



Teresa Perez has been chosen as the 2010 Employee of the Winter Quarter. She began her career with Westview in 1995 as a Coach in Orange County. In 2005 she transferred to our Behavior Program in Inland. Teresa has always been an advocate for her clients, working with some that most would not choose because of their behaviors. She has coached the same three clients for the past four years. Although she has had opportunities to work with other groups, she always requests her original group.

Teresa treats her clients the way she would want to be treated. In her redirection of clients' behaviors she utilizes a subtle tone that does not increase behaviors. Before she goes on vacation she advises her clients, and sets up different props and activities for them to enjoy in her absence. For example one client in particular loves wearing hats, so before Teresa leaves she will make a couple of hats with the client and let her know they are for her to wear when she is gone. The next morning when the client arrives she will put on one of the hats and wear it throughout the day.

In addition, she is very instrumental in the up keep of the facility. On a daily basis after the clients have gone, Teresa goes through the facility cleaning each room. When the clients and staff arrive the next day the facility looks and smells like it has been cleaned by a professional service. Teresa is consistent, shows up to work on time, is seldom absent and her clients love being with her. In the fall of 2009 Teresa was nominated and appointed Employee of the Year by her co-workers.

Teresa, Westview thanks you for all you do!

