

## Yvonne Sherrill Receives First Annual Debra Blum Award



*Karen Bailey-Smith, PhD, Director of Forensic Services, presenting the award to Ms. Yvonne Sherrill (left)*

The Georgia Department of Human Resources, State Office of Forensic Services presents the first annual “Debra Blum” award to Ms. Yvonne Sherrill. The award recognizes an individual’s exemplary performance and dedication in the area of forensic services.

This year Ms. Sherrill was recognized for her dedication as a behavioral specialist at West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus, Georgia where she began working in October 2004. She is hailed by her co-workers as being very hard working and attentive to the needs of the consumer.

She is a native of the Republic of Panama and has been in the United States since May 2002. She graduated as a "Licentiate in Psychology" in April 2002 from St. Mary's Catholic University in the Republic of Panama.

Ms. Sherrill is attending Troy State University and will soon be graduating with a Masters Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in December 2006. After her graduation, Ms. Sherrill is planning to enter the Doctoral program with a concentration in neuropsychology at Fielding University beginning January 2007.

Congratulations Ms. Yvonne Sherrill!

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GPDSC Mental Health Advocate, Sabrina Rhinehart (left) and award recipient, Yvonne Sherrill