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News Release

The Colorado Department of Education's Adult Education and Family Literacy Office Named "Institution of the Year"

The Asian Pacific Development Center has selected the Colorado Department of Education's Adult Education and Family Literacy Office as the "Institution of the Year."

The office, headed by Director Pamela Smith, will receive the award at the Asian Pacific Development Center Asian New Year Banquet, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Palace Chinese Restaurant (6265 East Evans Ave.) at 6 p.m.

"Congratulations on being selected as the institution/program that exemplifies best practices in working with and supporting the Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) community of Colorado," said Christine Wanifuchi, chief executive officer of the center. "CDE's support of APDC over the years has been exceptional. This commitment to addressing the language needs in the AAPI community has allowed for effective and timely services and classes to be extended to a diverse and complex community."

The Adult Education and Family Literacy office is part of the Student Support Services unit at CDE. The office administers state and federal programs and services that provide educational opportunities to Colorado adults and their families.

"We are extremely honored that an organization with the stature and visibility of the Asian Pacific Development Center would recognize the

work of our adult education staff," said Ed Steinberg, assistant commissioner of Student Support Services. "Congratulations to the outstanding staff in the adult literacy office. We are very pleased that their commitment and dedication is being recognized."

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