Direct support professionals are individuals who care for people with disabilities in specialized housing or other settings. The annual forum was Aug. 7. Honored with Outstanding DSP Awards were (from left) Jennifer Elam from Christ Centered Homes, Pam Dillard from Renaissance Homes and Sharon Spooner from Goodwill Industries. Participating groups were the Brenda Ross Fund, Goodwill Industries, Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority, Renaissance Homes Inc., Christ Centered Homes, HOPE Community Center and Wayne State University DDI.

Jennifer Elam (left), a CASS Participant and Getting Ahead Investigator was honored with an Outstanding DSP Award. At the event, Burt Fenby, Lenawee County Community Action Agency Director and Julie Laughlin, CASS Coordinator presented financial education on spending plans, financial goals, and savings programs.