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**Dr. Cindy Parry Honored with NSDTA 2025 Distinguished Service Award**

**Arlington, VA:** The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is proud to announce Dr. Cindy Parry as the recipient of the 2025 NSDTA Distinguished Service Award. The announcement was made during the 2025 NSDTA Education Conference, an annual event jointly hosted by APHSA and its affinity group, the National Staff Development and Training Association (NSDTA). The conference highlights collaborative efforts that strengthen training, staff development, and organizational excellence across the human services sector.

The Distinguished Service Award honors extraordinary achievement and lasting contributions to the advancement of workforce development within human services. Dr. Parry's involvement with NSDTA spans more than 30 years, beginning with her first conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Since then, she has been a guiding presence in the organization, serving on the Executive Advisory Council for over two decades and helping to shape NSDTA's direction and priorities.

A nationally respected evaluator and researcher, Dr. Parry has advanced the science and practice of workforce development through her rigorous evaluation methods and deep expertise in testing and measurement. Her research and consulting work have empowered agencies nationwide to make data-informed decisions and apply competency-based tools that enhance staff performance and service delivery. Most recently, her contributions to the Quality Improvement Center for Workforce Development have helped promote the adoption of evidence-based strategies to strengthen the human services workforce.

Dr. Parry's remarkable career exemplifies excellence, innovation, and commitment to continuous improvement. Her influence has elevated workforce development across the nation, inspired generations of professionals, and left an enduring mark on both NSDTA and the broader human services sector.

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