyce comes from a team of hard working, dedicated individuals with a reputation throughout the entire state for using cutting-edge, science driven prevention practices, for being thought leaders and for creating positive change. Malyce has led the team to this place through her strong examples of ethics, values, and passion to succeed.

When the team meets to brainstorm, Malyce can be relied upon for her sensibility. She thinks about all the issues that could arise and she's forthright in communicating concerns. She sees the big picture and helps resolve possible kinks before they even get kinked! She understands the prevention system like the back of her hand and because of this, she has been extremely helpful to her supervisor. From helping to navigate through invoicing to sharing helpful hints, to making THE BEST peanut butter bars on the planet, Malyce is most definitely indispensable.

One of the things Malyce does really well is giving a presentation. Any time she is in front of a crowd, she turns up the energy and gets bold! She NEVER needs to look at notes to remember the points she wants to deliver and asks for feedback from the team before offering new information to a group. I have never seen her act nervously about it and it doesn't matter if there are two people or 2,000, she would handle herself the same, with that self-assured, calm, cool and collected attitude. She is borderline perfectionist, so everything she does turns out great, but she doesn't act like anything sets her back at all. She takes on new assignments from Richard with a smile on her face, even if there is a scowl in her heart! 😊

The whole department and even the County Commission have seen Malyce in action. I have heard numerous compliments about how she does opiate overdose prevention trainings and how professional she is in her interactions with people. She has trained people from all walks of life. In 2018 when the Commissioners held a series of town hall meetings on the opiate crisis, Malyce was the anchor for the expert panel. In March of 2019, she did another presentation on overdose reversal at the UVU Addiction conference. Most presenters got good reviews, but Malyce scored a perfect 5! A homeless lady came in seeking a naloxone kit after hearing our department could provide them free of charge to those in need. Malyce didn't skip a beat and jumped in to train the lady. She doesn't judge or shame people and takes time with each individually because she truly cares and wants the best for them.

We all know we can count on Malyce when we need a question answered, when we need a job done well, when we need a boost, or any other time at all. That's why I am nominating her for the Utah County Employee of the Month.