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Andover resident lauded for 30 years at PCCD

Sandy Levine of Andover, a certified early intervention specialist with a master's of social work, was recognized for 30 years of employment at the Professional Center for Child Development at its annual meeting in December.

Levine is the director of the center's Early Intervention Program, which serves over 1,000 children aged birth to three years annually.

Levine attended Boston University for her undergraduate studies, and received her master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan School of Social Work. She lives with her husband, Steve, and has three adult children and two grandchildren.

Her office is at 130 Parker St. in Lawrence, where she manages the program and directs the program's staff of 50 employees. An initiative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Center's Early Intervention program is one of 58 in the state and is one of the larger providers of essential services for infants and children.



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Veryl Anderson, executive director of the Professional Center for Child Development, presents an engraved desk set to Sandy Levine in recognition of 30 years of employment and services to the community.

"My involvement at the Center has been an opportunity to work with a dedicated early intervention team who has provided vital

services to families and their young children," said Levine in a release. "Through the years, I have seen the children grow up and heard about how important those early years were for the families. It has been most gratifying."

The Professional Center for Child Development provides educational, therapeutic and social services for children of all abilities, from birth through age 7. All of the programs provide training and support for parents and families. Children with multiple disabilities and complex health care needs, children who need early intervention, and typically developing children all benefit from the center's programs. The PCCD's Andover and Lawrence sites serve 1,400 area children each year. The Andover location is on Osgood Street.