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Honorable Steven R. Cranfill Receives Children's Justice Project Golden Award

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice E. James Burke is pleased to announce that the Honorable Steven R. Cranfill has received the 2015 Children's Justice Project Golden Award for his extraordinary commitment to Wyoming children and families involved in the court system.

The Wyoming Supreme Court, Children's Justice Project, established the Golden award in recognition of significant contributions by those who work on behalf of Wyoming children and families involved in the children welfare and juvenile court system. The award is presented each year at the statewide Children's Justice Conference and is given to a leading practitioner in the field of child welfare.

Judge Cranfill was born and raised in Worland and currently resides in Cody, Wyoming. He received his bachelor's degree from Weber State College and his law degree from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. He was appointed as a district court judge in the 5th Judicial District in 2006. As a district court judge, he presides over abuse and neglect, children in need of supervision and delinquency cases in Park and Big Horn counties. He currently serves as the president of the Wyoming District Court Judges Conference.

Judge Cranfill is the 2015 Golden Award Recipient, in part, for exhibiting a high level of ethics, respect for children and families and for promoting cooperation among individuals working in the child welfare system. He is a leader among Wyoming district court judges in the juvenile justice arena and in recent years has helped bring greater awareness to the importance of expedited permanency for children involved in Wyoming's juvenile court system.

"I am sincerely honored to receive this recognition. Kids deserve the chance to be kids. I am grateful to play a small part in that process," said Judge Cranfill.

"The Court thanks Judge Cranfill for his important contributions to promoting and advancing the field of child welfare law," said Chief Justice Burke.